



Stanton Airfield News

April 2018



Airport Manager Report:

- With the warming temps and snow melt, the runways were closed on March 10th for the duration of the thaw. Our real winter has its complications for sure. When the field condition is safe to resume normal flight operations as well as glider operations, we'll publish a SYN News Flash.
- The C-172 has and will be kept hangared at KSGS (So. St. Paul) during this period. We can make your flight out of KSGS very accommodating, just call the regular Stanton phone number to make arrangements.
- Over the last couple of years, we made several subtle operational changes to better assist our customer needs. These changes, while positive, only achieved partial success. To continue making progress, we have now flipped the front office/operations area with the training/break room. This better utilizes our limited space and customer service as well as accommodates the requests for classroom space use for multiple activities. The classroom area will be put on the scheduler to facilitate these requests. We're also going to be expanding our history museum with some reorganization of displays throughout the main hallways and into the new front room. In addition, we've created a better space for pilot briefing, student - instructor interaction and FAA check-rides. This is a work in progress and the finishing touches will be on-going.





- At the east end of the glider trailer line, sits a small portable building. From time to time, we're asked what it is. The State of Minnesota owns the building and leases the land from SYN to monitor air quality. We recently renewed the contract and from time to time you may notice a state vehicle parked at or near the station.

- Last year's extended hours proved valuable to our customers. As the days get longer, our staff will be working staggered shifts, seven days a week to better serve you. As mentioned before, we can always use more help, especially on the weekends.
- As always, contact me if you have any comments or questions.

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Not everyone stays in Minnesota for the winter:



Volunteer Operations Officer (aka VOO) Tim Bjork and his wife Caryl enjoyed some winter sun and fun in Lake Havasu City, Arizona that included a stop at fellow volunteer Jerry (and Jackie) Rosendahl's winter home.



FAA Rules Question of the Month:

What do you know about the Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS)? How is NASA involved in this program?

Volunteer Highlight: Bill Gacki:

How did you become acquainted with Stanton?

- My wife returned from a photo shoot in January 2014 and said that a fellow photographer was a power and glider pilot and that he flew gliders out of Stanton.
- Until then I had not been in the pilot's seat for more than 30 years.
- After a very long lunch with Loren Swanson of the glider club I was hooked and spent most weekends during the summer of 2014 taking lessons at the field.
- My overwhelming impression was that Stanton represented the type of flying that we all dream about – it's the "good old days" BUT we have them here and now!



Prior experience

- I received a power license (SEL) in the early 1970's.
- And during the first few years flew quite a bit in New York, Connecticut and Florida.
- I hate to date myself but I recall renting a C-150 (wet) for \$9.50 an hour at Tamiami Airfield just to the west of Miami sometime in the mid 70's.
- My serious flying stopped with the start of overseas assignments in the late 70's but I did have a Brazilian pilot's license for many years. (The photo ID on that license will never see the light of day!)

Military Service

- None

How long have you been volunteering?

- Well it all started at the end of the 2014 flying season when Marilyn M. asked if I wanted to be a VOO? I said, I recall, you mean a FOO. She said VOO!!! Wow! I got hooked! Really hooked and by the early spring of 2015 John Lee had trained me to be a VOO and Hank G. had me hooked with a tailwheel endorsement!
- So I am entering my third year as a VOO and must say it just gets better all the time.

Comments? General and about Volunteering

- General?
 - In general Stanton is simply a wonderful place. It represents the way flying should be. The way I see it 99.999% of the pilots in the US would describe it as what they wished they had – and we are the lucky 0.001% who actually get to live the dream!
 - If you sit in a pilot's lounge and describe Stanton – most pilots are green with envy.
 - I can't say enough about the staff at Stanton – you just have to feel good interfacing with them – they love what they do! Everybody goes out of their way to make your day a good one!
- Volunteering?
 - It's the best way to meet wonderful people and see great planes.
 - I marvel at how well super-experienced civilian and ex-military pilots blend with the new pilots and the students. Watching the instructors train first-time students is a real learning experience applicable to life in general.
 - I also enjoy watching the students get their license and then the seriousness with which they practice their sport. Their quiet confidence speaks loudly.

