



## Grass Roots Flyer October 2020



### Kudos from Stanton Airfield Customers:

Hello - My husband and I have been flying into your airport a few times a year for a while now, but the support and service we received yesterday went way above and beyond.

We land at the airport to visit my 87 year old dad and 83 year old mom who live in Northfield. My dad, a Korean War vet, is starting to fail and wanted, what may be, one of his last airplane rides. One of your staff – Jarrett - helped us load him into the plane and get him out, and also allowed us to drive close to the plane to make it easier. Your staff is awesome. Barb and Mark Farrell, Omaha NE.



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## **Fuel Trucks Delivery Day:**



We recently received loads of both UL94 and 100LL on the same day. We have 2 underground 4,000 gallon tanks – one for each type of fuel. The trucks don't usually arrive on the same day, but this time they did. We order fuel based on the levels in the tanks and on the pricing. We're always watching and trying to anticipate price increases so we can keep our prices as low as possible.

## **New Pilot Qualifications:**



**Paige Rudnick – Tailwheel (Jay)**



**Scott Stricker – Tailwheel (Jay)**



**Peder Lindell – Private Pilot (Mason)**

**Flight Reviews:**

We haven't been putting pictures of the many flight reviews that our instructors do each year, but we're thinking of adding them in the future.

Give us a call or stop by if you need a flight review. One of our airplanes and one of our instructors will be a perfect match for you!

**Bad Phone Connection Fixed:**

Last fall when we made a major change to our parking lot and fixed our drainage problems our telephone cable was accidentally cut. A temporary fix was made...but the "temporary" lasted nearly a year. We recently (finally) had a new line put in and now have good line quality back. We apologize if you had to endure the crackling on the phone in the past.

And speaking of our drainage issues, we are very happy to report that the work done last fall has paid off many times over since then. The runoff makes it way out to the road ditch and stays away from the front door and the front entryway!



### **How Many More Days:**

We love to see friends fly in (or drive in for that matter) and enjoy a donut and coffee, or a picnic lunch, or just watching airplanes and gliders. Enjoy it while it lasts, who knows how many more days we'll have to do this before the snow.



### **Reorganizing For Winter:**

Speaking of colder weather, the staff has been planning ahead for winter operations when ground school can no longer be done in the hangar and when the outside bathroom facility freezes up. Since COVID-19 is still generally keeping the building closed to the public, we're making some adjustments to keep staff and customers properly separated and protected. We will be closing off a portion of the building for staff only and allowing customers into another portion, to include pilot instruction, use of a bathroom, and the normal business process.



John and Mindi have moved across the hall for bigger space and better awareness of outside activity.



The business office has moved over to where John and Mindi were along with an improved area for pilots and instructors to work face-to-face. The AWOS and Hold Short systems are also here for flight planning.



Our entryway also has been changed to include the pilot achievements board and our digital scrolling pictures and pricing information.

Watch for more information on winter operations in future issues.

**Airport Manager Report:**

First and foremost, on behalf of our paid staff and board members, I'd like to again say a huge "THANK YOU" to our patrons for your continued support of Stanton Airfield. This has truly been an uncharted year for all of us having to deal with COVID-19; and as I've heard before, it ain't over yet! As you've seen above, we're in the process of rearranging part of the main building floor plan to accommodate our customers in a COVID-19 friendly environment to continue flying with us this winter season. After all, the porta-potty will be freezing up sooner than later and we need the ground school out of the cold/white elements.

For our based tenants and shop customers, we're implementing some increases in fees that the Stanton Board has approved beginning October 1st rather

than waiting for January. This is necessary due to the economic issues that this year has added on to the financials of the airport. A note will also be included with the October statements.

As we navigate forward into 2021, I'd like your input and interest on a concept for an expansion plan for personal hangar space for your aircraft/glider. We're looking at a row of "T" (tee) style hangars or individual smaller hangars that would be built and owned by you - based on a Stanton spec document on leased property from us. I know you'll need more detail, but right now I'm looking at who would be interested in the concept. With that info, I can move forward to create better documentation for your consideration. As an example, I could sell my hangar in the cities and build here for logistics and simplicity. It's all in a positive direction for Stanton Airfield. Please send your comments and interest directly to me.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

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### **CURRENT FUEL PRICES:**

**100 LOW LEAD - \$3.54**

**SWIFT UL94 - \$4.35**

**\*\*SUBJECT TO CHANGE, CALL TO BE SURE**