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Stanley Sport Aviation Association Newsletter

Fall 2024



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**FEATURING HIGHLIGHTS FROM
SSAA'S 53RD ANNUAL LABOUR
DAY WEEKEND FLY-IN**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Leonard Lowe

Hello Members

This has been a busy and eventful flying season. The weather certainly has been favorable this summer, even too hot at times. However, the mornings have begun to have that fall

feeling and soon the landscapes will be painted with brilliant autumn colours. Please share your pictures on Stanley's Facebook page or send them to Derek Brown, the club's social media director, at thepilot60@hotmail.com

I'm pleased to report our membership levels continue to be high; this is a sign of a healthy club. I want to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, and I look forward to seeing you enjoying the airport and helping out.

The airfield runways and infield are in excellent condition thanks to the ongoing efforts of many of you. With the new mower purchased over the winter, using the funds from the donation we received last spring, the quality and efficiency of the field is clearly noticeable.



Member Nick Wilson's Zlin aircraft over Stanley airfield.

PHOTO: Dave McMahan

Fire at Stanley

As most of you are now aware, on August 15th the club and some of its members suffered from a major event. Most importantly, there were no injuries. However, an engulfing fire has forever changed the landscape of the hangar line, and two members, Ken Cheslock and Brian Eisner, lost their planes. The flames also destroyed personal belongings, some tools and equipment as well as damaged some trailers. SSAA's executive and directors want to extend our sincere sympathy to those who lost planes and property.

The 53rd Annual Labour Day Fly-In committee quickly got together to determine if we should - or could - continue with the plans to host the event this year. Every consideration was taken into account, and the decision to continue was unanimous. There was a monumental effort to get the airfield ready to host it. I want to thank SSAA's airport manager, Jim Ward, and Mike Whitehead, SSAA's vice president and fly-in committee chair, for taking charge in their respective areas and pulling off a safe and very well-attended event against a multitude of odds. I also wish to thank the many people helping these two gentlemen. Without volunteers supporting the events, Stanley's much-revered annual Labour Day fly-ins wouldn't get off the ground.

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Equally important is the gratitude I would like to extend on behalf of the entire club to the individuals and companies who have donated effort, equipment and supplies as well as money specifically toward the rebuilding now required at Stanley Airport. It would be difficult to name all of them, however as a start

we wish to recognize the following people and organizations for being among those who have stepped up in a big way.

SSAA member Rodney MacDougal, Excavator operator
SSAA member Robert Cox, Skid steer operator
SSAA member Ian Goldberg, Gravel donation
SSAA member Bob Poirier, electrician
Jason Crowell, Aerotec Engines
Jeremy Dann, Fly Nova Scotia, fundraising
BCS Trucking/metal Recycling Ltd
Dora Construction

Sarah Lowe, SSAA rebuild GoFundMe campaign coordinator

Club members and members from the broader aviation community in the Maritimes have been incredibly generous with donations of money toward Stanley's reconstruction. For this, we say a huge thank you. We are still accepting donations.

These can be sent via e-transfer to: ssavia-tion.treasurer@gmail.com

So where do we go from here? SSAA directors will be meeting in the coming weeks to organize themselves concerning the rebuild. There already have been discussions with engineers and construction companies to guide us through the process. There will also be an extensive review of the property to ensure we are following all safety guidelines. There may be work parties needed. Please keep an eye out for notifications for that and consider helping where you can.



In closing, I want to wish all members an enjoyable fall flying season.

See you at CCW4!

Leonard Lowe, SSAA President

PHOTOS: Derek Brown

VICE- PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer of 2024 will long be remembered at Stanley Sport Aviation, and recalled as a time of tragedy, resilience and generosity.

On August 15th, just two weeks before our annual Labour Day Fly-In, tragedy struck as a massive fire destroyed two hangars, the tractor shed and a small hut. More importantly, two members' aircraft were lost.

