



## Grass Roots Flyer May/June 2021



### We are back – did you miss us?

We missed putting out the May 2021 newsletter due to a number of reasons – suffice to say we were busy with the normal spring seasonal changes and workload on the grounds and in the buildings, getting interpretations of COVID updates, finishing up the 2021 edition of our annual ground school, and the usual push by our customers to get airplanes and gliders in the air.

The saddest part of that for us was that nobody seemed to notice! We have over 300 on our newsletter mailing list and we had 2 inquiries about the missing newsletter. We'd love to hear from you about what you like about the newsletter, but more importantly, what suggestions you have for improvements. Send us an email at [synairportmanager@gmail.com](mailto:synairportmanager@gmail.com) and let us know.

### Pilot Achievements Board:

date	Student	Inst	what	2021
1/25	ADAM DUCKWALL	PR	TW	
2/19	ADAM ALLABOWNI	JB	FR	
2/20	ERIC CAMBRONNE	PR	FR	
2/20	GREG DIETRICH	JB	FR	
3/22	WILL MASON	JB	TW	
4/3	ANDY COLLINS	JB	FR	
5/8	LOREN SWANSON	JB	FR	
5/10	JOHN LACEY	SF	SOLO GLIDER	
5/31	JOSEPH STAUFFER	SF	SOLO GLIDER	

“The Code” for the blackboard – TW is tailwheel endorsement, FR is flight review and Solo glider is self-explanatory!



Photo on the left is John Lacey after his solo in the glider. Obviously it was during a cooler time than we’re experiencing now. The photo on the right is Joseph Stauffer with his first solo.

Steve Fischer has been a busy glider flight instructor this spring. And I understand he has more students lined up for this summer. If you have an interest in learning how to fly a glider, Stanton Airfield is the ideal place to learn.

If you’re already a glider pilot, why not come to Stanton and fly our single seat glider? Contact us to schedule your flight or to find out more.



**Stanton Airfield hosts a wedding reception:**

Our newest hangar, aka Hangar #1, was recently transformed into a wedding reception venue. Thanks to several volunteers from our board of directors, the hangar floor was given a sweeping and a scrubbing so it was ready for the event. A Stearman and a Stinson were parked at the doors.



**...About those yellow cones...:**

We've done the trivia question before about how many cones we have here at Stanton. We've now added 3 to the mix – so how many? By adding 3 we changed the look at the arrival end of one of the runways. Can you pick out which runway each of these pictures shows, and which one has the 3 new cones?



### **Speaking of members of the Board of Directors:**

A huge thank you goes out to long-time board member Pat Watson for many years of service to Stanton – on the board of directors as well as countless hours of volunteering here working on the building and grounds. Pat retired from the board at the annual meeting recently, but continues to fly his C172 here at Stanton.



Replacing him on the board is newly appointed member Dan Wolbert. Dan received his private pilot training here in the C150 and is a regular volunteer on the grounds crew.

FYI - Stanton Airfield is a public use airport but is owned by a private entity – Stanton Sport Aviation, Inc. – and is governed by a 9-member board of directors.

### **Airport Manager Report:**

Welcome to SUMMER, finally! After a long and cool spring, we are open for all customers and walk-in guests... With the warm weather, the phones are ringing steadily and the flying is off to a welcomed level again. The ice cream and meal snacks are being replenished along with your favorite Coke machine for your enjoyment, so stop by and chill for a while with us!

After being shut down twice for COVID issues, the winter ground school was wrapped up and many of the students are now looking at beginning their flight training with us.

Stanton's glider training is doing great, having multiple students enrolled. The S2-32 has already logged 30 plus hours of dual given, thanks to CFI Steve Fischer. Hank Geissler is the rock flying most of the student tows.

The shop remains over-booked with maintenance needs by our customers and flight school. 56 Work Orders were generated during April and May and we continue to provide maintenance support as needed off-site.

As fuel prices steadily climb, we'll do all we can to remain very competitive. Feel free to call ahead to check current pricing as some of the aviation media runs behind.

As always, please contact me if you have any comments or questions about Stanton services.

John Quilling, Airport Manager



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