



Grass Roots Flyer

July 2020



(Recent Stanton visitors have commented how difficult it is to spot the field with the different colors of hay and runway grass not always contrasting)

Airport Manager Report:

Here's hoping everyone had an enjoyable and safe Independence Day! We're a bit late with this edition because I gave our "volunteer editor" time off, if you can believe that! Of course this also meant that I got my recurrent training accomplished in the tractor cutting grass last week as Jerry doubles as the "tractor guy" as well.

June was a very busy month around here between the flight school and shop activities. Our flight school/rental aircraft flew 150+ hours with 12+ active students. In addition, we're instructing in privately-owned aircraft. The shop opened 23 work orders for various repairs/inspections. Our hangar space is at maximum capacity, but you can call us to get on our wait list.

Our paid staff continues to work long hours, covering seven days a week to service our customers. We continue to limit the number of our volunteer

members working on site, as well as access to the main facility. We thank you all for your understanding with our COVID procedures.

We welcomed a new part-time Flight Instructor, Jarrett Croy, and a Line Service person, Braeden Kluzak, to our staff. Jarrett is our highlighted individual in this month's newsletter.

Braeden (photo at right) is a Cadet with the Civil Air Patrol Unit here at Stanton. He's also a student pilot with us and has his sights set on attending the Air Force Academy post high school. They have both been great additions for us, make sure to meet them the next time you're around the Airfield.



Thank you for your support and cooperation during these trying times. As always, if you have any questions or comments about Stanton, please contact me.

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Staff/Volunteer Highlight – Jarrett Croy, CFI:

How and when did you become a flight instructor here at Stanton?

I started working as a flight instructor here at Stanton the beginning of June. The recent downturn in the airline industry gave me a significant amount of free time and I decided to put it to use instructing.

Tell us about your aviation background and experiences - ratings, hours, etc.?

I started flying in the fall of 2015 and haven't looked back! I started working as an instructor in North Dakota in the spring of 2016. Last year, I was hired by



SkyWest Airlines and have worked as a First Officer on the CRJ since. I have about 1600 hours and hold an ATP Airplane Multi-Engine Land, CL-65 type rating, Commercial Airplane Single Engine Land & Sea, and CFI/CFII.

What types of instruction are you giving here at Stanton?

I am currently giving instruction to tailwheel and private pilot students.

What is your favorite thing about Stanton?

I like the diversity of flying! The other day I was with a tailwheel student and we were in the pattern with a glider and a powered parachute. I don't really know of anywhere else save for Airventure where that's a routine occurrence.

Besides flying, do you have any hobbies?

I enjoy camping, hiking and when I get the chance - sailing.

Married - single - family - where do you live?

I live in Webster. My family is pretty involved in aviation. My father is a pilot and my mother also enjoys flying, so it wasn't too much of a surprise when my brother and I each started careers in aviation.

Pilot Accomplishments:



Ty Gasiorowski – tailwheel – Jay CFI



Tim Collins – tailwheel – Mason CFI



Tom Sallander – tailwheel – Jarrett CFI



Peter Lindell – solo - Mason CFI

Time to bale hay:



Approximately 95 acres of Stanton land is rented for crops. This is the second crop of hay taken off the field. As mentioned in the caption under the front page overhead photo, as the hay is cut, baled and hauled off, the color of the land changes and has made it difficult to make out the distinction between runways and field.

Stanton Sport Aviation, Inc. – board planning session:

The 9-member board of directors plus the Airport Manager recently met for an all-day planning session, looking forward to the next few years of Stanton operations.



Interior Decorating during COVID:

With less traffic in the building during our COVID restrictions, we've spruced up some walls with new paint and vintage aviation pictures.



Sign-Moving Day:

When the parking lot was regraded, the Stanton sign out front had to be moved out of the way. We recently moved that back into place – albeit in a slightly



different position. Thanks to Mike Brochman and his employer Bolander Construction, the





sign was safely and quickly moved into place so that both sides of the sign can be seen – traveling east as well as west. The sign will now be redone to

include signage on both sides. A Civil Air Patrol cadet has volunteered to design the new signs. She is an art student at a local high school.



Visiting Airplanes and People:





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