

There was a demand for fly-in fishing charters, so the business expanded to include several outpost fishing camps—both tent and cabin sites offered by Stanton Airways. There were 7 sites built and operated from 1982-2000. Most of these sites were on remote lakes within a 30 mile radius of Sparrow Lake.



In 1993, a classic aircraft was added to the fleet—a 1948 Stinson 108. There were some very interesting charter flights over the years, moving several celebrities from place to place, including Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell, Martin Short, Tom Hanks, and high profile Government folks such as Governor General Weston and her family. Perrin Beatty would charter flights to Ottawa from his summer residence on Lake Muskoka.



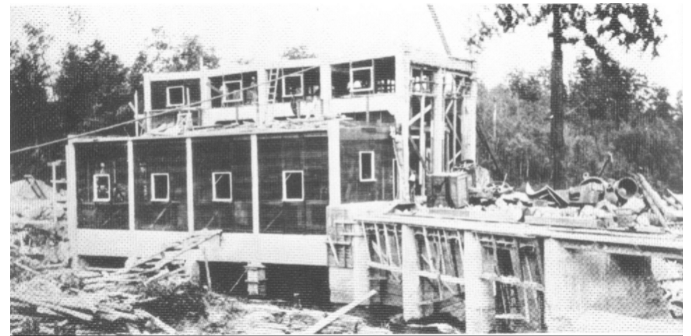
The largest charter contract was to fly a busload of German tourists to their lodge in Killarney, Ontario from the government dock at Martin's store in Port Stanton, when Stanton Airways had to engage almost every commercial air service in southern Ontario to move over 60 passengers and luggage. Most of the operations were during the summer months—but on occasion the Ministry of Natural

Resources would charter the Cessna 185 on skis to do moose counts and other winter chores for the fisheries. John Stanton was the chief Pilot for these operations and was backed up by several local Pilots including Syd Baker, Mark Comer, Steve McFadden, and John's son Bryan Stanton.

(Compiled by Steve Stanton from information provided by John Stanton.)

Historic Danger at Wasdell Falls

Wasdell Falls was the site of the first hydroelectric power plant built by the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission in 1914.



In 1942, six visitors from Toronto were swept over Wasdell Falls when their powerboat capsized on some rocks in the millpond. Two adults and two children were drowned on the rocks below.



*View from above the millpond, showing where the boat struck and where the occupants were swept away by the current.
From Toronto Star Archives.*

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