Despite this, the directors and fly-in planning committee members quickly shifted gear and dug in to re-shape the event around the lost buildings. Under the leadership of our airport manager, Jim Ward, the fire site was cleaned up and rendered

safe within a week - an astonishing feat. Members offered up alternate hangar space for venues, people stepped up and not one slot on the volunteer rosters went unfilled. The fly-in went ahead.

And a great fly-in it was. The weather cooperated and we saw upwards of 50 aircraft on the infield, more than 90 aircraft movements, very strong attendance numbers and generous donations.

For a photo spread of the Fly-In

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Mike Whitehead



PHOTO: Derek Brown

as enjoyable as ever, maybe more so this year as it felt like it took place in defiance of what had happened.

Saturday saw lots of activity with well-received forums, by Aerotec and the Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum. Exhibits in 24 Hangar included the RCAF virtual reality Snowbird flight, several beautiful RC models courtesy of the Avon RC Flyers club, and the Atlantic Canada Aviation Museum. The Royal Canadian Air Cadets put on an amazing show, with an L19 tow aircraft bringing a glider from Greenwood to circle overhead, release and land. The Cadets then put both aircraft on display and set up an information booth as well.



PHOTO: James Glew

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The market and bake sale were both busy places, while again this year member Robert Cox's skill and hours of work at the smoker resulted in a delicious pulled-pork supper.

The generosity of people at the Saturday evening auction was capped when Jason Crowell stood at the end and declared that Aerotec Engines, always a strong supporter of SSAA, would match the evening's take.

The aircraft judges had plenty to consider this year. Jeff MacRea took home not only the Best Factory Built award but also the Stanley Cup (Best In Show) with his striking RANS S-21 Outbound C-GJMN. Member Art Prime also doubled up as his beautiful PA-12 C-FWSC won Best Amateur Built and Furthest Flown awards. Lastly, Life Radford's lovely restored Cessna 140 C-FXZQ garnered Best Antique/Classic.



PHOTOS (Clockwise): Art Prime's PA-12C-FWSC, Best Amateur Built and Furthest flown. DEREK BROWN, PHOTO; Jeff MacRea's RANS-21 Outbound C-GJMN, Stanley Cup (Best In Show). JEFF MACREA, PHOTO; Life Radford's Cessna 140 C-FXZQ, Best Antique/Classic. DEREK BROWN, PHOTO.

In the days after the fire, it looked like the 53rd annual fly in might not happen and SSAA's proud legacy of consecutive fly-ins would be broken. It is due to the efforts and dedication of SSAA members, and all those who have been so generous and supportive, that the chain remained unbroken and we look forward to seeing you all at the 54th.

Mike Whitehead, SSAA Vice President/Fly-in Planning Committee Chair



Airport Manager's Report

I believe Thursday, August 15, 2024, will remain in my memory for a long time to come. The fire that broke out at Stanley Airport was fast-moving and fearsome. Much was lost by some members and the club itself. We all took a major blow.



Jim Ward

The fire tested our club's ability to come together and work towards getting our infrastructure back online. I feel we rose to the challenge with flying colours. (See pages 8,9,10 for a photo spread of the fire and the remarkable efforts and donations directed toward Stanley airport's recovery.)



PHOTO: DEREK BROWN

Plans were put into place that very evening, and the execution started on Friday morning. Within a day, power was restored and the bulk of the debris removed. Within four days the metal was gone, and nails and screws cleaned up. Donated lumber was delivered.

Gravel and more equipment arrived during the week. By the end of the weekend the PA speaker system was back fed underground, 55 tons of Type 1 gravel had been spread, leveled, raked and rolled down, and the internet was back online faster and better than before.

We owe a lot to the people who dropped what they were doing to provide equipment, material and help to complete the cleanup and get our systems back online.

A big thank you from me to all of you who dug in and made this happen. We have shown when knocked down, Stanley comes back fighting. We will never retreat or lay down.

