



## Grass Roots Flyer

April 2020



### Airport Manager Report:

*(The following has also been placed on our web site and Facebook page)*

As all of us are trying to think spring with this new COVID-19 virus all around us, we want all of our friends and customers to be safe and stay healthy while we weather this new type of storm.

The National Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) guidelines deems that Stanton Sport Aviation's "shop" is an essential business. So, we have put the following measures into place "TEMPORARILY".

1. Closed the airport to the public, including our runways, which are still in Spring thaw mode.
2. Shortened our shop hours on-site, with limited off-site work as needed.
3. Cancelled aircraft flight instruction and airplane rental.
4. Voluntarily reduced our paid staff.



5. Asked that our normal daily volunteers remain home and safe for at least the near future.



These measures were put in place to protect our on-site employees and give the shop the ability to keep producing revenue for the airport. Your maintenance needs are our highest priority right now, and we are continuing diligently to accommodate our customers. Parts and supplies have not been affected thus far and are delivered to our main outside door Monday - Friday. We will continue to do limited off-site maintenance when needed, as long as we can be assured of going into a sterile environment.

The doors remain locked to the public including the out-hangars/storage barn. Our new temporary hours for the shop are Monday - Friday 8-5, and we welcome customer calls and e-mails with any further questions you may have. Your calls will either be answered by our paid staff or the answering machine, and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during these trying times that are affecting everything we do in some form or another.

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### **From the Editor: Stanton Loses A Very Special Family Member:**



Kirsty McCracken, the wife of our Airport Manager John Quilling, lost her courageous 2 1/2 year battle with cancer on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Those who never got a chance to meet or talk with her will appreciate that she had a true love for aviation and loved to fly both in her career and with John.

Her start in aviation was as a Flight Attendant for Northwest Airlines, and in later years, working in the NWA charter department until being

furloughed after the events following September 11<sup>th</sup>. A couple of years back, looking at her old flight logs, she found that she had worked on overseas flights flown by Stanton volunteers Pat Watson and John Lee, which we all got a chuckle about.

Her next chapter was being employed by Civil Air Patrol - National Headquarters, Maxwell AFB, AL as the very first Wing Administrator for Minnesota, where she and John first met.

She retired this past year after working part-time for the Burnsville and Northfield school districts as a Teaching EA, working with disabled/handicapped kids. In addition, she was employed part-time by Stanton Sport Aviation doing the day-to-day bookkeeping when that function was moved to an employee versus an outside firm when John became the new Manager.

Her last flight with John was just March 8<sup>th</sup>, the last day before full-time hospice began. Kirsty truly believed in Stanton Airfield and its historical past, and her husband's vision for it. She had asked that memorials be donated in her name to "The Friends of Historic Carleton Airport". Her smile and laughter will be truly missed by all. Kirsty's Memorial Service date will be posted when it is socially proper to do so.

*(Memorials in Kirsty's name can be sent to Friends of Historic Carleton Airport, 3925 30<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55406)*

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