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Bern Heimos and his 1939 J3 Cub arrive in Dyersville on their 2,600 mile Summer Dream



Several months ago Bern wrote a short piece in a flying magazine. He was looking for interesting places to see. The destination was not the goal as much as the adventure of the journey. After a few e-mails, Bern put Dyersville on his flight plan. Dyersville was a nice rest stop for the Cub. After all, it was born and raised on a grass field.

Bern left Corona, CA on June 12 and headed East. The little Cub has 65 screaming horses for power and can fly at 80 mph, top speed. --When you hit a head wind, the semis will pass you on the road.-- He flew the southern route and on June 19 he was in Lock Haven, PA for a Piper Cub celebration. From there he headed West, then North to Oshkosh and landed July 23. (Bern parked the Cub in Poplar Grove, IL for a few weeks while he flew home commercially to celebrate the 4th of July with his wife and family.)

While traveling in a northerly direction Bern noticed his shadow along side the plane. Testing his piloting skills, Bern decided to put the shadow on a road and see if he could hold it there. He did and when the shadow passed the first car, the car immediately slowed down. When he finished piloting skill practice he noticed a whole line of cars behind him that would not pass his shadow.



Bern arrived in Dyersville on Friday, July 28. For the next 26 hours it was touring, eating, sleeping, flying and hangar talking. Bern said, "The best way to see America is flying slow 500 feet above the ground.

Bern has retired from a consulting business where he flew a 235 Piper Dakota. Since being bitten by the Cub bug, the Dakota is a thing of the past.

Dave Kramer experiences the thrill of the Cub.

To enjoy Bern's journey, go to his web site to see the photos, read his diary and watch the motion picture.

www.vintageflying.com



From a Southwest Airlines employee: "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight 245 to Tampa.. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite."



Matt Laskowski gets experience before flight school at University of Dubuque.

Pilot Fred Lansing from Luxemburg offered Matt Laskowski, son of Mirek and Jolanta Laskowski of Dyersville a ride in his helicopter. Matt took part in a Dyersville Young Eagle program and has decided to make aviation his career. He will be graduating from High School this year and has enrolled in the University of Dubuque in their aviation program.

Matt has now been lucky enough to ride in a Cessna 172, a 1946 Ercoupe (pictured right) and a helicopter.

Matt is not the first aviation enthusiast to start is aviation carrier at the Dyersville Airport and we hope there will be many more.



These planes were made for a field like this.

The blue and white 1946 Ercoupe and the 1939 Yellow Piper Cub.

Calendar

Aug 20 – 7-Noon Flight Breakfast Monona, Iowa Airport

Aug 26 – Fly In/Drive Inn Lunch 11-2 Abel Island Guttenburg Airport. Bring a meat to grill and dish to pass

Sept. 10 – Fly-In Breakfast Carroll, IA Airport 7-12

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