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Jim Ward

Getting prepared for this Fly-In after the fire had a host of challenges. We soon realized how much we had stored, and lost, with the tractor shed. New electrical had to be installed for band power, cables strung, new signage installed, and a range of other things completed. However, with some new lights, a borrowed tent and a newly-donated cooking pot, we had a perfect Friday night corn boil and music. To me, it's all about good times with good friends. A big shout out to our Fly-In chair, Mike Whitehead, for his excellent organizational and sign-making skills.

As far as rebuilding goes, we are gathering information on several different options. What it will look like, when it will happen and who will do the work has yet to be decided.

Meanwhile, please note that Hanger 14 (east end only) will be used for temporary storage for things that normally would have been in the tractor shed. If you brought tools to help with the cleanup, you should find them in Hanger 14. You can contact me or one of the directors regarding the key.

We now have two new waste oil barrels located on the concrete pad by the hangars behind the trailer line.

Before the Fly-In, I found more garbage in the fire pit. Please use the bin in the clubhouse for your domestic garbage and the designated bins outside for disposing of your workshop rubbish, NOT the firepit. We were warned by DNR in the past not to be burning such things in the firepit. And please remember to empty the compost bin in the kitchen of any food waste you put into it. Don't leave it there to go moldy or expect someone else to empty it into the large compost bin near the gate.

I'm pleased to announce that powered paragliding will soon be coming to Stanley. We have been approached by a small group of paragliding enthusiasts who are eager to operate out of our airfield. They will have two-way communication and likely will be flying early morning or late afternoon/evening. These folks will be associated members of the club. Please welcome them to the field.

If you are flying and looking down at the field, those strange designs you see are not crop circles. They are areas where bushes once stood. Jason Crowell dropped off a skid steer with a front mount bush hog and I put it to good use. What a difference when standing out in the field and looking around. This also should make it a bit safer for landing and taking off as the deer have less places to hide. And speaking of deer, there are lots of them, so please be careful. Blue skies everyone.

Jim Ward, *SSAA Airport Manager*



Stanley's new mower is giving the field a much better quality cut.

PHOTO: Jim Ward

Fire at Stanley Airport

A photo journey through tragedy and community spirit

On August 15, fire broke out at Stanley Airport destroying two hangars, two planes, a tractor/tool shed and the flying club's reception cottage. Thankfully, no one was injured. If a picture tells a thousand words, here, over the next few pages, are pictures of the event, and the remarkable spirit of the aviation community that has helped the airport on the road to recovery. *PHOTOS BY DEREK BROWN AND JIM WARD*



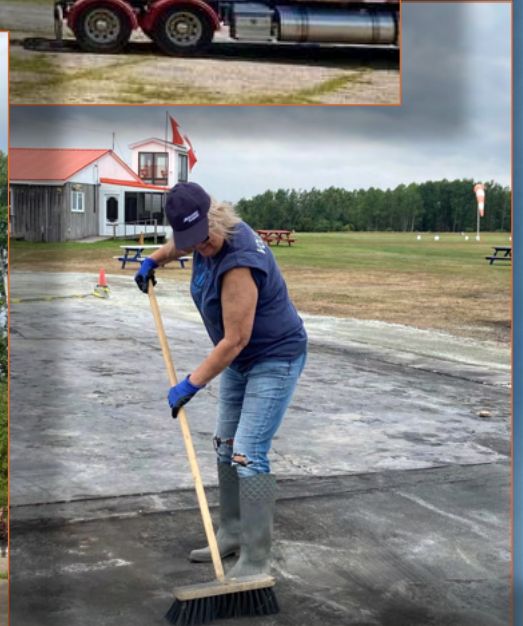
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53rd Annual Labour Day Fly-In

Despite a major fire at the airport two weeks before the scheduled event, SSAA's board of directors voted unanimously to carry on Stanley's annual tradition of its Labour Day weekend fly-in. The fly-in, renowned as the largest in Atlantic Canada, was another huge success—a testament to the dedication of club volunteers and aviation enthusiasts throughout the Maritimes.



