



## Grass Roots Flyer November 2020



### Stanton Airfield on WCCO-TV “Finding Minnesota”:



Stanton Airfield and glider operations were recently featured on the WCCO TV series “Finding Minnesota”. Stanton’s CFI and Commercial Glider Pilot Jay Biggs and Tow Pilot Hank Geissler provided the WCCO reporter and camera person a real life experience of soaring at Stanton.

Go to the WCCO TV website to view the story....

<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/category/finding-minnesota/>

### Snow Season Comes Early:



The October early snow required an earlier than normal switching of the mower to the snow blower on the tractor. Mason opened runway 18/36 one-half wide. We left 9/27 closed and issued a NOTAM indicating so. Thankfully we’re back to totally open now.

**New Qualifications:**

Anders Olson flew his first solo at Stanton after training from CFI Jay Biggs.



Stanton CFI Jarrett Croy recently upgraded his pilot qualifications to include a commercial rating in gliders. Designated Pilot Examiner Steve Fischer congratulates Jarrett on his flight.



Brian Moga successfully passed his Private Pilot License at Mankato Airport where the examiner is based. Brian flew his training with Stanton CFI Mason Lindenfelser.





### **High School Student Interviews CFI:**

A local high school student, who is interested in attending UND for aviation, sits with Stanton CFI Jarrett Croy (UND graduate) to learn more about the school and his future pilot options.

### **What cold and snow?...We're still flying gliders!**



### **Dueling Stearmans:**



You may have seen this on Facebook or here in person. We recently had Twin City Barnstormers' airplane as well as another Stearman in the shop at the same time.

## **They come from far and wide to have maintenance done here!**

The owner of a Piper Pacer based in Cambridge recently contracted with us to perform an in-depth “conformity” annual inspection. Our expertise on maintenance is well-known!



## **Remodeling Interior Continued:**

Last month we showed you some photos of the changes to our front office, flight instruction area, the front hallway, as well as John and Mindi’s office. Now we can reveal a more dramatic (and structural) change in the large meeting room – the small office that was used for flight instruction has been removed. That space is now part of the bigger room, but still includes the weather briefing information.



## **Airport Manager Report:**

October has certainly been a challenge with Mother Nature. We lost almost three weeks between the high winds and our record snowfall for the month. We're hoping to enjoy some normal fall weather now. That said, we've enhanced our AWOS recordings to include runway specific information to go along with any filed NOTAMs. You will hear any of these additions at the end of the automated weather when listening to AWOS from the cockpit or your phone.

On 11-02, our airport Executive Board approved the preliminary 2021 budget to be presented for full board approval next week. The financial challenges dealt with this year have been very difficult for us at best. I'm very proud of our dedicated staff and their efforts to continue to overcome the short falls from earlier this year. I'm hoping that we'll close out the year a far cry from just a few months ago.

We are now into our winter COVID procedures, please adhere to the following! For flight training students and renters, come to the front door and ring the service bell. You will be met by one of our staff and get a contactless temperature check before getting directed to one of two areas only. We have an indoor co-ed restroom available as well as the outdoor porta-potty. The remaining portion of the main building is for the staff use only. We apologize for the inconvenience to the general public, but we will continue to remain closed for the purpose of protecting our staff and associated revenue. As always, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me.

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