Family

- Married to Joan 40 years this June!!!!
- Our son Daniel is 37.

Summary

- For me, being associated with Stanton is a privilege. I get to enjoy today the hard work of those who preceded me and to preserve one of the great flying adventures in the lower-48. If you think we are not unique just try to find tail wheel training on a grass runway that looks better than a fairway on a golf course! The fun we have at Stanton also gives us the obligation to make sure we also preserve it for the kids who park at the end of runway 18/36 and thinksomeday maybe I can.....!!!!!!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

2018 Stanton Sport Aviation Rate Changes

Effective April 1st Stanton Sport Aviation will be modifying some of our rates and our means for calculating equipment storage rates. See the table below for a listing of the 2018 rates.

Stanton Sport Aviation will not be increasing the rate we charge for renting our aircraft, however the rate for instruction has been increased.

The hourly shop rate has been increased and a new category for Motor Glider annuals has been added.

Stanton Sport Aviation has not increased our equipment storage rate in over 8 years and for the most part we are not going to increase them this year. Our method for determining the monthly rate for customers who have multiple pieces of equipment stored year-around at Stanton has simply been corrected. This change will result in a monthly increase for those customers.

If you would like more information on these changes or would like to modify how your equipment is stored contact either:

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Storage Rates			
All aircraft and trailers	Overnight	Tie-Down	\$20
		Hangared	\$30
Powered Aircraft	Monthly	Hangared	\$180
Gliders (assembled)	Monthly	Hangared	\$200
		Suspended	\$125
Glider trailers	Monthly	Tie-Down	\$48
		Hangared	\$60
Glider + trailer (only applies to gliders/trailers kept year around at Stanton)	Monthly	Glider Hangared w/trailer tie-down	\$170
		Glider Hangared w/trailer Hangared	\$177
Glider (7 ground + 5 suspended)	Monthly	Hangared	\$169
Clubhouse	Monthly		\$240

Shop Rates		
Annuals	Power	\$975
	Power (Owner Assist)	\$800
	Glider	\$166
	Motorized-Glider	\$208
Labor	Hourly	\$83

Aircraft Hourly Rental Rates			
Model	N-number	Rental Rate	Rental + Instruction
C-150	N50887	\$100.00	\$159.00
C-172	N1371U	\$119.00	\$178.00
Sport Cub	N4948H	\$119.00	\$188.00
PA-11	N78781	\$119.00	\$188.00
PA-12	N3785M	\$119.00	\$188.00
PA-18	N12379K	\$139.00	\$208.00
SGS-2-32	N9862E	\$50.00	\$109.00

Instruction Hourly Rates	
Instruction	Rate
Tail wheel	\$69
Owner airplane	\$69
Tri-gear/Glider	\$59
Ground	\$59

Rates effective April 1, 2018

Answer to Rules Question:

91.25 Aviation Safety Reporting Program: Prohibition against use of reports for enforcement purposes.

The Administrator of the FAA will not use reports submitted to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration under the Aviation Safety Reporting Program (or information derived therefrom) in any enforcement action except information concerning accidents or criminal offenses which are wholly excluded from the Program.

[Go to <https://asrs.arc.nasa.gov/overview/summary.html> to learn more about this important safety program.]

Name the Newsletter Contest:

YOU now have the opportunity to help us name the newsletter! Please vote by email no later than April 25th to synairportmanager@gmail.com for your favorite name. Send your vote NOW!

Stanton Skynews	SYN-OPSIS
Tailwinds	SYN-Drome
Grass Clippings	KSYN-KNEWS
Grass is a Gas	Stanton Your News (SYN)
The SYN Grass Roots Flyer	Turf and Cones
Soft-Field SYNopsis	Grass Roots Flyer
Kind of Services You Need (KSYN)	Stanton Flyer

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