PHOTOS (3): Dave McMahon



PHOTO ABOVE BY: Al Eastman

53rd Annual Labour Day Fly-In



SCREEN GRAB OF VIDEO: (Candy drop)
by Joan Hicks



PHOTOS (Top 4) : Derek Brown
(Opposite) Gayle Wilson

53rd Annual Labour Day Fly-In



PHOTO: Al Eastman



PHOTOS: (Above and opposite)
Gayle Wilson
(Below) Derek Brown



53rd Annual Labour Day Fly-In



PHOTO: Al Eastman



PHOTO: Dave McMahon



PHOTOS: (Auction) Gayle Wilson,
(Display) Derek Brown





Fuel Director's Report

Moving forward, we're looking to consolidate the fuel key ownership with those members who are currently flying and taking fuel. We had new keys made, but they were lost in the fire. So if you're not utilizing yours, please hand them back.

Also, please note as of the last meter reading, Sept 1, 2024, the member price has risen to \$2.75/l while non-members pay \$3.00/l.

Nick Wilson, SSAA Fuel Director



Nick Wilson



Social Media Director's Report

As you probably know by now, we lost several club structures to fire this summer. Thankfully there were no injuries, but the cost to the club is substantial. So the word was put out there that we were in desperate need of support to help us recover from our devastating loss of property.

Our FB site and the club's website were both used with great effectiveness to rally support and encourage fellow aviators and the general public to come out to our annual Labour Day weekend fly-in fundraiser. And come out you did! It was a great success!

Many of us were emotionally overwhelmed and brought to tears by the generosity and support received by fellow aviators, the local community and random fans of our club alike. So please accept our club's HUGE THANK YOU for your support and generosity! In the coming days we will be establishing where we stand financially and how to most efficiently rebuild what we can with what we now have from your generous donations. As always, we will strive to keep costs down by volunteering our own individual time, labour and collective expertise in the rebuilding process. I will continue to keep you all informed of our progress on social media. So please stay tuned!

Photo submissions for our FB page can be made to thepilot60@hotmail.com. And, again, thank you all for your continued support!

DEREK BROWN, SSAA Social Media Director



Derek Brown



Membership Director's Report

SSAA membership has experienced new growth in the last couple of months. We're happy to welcome to the Stanley family: Roberto Cea-Campo, Christopher Morash, Rick Gullion, Life Radford, Tyler Noiles, Ernie Prowse and Harold Weston. Some of these pilots hail from areas close to Stanley Airfield, but others are from Prince Edward Island and New

Brunswick. We welcome them all and wish them happy and safe flying experiences into and out of CCW4!

I also want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all those members who volunteered with the Stanley Market this year. Not only did people donate awesome items for us to sell, but members stepped up to help set up Hangar 21, work at the sales and then clean-up/clear out the space in preparation for the auction. The club (and I) absolutely appreciated all your help. As you know, having dedicated volunteers is the backbone of this organization! So, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU all so much!

Debbie Murley, SSAA Membership Director



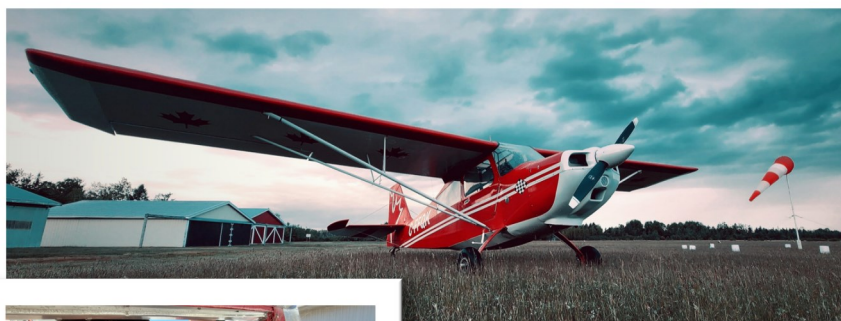
Debbie
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Welcome aboard!

