



## Grass Roots Flyer January 2021



### Airport Manager Report:

Happy New Year to all of our friends, family and followers near and far from the staff here at Historic Stanton Airfield. We hope that you were able to make the most of a very different and challenging holiday season!

Looking back at 2020, I can honestly say that it was indeed a very bittersweet year for a lot of you as well as myself. I'm very blessed and appreciative for my other three full-time paid staff that helped me cover the overall airport operation from sunup to sundown, through the ups and downs, all year long. This includes the very difficult lock-down period. In addition, I'm very grateful to a very small group of COVID-limited volunteers that have all gone the extra mile and then some to help maintain the grounds and facilities. A revitalized Airport Board and our non-profit partner, The Friends of Historic Carleton Airport, have engaged to help us to stay focused on not only some immediate issues, but also some issues to assure that future generations will be able to enjoy this piece of "flying paradise".

That said, Jerry Rosendahl and I agreed that we'd approach this month's newsletter with a year-in-review. The following pictures and statistics show some of the highlights of what we've accomplished – even with all the issues of COVID-19. The most important highlight - WE'RE STILL HERE!!!

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## 2020 Statistics

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### Flight Instruction Hours

Powered	648
Glider	28
Ground	375
<u>In Owner's A/C</u>	<u>57</u>
Total Hours	1,108

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### Pilot Endorsements

Private Pilot	5
Tail Wheel	11
Commercial Glider	2
CFI Glider	1
Commercial Pilot	1
Flight Reviews	25

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### Glider Flights – 1,000+ (combined)

Stanton Sport Aviation
MN Soaring Club
Civil Air Patrol

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### Stanton Sport Aviation Gliders (hours)

Instruction	28
Rides	8
<u>Rental</u>	<u>5</u>
Total	41

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### Fuel Dispensed

18,960 gallons  
(UL94 & 100LL)

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### Shop Maintenance

Work Orders	302
Tail Numbers	91

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### Total Aircraft Hours

Powered	912
Glider	41
<u>Tow Plane</u>	<u>70</u>
Total Hours	1,023

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### Gift Certificates Purchased

Glider	\$2,520
General	\$6,090

**Thank You** to all of our customers who made the above numbers possible during this very unusual year. Fuel sales were higher than in 2019 even with COVID and some tough periodic weather/field conditions. Stanton gliders flew more in 2020 than in recent memory. Help us to make 2021 even better!

Now let's think positive and look forward to accomplishing our goals for 2021...

- Continued facelift of the main building interior, thanks to "The Friends"
- Continued restoration of the main building exterior, thanks to "The Friends"
- Redesign and landscaping of the flagpole area, thanks to Marilyn Meline
- Redesign of the new picnic area "Kirsty's Memorial Park", thanks to local Eagle Scout projects, John Quilling and family
- Demolition of the old jump shack
- Replacement of tractor and attachments

As always, please feel free to direct your comments and questions directly to me at [synairportmanger@gmail.com](mailto:synairportmanger@gmail.com) or 507-645-4030.

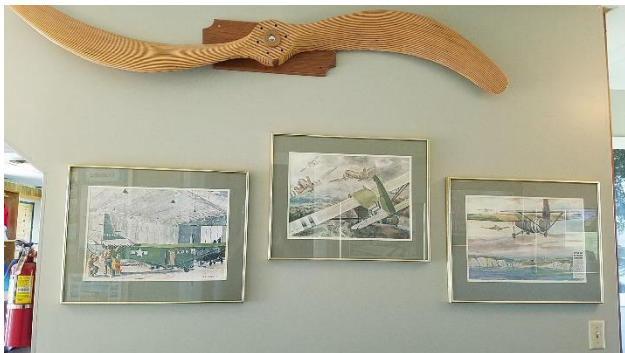
John Quilling, Airport Manager



## 2020 – A Year in Pictures from Grass Roots Flyer









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