



Grass Roots Flyer

January 2020



Airport Manager Report:



to all of our Stanton friends and followers. We appreciate very much, all that each and every one of you do, and for your continued support in making SYN the unique destination airfield that it is. We are committed to see that **2020** will be an even better year for all of our varied and valued customers!

As I reflect back on 2019, we have managed to accomplish great things to move our business model forward, giving our customers a pleasant experience each time they visit us. When you consider all the expenditures, with and without insurance claim support, we've made a lot of improvements to the whole facility.

The external control tower renovation, main building new windows and patio, the barn external renovation, and the rework of the main building and barn natural drainage system took up most of the year. We also built another storage hangar for aircraft that was full of renters prior to the actual construction.

Our flight school exceeded historical flying hour records during 4 months of the year, having completed 15 tail wheel endorsements, 8 first solos and 6 private pilot licenses.

Day	Student	Instr	What	2019	Day	Student	Instr	What
3/25	NATHAN PRECUP	ML	SOLO	7/29	DAN WOLBERT	ML	SOLO	
5/31	WADE NELSON	ML	TW	8/1	PATRICK MOENKHAUS	JB	TW	
6/6	SCOTT SAUNDERS	ML	PRIVATE	8/16	TREY TURNER	ML	SOLO	
6/7	TED ASPNES	ML	PRIVATE	8/17	JARED TESTA (WA)	JB	TW	
6/8	JOE M. HIG	TW		8/19	DONOVAN WATSON	ML	SOLO	
6/10	BRIAN MCCULLAGH	JB	TW	8/19	BRODIE HANSEN	ML	PRIVATE	
6/18	STEVE SHIRK	ML	SOLO	8/20	ADAM JOHNSON	ML	PRIVATE	
6/21	CHASE REBER	ML	SOLO	8/20	CHASE REBER	ML	PRIVATE	
6/26	BILL WILSON	JB	TW	9/2	ROGER SOUTHWICK	JB	TW	
6/28	Adam Johnson	ML	SOLO	9/7	AARON MIKA	JB	TW	
6/29	Dana Watson	ML	TW	10/4	WHIT CATURIA	JB	TW	
7/3	Brodie Hansen	ML	SOLO	10/28	DAN WOLBERT	ML	PRIVATE	
7/26	STEVE WARDWELL	ML	PRIVATE TW	10/29	KELLY DREWS	JB	TW	
				11/15	ERIK RHODE	ML	SOLO	
				11/22	BRIAN VIRGINIA	JB	TW	
				11/23	JARED ROLFZEN	JB	TW	

The 2nd annual Ground School at Stanton starts on February 17th and runs Monday and Thursday nights from 6:00 – 9:00pm for 9 weeks. This is in a classroom environment and course tuition includes books and materials. To find out more information and/or sign up for this course, call us at 507-645-4030 or fill out the form on our web site page –

<https://stantonairfield.com/ground-school>.



The maintenance shop was again open seven days a week in 2019 and our mechanics worked on over 100 tail numbers; doing inspections, engine changes, routine maintenance, special projects, etc. Even with the winter weather to date, the maintenance shop hasn't slowed down one bit. This past week, we're working 4 tail numbers at once.



And we can't forget all the volunteer help in 2019 in multiple areas keeping the Airfield looking great and helping with customer needs.

Mother Nature dealt us officially, the "wettest year on record" having received over 43 inches of equivalent rainfall in 2019. The late November rain on frozen ground to the record spring snows and of course the fall and spring flooding. There were too many no-fly days to count and very few "great" soaring days. Yet 2019 was overall, a very good year for SYN indeed, as evidenced partially by the amount of fuel sold. In 2019 fuel sales totaled 17,440.45 gallons. That's about 3,000 gallons more than were sold in 2018!

What's new or changed around here in the last month? How about a "huge shout-out" to Kurt Emery, our local farmer who we lease our crop land to, for his very generous offer of the use of a tractor with plow



for major snow events. He is a big supporter of the Airfield and all the improvements taking place.

For the first time in many years, we are now able to open both runways efficiently for wheeled traffic and can still support ski flying on all runways. This has already been a positive impact on our flight school being able to operate 9-27 with winter winds. Please keep in mind that without operational runways, we have no business. Thanks again to Kurt Emery!



Our new signage has been installed on the buildings representing the new numbering system for our first responders. Each door has the street address plus the hangar number and indicates either West or East side. At our annual meeting with the First Responders they indicated this system would be helpful for any responses. The buildings layout will be attached to our address in the County 911 Center's computer.

Stanton Composite Squadron, CAP is looking forward to assisting us with various tasks in 2020, having adopted Stanton Airfield through the State of Minnesota DOT, Office of Aeronautics.



As always, call ahead if there are any questions you may have on our current runway or operational conditions. Here is what we woke up to this past week before the snow. Think Spring?



Thanks again for a great 2019 and best wishes for an even better 2020. Contact me if you have any comments or questions.

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100 LOW LEAD - \$4.50

SWIFT UL94 - \$4.35

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