Stanley Sport Aviation Association often profiles new members.

This issue, meet TYLER NOILES and TIFFANY BARIC.

Tyler and Tiffany live on Prince Edward Island and claim CYYG as their home airport. They moved to the island from



PHOTOS: Contributed

New Brunswick 18 years ago and were married during hurricane Dorian. Tyler, who makes video games, revealed he thinks that was “awesome.” And Tiffany, who is a graphic designer? “Well, she’ll come around,” he quipped to *The Windsock*.

According to Tyler, it’s his “adventurous spirit” that got him into flying. As a present for Tyler’s 33rd birthday, Tiffany had bid on

a charity auction for a one-hour flight around PEI for Tyler with Jim Ewing, who is an SSAA member.

“We did wing-overs, loops, rolls and spins for much longer than one hour and Jim walked me through what it takes to get your ticket.” Tyler attended ground school with Sea Eagle Aviation “with Tiffany for date night!”

It took him a few years to get his PPL. “Covid made testing/check rides and cross-countries exceptionally frustrating to experience,” he remarked. He passed his check ride and had to wait four months before he could write the Transport Canada test in New Brunswick “and be a ‘real pilot.’” Once he got his papers, he was determined to find a taildragger.

His one and only aircraft is his 1973 Citabria 7ECA. “It’s the perfect airplane for a recently-minted pilot because it really makes you *feel the flight*,” he said. “The only thing it’s missing is amphibians and skis, really.”

Most of his flying is in PEI, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—“Grass strips if I can find them.”

So how did they land as members of Stanley?

“One evening in May, we were weathered into Stanley due to a surprise thunderstorm, but (SSAA member and Social Media Director) Derek Brown hooked us up with some blankets and pillows at the Stanley Hilton and let us make ourselves some pancakes the next morning while waiting on the weather to clear up. I felt like I was part of the family already!” said Tyler.

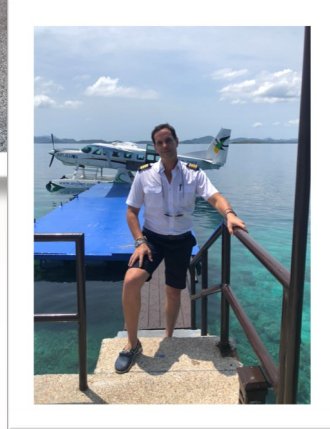
He felt he needed to join Stanley “because CCW4 is keeping grassroots GA alive on the East Coast for newbies like me to experience.”

He believed that what is becoming Stanley’s “rebuilding” year is an especially “vital” time to join, “and we gathered some donations on behalf of our little Citabria from all of the partners of Airbatic Inc. (myself, Jim Ewing, Charles Phillips and Eduardo Egger) and I signed up for everything you guys were selling at the fly-in.

“It really is incredible what you’ve built and how you’re coming together as a community of aviation enthusiasts, and I’m proud to be part of it,” said Tyler, adding, “Thanks for being so welcoming!”

Welcome aboard!

Stanley Sport Aviation Association welcomes new member LIFE (DAVE) RADFORD



PHOTOS: Contributed

Life Radford, known by friends in the aviation community as Dave, has enjoyed an adventurous aviation career living and working overseas. Now residing in Shediac, New Brunswick, he recently returned from a decade of operating a Cessna 208 EX amphibious aircraft and a Quest Kodiak 100 in Vietnam and the Philippines. Previous to Asia, he worked commercially in Northern Canada flying Beavers, 206 and 185 wheels, floats and skis, straight float Caravans in Vancouver and wheeled Caravans in Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe. He's now taken time off from flying commercially to look after his ailing mother, which he describes as "a wonderful privilege."

Life told *The Windsock* he bought a Cessna 140 three years ago to build night hours for his ATPL. "And I have now fallen in love with general aviation in Atlantic Canada." So much so, he enthused, "I've added a Piper PA 11 to my fleet."

