



Grass Roots Flyer

July 2018



Airport Manager Report:

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY, have a great day and BE SAFE!

1. In preparation for the Father's Day fly-in a couple of weeks ago, several runway cones were replaced as well as the windsock. These items are supplied by MN DOT, Office of Aeronautics. In addition, we have spare cones when needed.



2. The Father's Day fly-in was a success even though we didn't have the greatest weather conditions. 29 aircraft made it in and the drive-ins made up the difference. The Lions Club ran out of some food items and served an equal or larger crowd base than last year.



3. You may have noticed that the price of fuel has increased, but we remain very competitive. In the near future, we hope to swap out the 91 Auto fuel with Swift 94 octane aviation fuel. This fuel is FAA approved and requires no STC, and is designed for the older Continental and newer Rotax engines.

4. This summer has seen multiple new customers coming through for fuel and/or just checking out our airport. This, combined with our extended hours, brings up



the need for additional volunteer help. Even if it's for just a part of your day, stop in or call to see where you can help us out. I'd like to take some of the day-to-day fueling and facilities upkeep burden away from our mechanics so they can stay productive in the shop.



5. Stanton personnel took part in two radio interviews in mid-June, talking about the fly-in as well as about the airport in general. The interview by Northfield radio was 30 minutes in length, and the Cannon Falls interview was 10 minutes long. Also in June, the Goodhue County Historical Society brought a large group out for a tour that was conducted by Ken Ewald, one of our volunteers. They had a great time, and we thank all of these public opportunities for the time to tell our story.



6. Some of you may notice that from time to time, there is an ambulance parked at the entrance to the airport. Cannon Falls and Northfield ambulance crews routinely back each other up and this "staging" occurs when one service is out of their area. The airport is "middle ground" so it's a perfect location to be at in order to cover both territories if necessary. We welcome the opportunity to support them and share our facilities with all "First Responders".

7. During this busy time of year with increased flying activity, it's VERY IMPORTANT to have your "SA" (situational awareness) game on. PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN. Listen to what fellow pilots are saying on the radio and

make sure you understand their intentions, work together, and have an enjoyable conclusion to your flying day!



8. Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp was once again held at Stanton in June. About 30 kids experienced helicopter rides, glider rides, simulator flying and aviation education in general. Minnesota Soaring Club members conducted the glider rides and Hummingbird Aviation from Flying Cloud Airport provided the helicopter rides. Another camp will be held at Stanton on July 18th.

9. If you happen to be in Northfield for Jesse James Days and specifically be watching the parade, watch for a Stanton Airfield presence....not saying what it is, you'll know it when you see it!

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns about Stanton Airfield, please contact me.

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FAA Rules Question:

What are the rules for operating near other aircraft and for formation flying?

Volunteer Highlight – Mike Willey:

When did you start as a VOO? I started as a VOO in the fall of 2017 after we moved back here from Maine. I took the spot that John Lee vacated when he went south for the winter.

Married? How long? Children?

Grandchildren? My wife Frances and I have been married 48 years. We have 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

What is your aviation background? My

interest in aviation started very young as my Dad was an airline pilot. I built models as a kid and was very interested in flying. In High School I wanted to learn how to fly so I got a job at the local airport and instructors there taught me to fly. At that time it was \$18 an hour, including instructor, to fly in a Colt. I've been flying since 1963, all in general aviation aircraft. I've flown gliders and have been a tow pilot for gliders.

Any military background? I served a total of 6 years in the Army and the National Guard.

What was your occupation? I was educated as a Mechanical Engineer and worked in the Industrial Automation areas.

Do you rent or own? I currently own a RANS S-7S Courier which I hanger at Fleming Airport near where we live. I use it as a "taxi" to get to Stanton to VOO!

What do you enjoy most at Stanton? I enjoy the social aspect of Stanton, dealing with the variety of people who come here. I enjoy helping out with the many volunteer duties that are necessary to maintain this beautiful facility. I enjoy doing anything around airplanes.

You own an interesting piece of WWII era history? Yes, I own a 1947 CJ2A Willys Jeep, which has been rebuilt. I have "loaned" this to Stanton (and Twin City



Barnstormers) to use as a tow vehicle for the Stearman. In 1947 these Jeeps were bought on a government contract for \$440 each!

Thank You Mike Willey for volunteering at Stanton Airfield!

Would you like to Volunteer at Stanton?

Stop by and find out what a VOO does! That's Volunteer Operations Officer for short. Volunteers are the heart of this wonderful historic airfield. A little time or a lot of time – doesn't matter. Feel good about helping to maintain the building, hangars, grounds, etc. You can also call or email for more information – contact information at the end of this newsletter.

Answer to the Rules Question:

§91.111 Operating near other aircraft.

(a) No person may operate an aircraft so close to another aircraft as to create a collision hazard.

(b) No person may operate an aircraft in formation flight except by arrangement with the pilot in command of each aircraft in the formation.

(c) No person may operate an aircraft, carrying passengers for hire, in formation flight.

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