



Grass Roots Flyer October 2021



Shorter-Yet Flying Days (repeated from last month):

Stanton Airfield operating hours are continuing to be cut back to go along with the shorter days. It's now more important than ever to contact us beforehand if you need access to hangars and/or fuel at the end of the day or the first thing the next morning. We don't have a set time to close up for the day, it depends on weather and rental/instruction scheduling, but with our "shared hangars" concept, in the late afternoons we try to stack airplanes according to "known" next use. Just give us a call as early as possible and we'll be glad to accommodate.



Pilot Accomplishments:

In addition to the pilot accomplishments below with photos, we have had 3 pilots complete their required flight reviews in the past month. All three flew with Stanton CFI Jay Biggs – Jon Ness, Josh Irlbeck and Michael Gretin. Congratulations to these pilots on keeping up their skills and flying here at Stanton.



Congratulations – Randolph Meyers – Tail Wheel, Jay Biggs CFI



Congratulations - Anders Olson – Private Pilot Check-ride, Jay Biggs CFI



Congratulations – Lucas Ailabouni – Solo, Paige Rudnick CFI



Congratulations - Stu Lieber – Commercial Glider check ride, Steve Fischer CFIG



Congratulations – Greg Guider – Commercial Glider Check ride, Steve Fischer CFIG/FAA DPE

In the photo from left to right – Hank Geissler, Steve Fischer CFIG, Greg Guider & Bob Wander CFIG. Hank was the tow pilot, Steve was the FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, Greg was obviously the “student”, and Bob Wander was the check ride final preparation CFIG.

Learning to fly gliders takes more coordination of resources than a typical flight of an airplane. We need the tow plane available, the tow pilot available, the glider available, the glider instructor available and of course the student available, all at the same time. But don't worry, we do this all the time so think about coming out for a ride someday. We're getting to the end of the season now, but maybe next spring?

We also sell glider ride gift certificates (airplane rides as well). Give us a call to schedule or find out more information.

Stearman Double Vision:



**The Eagle Has Landed on
Runway 27:**

Airport Manager's Report – John Quilling:

I'd like to say, where did the summer go? It came and went in a flash! Our fuel sales are up again this year. We're within 800 gallons of surpassing all of 2020, with 2 1/2 months to go. With the shorter days, it's important to please give us a call if you're stopping in late in the day for fuel, or to fly, so we can accommodate you!

It's a good problem to say that our shop remains overbooked, like most others. We don't advertise for shop work, and our customer base remains repeat/word of mouth. We are glad to have working with us two part-time apprentice mechanics - Chris and Balaji. Also, one part-time, soon-to-be A&P mechanic - Daryle. We also have one part-time A&P-IA mechanic/inspector - Jen. Toby and I simply couldn't do the amount of work we do without them.

The flight school has been steady as well and the inquiry phone calls are its bread and butter, as well as the follow-on from our winter ground school. Hats off to Jay and his team of part-time flight instructors - Jarrett, Paige and Steve for continuing to give quality training to their students.

The airport grounds remain in great shape thanks to Tim, Jerry, John and Dick. They work hard to keep the first impressions to our customers a lasting memory. Fall is a perfect time to fly/drive in for a picnic in the park area!

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