



# Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

*Not to be confused with DIA – Denver International Airport*

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## What does a day of work look like at the airport?????



**Supervisors**

These photos tell the story of what happens at the airport on a Saturday morning. Looks like management is a little “top heavy”.

Actually, everyone has been working hard to get the runway smooth, the planes clean and the grounds looking good..

Pictured above are the Saturday morning “Supervisors”, Left to right, Dave Kramer, Fred Lansing, Luke Kramer, Breeze Wessels and Dennis Fangman. The bottom photo “the worker” is Luke Kramer, son of Craig Kramer, is busy cleaning the bugs of the plane.



**Worker**



This summer the airport has lost a good friend. On April 24, 2006 Carl Johnson died of cancer. Carl was there all the time to help the airport. His John Deere "60" roamed the runway with Breeze's mower, he was instrumental in the first lighting of the airport with his battery operated lights. Then later designed the present system . . . the cones with the electric lights on top.

For entertainment, Carl always flew his simulator and when behind the yoke of an actual airplane was as smooth as silk

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Dyersville Airport was to have a big day on June 10. We scheduled an EAA Young Eagle Day with 38 kids signed up to learn about airplanes and get their first flight. Thursday and Friday before the event, we had four inches of rain at the airport and the runway was unusable Saturday. The Young Eagle event was cancelled and rescheduled for June 24. Although we could not fly, the EAA Chapter came to Dyersville in the wet and cold to have their meeting in the hangar. After the EAA meeting, the Associated Pilots of Iowa met in Dyersville.. Instead of a fly-in, the day turned out to be a picnic with brats, hot dogs and hamburgers.



#### **Visitor Plans on visiting Dyersville.**

Early this year Bernard Heimos wrote an short article in a national flying magazine about his plans to fly the pictured Vintage 1939 Piper Cub from his home in Corona, CA to Lock Haven, PA, the location of the original Piper Aircraft manufacturing plant. From Lock Haven he will fly to Oshkosh, WI for the EAA Airventure. After the show he will turn for home. He plans to arrive back in Corona in early August.

The destinations are not as important to him as the adventure of the travel. He was looking for small interesting airports, hard surface or grass (the cub was born and raised on grass) runways We contacted Bern and invited him to Dyersville. He will be spending some time here after he leaves Oshkosh. He will be in Dyersville Thursday, July 27 or Friday July 28.

Bern departed Corona, CA June 12, 2006 and is on his way to Lock Haven. His travelogue and photos can be followed on [www.vintageflying.com](http://www.vintageflying.com)

We are looking forward to meeting Bern and showing him some good eastern Iowa hospitality.

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Jack Kreeb emailed me some inspirations I would like to pass on - - especially when the *do not call* seems worthless.

*I dialed a number and got the following recording: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."*

And

*At pilot training back in the Air Corps they taught us, "Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you make."*

Thanks Jack

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### **Dates to remember**

June 24      Young Eagles Day at the airport (Help needed)  
July 2        Flight Breakfast – Marion Airport  
July 16      Flight Breakfast – Monticello Airport  
July 20-23   WWII (T 6s & T28s) Practice at Dubuque Airport  
July 24-30   EAA Oshkosh  
Aug 20      Monona Flight Breakfast

**A plane was taking off from Kennedy Airport. After it reached a comfortable cruising altitude, the captain made an announcement over the intercom, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. Welcome to Flight Number 293, nonstop from New York to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good and, therefore, we should have a smooth and uneventful flight. Now sit back and relax... OH, MY GOD!"** Silence followed, and after a few minutes, the captain came back on the intercom and said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am so sorry if I scared you earlier. While I was talking to you, the flight attendant accidentally spilled a cup of hot coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!" A passenger in Coach yelled, "That's nothing. You should see the back of mine!"