



Grass Roots Flyer September 2021



Labor Day – Shorter Flying Days:

Stanton Airfield operating hours are gradually being cut back to go along with the shorter days. It's now more important than ever to contact us beforehand if you need access to hangars and/or fuel at the end of the day or the first thing the next morning. We don't have a set time to close up for the day, it depends on weather and rental/instruction scheduling, but with our "shared hangars" concept, in the late afternoons we try to stack airplanes according to "known" next use. Just give us a call as early as possible and we'll be glad to accommodate.



Rain – Good, Damage – Bad:

Recent rains have been very good for the greening-up of the field. Unfortunately, the wetter soil is probably the culprit of some damage that we've had to deal with. We routinely deal with gophers and badgers throughout the summer months. We were having a good run of success in keeping them off the runways and taxiways until now. Two badger holes appeared that could have been damaging to airplanes or gliders if the tires had hit the holes. The holes have been filled in.

We also discovered damage from an unknown source. If you have any idea what happened in the photo below, please let us know.



(Badger holes in runway)



(Unknown damage in runway)

Recent Storms Knock out Services:

Lightning/storms took out our phones and AWOS recently. We apologize if you were not able to connect with us for a while, but it takes time to track the problems and fix them. Imagine the upgrades/changes in the building phone system over the years – where does that wire go – where is the terminal box? MN DOT Aeronautics recently upgraded the AWOS system but even that took a hit from the storms.

Kudos to Josh Irlbeck and Northfield John Deere (SEMA):

Josh is one of our tenants/customers and works at Northfield John Deere. Over the recent past he has made several in-kind contributions to Stanton. He straightened some iron on the roller we use, he brought in a finish mower for us to try on the runways, he brought in a 360-degree-turn mower to use for a month, and most recently provided advice and a monetary contribution in our purchase of a backpack blower. **Thank You Josh!**

Pilot Achievements in August:



Brian McCullogh – CFI G check ride from
Steve Fischer DPE



Evelyn Jordan – Private Pilot
Solo – Paige Rudnick CFI



(Left) Brian Chase – Glider Solo

(Left below) Sawyer Guider – Glider Solo

(Right below) Stu Lieber – Glider Solo

...CFI Steve Fischer on these 3.



Weddings and Funerals in a Hangar?

Stanton has hosted various events in the original “big” hangar in recent years but the condition of the floor and the types of storage in that hangar have led us into using the newest - “Hangar 1” - for these events.

The most recent use was for a visitation and funeral of one of our previous tenants – Michael Corgiat. The services concluded with the Stearman flying over runway 18/36 spreading his ashes. The family has expressed their deep appreciation for the use of Stanton Airfield.