Life regularly flies out of Moncton Aeroclub, Havelock and Weyman. "My favourite flight is an evening flip over to Charlottetown for dinner."

He's most comfortable on the water bringing a seaplane up on to the step, "but for now, while I enjoy general aviation, tail-wheel flying is the greatest freedom next to breathing."

"I look forward to hops across the water to Stanley to meet everyone, overnights under the stars and stories over coffee," he said.

Flying fraternity



UP AND AWAY. Jeremy Dann, administrator for the Fly Nova Scotia Facebook group and the President of the Bluenose Flying Club, engineered it so that three flying clubs in the province were able to have a booth at this year's Air Show Atlantic at Greenwood. As well as members of the Bluenose Flying Club, on hand were representatives from the South Shore Flying Club (SSFC) and Stanley Sport Aviation Association (SSAA).

Shown left to right: Ralph Keeping (Bluenose), Rob McNaught (SSAA member), Jeremy Dann, Bluenose Anna Schaeffer and Christy Amiro (SSFC), Derek Brown (representing SSAA) and Raphael Schaeffer (SSFC).



Nick and Gayle Wilson represented Stanley on the second day of the Air Show.

PHOTO: Christian Herridge



Numerous Maritime aviators turned out for the "Back to the Beach" fly-in September 14 held at the hangar on New Germany Lake of the late Mervin Zinck and hosted by his wife and sons.

PHOTO: Jeremy Dann



Flying fraternity

Aviation clubs and contacts in Atlantic Canada:

Nova Scotia

- **Bluenose Flying Club New Germany - COPA Flt # 186**— bluenoseflyingclub@gmail.com
- **South Shore Flying Club – Liverpool-** David Oickle oickledavid1@gmail.com
- **Tri-County Flying Assoc., COPA Flt # 63** - Ken Pothier kennethpothier@hotmail.ca
- **Digby/Annapolis Regional Airport – Digby** - (902) 245-5885
- **Annapolis Valley Flying Assoc, COPA Flt # 147** - Gary Dunfield gary@gaspereau.com
- **Kings/Hillaton (CHL2) Aerodrome Canning NS:** <https://kingsaero.com/kings-aerodrome/>
- **CFB Greenwood (CYZX) NS: Freedom Aviation** <http://freedomaviation.ca>
- **EAA Chapter 1051 Scotia Eagles** (located at CHL2 Kings/Hillaton Aerodrome, Canning NS: <http://www.eaa1051.org>)
- **Truro Flying Club, Debert, COPA Flt # 188** Derek Shiers - dshiers@bellaliant.net

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- **PEI Flying Assoc. Charlottetown, COPA Flt 57** – Barry Martin Bmartin@Islandtelecom.com
- **Brian Pound** - brian@brianpound.ca
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- **Saint John - COPA Flight #193** - Ian Cameron airshow1@nbnet.nb.ca
- **FREDERICTON - COPA Flight #2** - Ray St Lauren
- **WOODSTOCK - COPA Flight #86** - Blair DeGrace bdegrace@acadiantimber.com
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STANLEY SPORT AVIATION

Membership Application



Stanley Sport Aviation Members Enjoy:

Use of Stanley airport facilities, ready access to the fuel pumps at best prices possible, use of the clubhouse and bunkhouse with showers, a place to camp, aircraft storage, and great fellowship.

Members are expected to contribute to the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of Airport Facilities to support the Club Mission Statement "Providing Access to Affordable Facilities and Infrastructure that Supports Aviation enthusiasts of all ages."

NAME: _____

PARTNER'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE NUMBER: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

RATING: _____ ENDORSEMENTS: _____

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COST: Associate Member \$45.00

MEMBERSHIP IS FROM **JAN 1ST TO DEC 31ST**. PLEASE COMPLETE AND REMIT TO MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, UNIT 16 - 50 AIRPORT ROAD STANLEY NS BON 2A0.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE SENT TO: ssaviation.treasurer@gmail.com