



# Airport News

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*Matt Laskowski solos*



Matt Laskowski always wanted to fly. A few years ago, Matt participated in a "Young Eagle" program at this airport and this added to his enthusiasm. As a senior in high school he entered flight training at the Monticello airport. Now after a few hours of instructions, Matt made his first solo flight. Matt will be enrolling at the University of Dubuque in their Aviation program. We wish Matt all the best and safe, enjoyable flying.

**From the latest pilot in training to one of Dyersville's first pilots.** This from the "OX5 Pioneers" book

George A. Necker, Born on January 26, 1903 in Corwith, Iowa. Necker saw his first plane in 1911 a Curtiss Pusher flown by Mickey McGuire as an attraction for \$1,000 Days Picnic at Dyersville, Iowa. Necker was Lincoln Beachey fly. He had his first plane ride in a Jenny (JN4) with a pilot barnstorming the area. He was instrumental in forming a flying club in Dubuque, Iowa in 1929, with 13 members in the club. They purchased a Cirrus Great Lakes NC909N and a 110 Warner Stinson Jr. C6870. They engaged Dewitt Collins T6992 as their instructor. Necker owned a Waco 10 NC8592 OC5 powered. He soloed the GreatLakes on November 17, 1930 and the Waco 10 the same month. Necker passed his private license #22575 in 1931. He made his first XC flight from Dubuque, Iowa to Quincy, IL in the Waco 10.

Necker was active in the Civil Air Patrol as an instructor. He developed and operated an airport at Dyersville for two years from 1945-1947. He is now retired in Clearwater, FL. (George died in Clearwater on July 7, 1987.)



*Fred Lansing and Dave Kramer on a photo shoot*



*Dyersville Ethanol under construction*



*Larry Bockenstedt and Matt Kaskowski participating in the "hangar talk" at the airport on Sunday morning*



*On a one mile final for DAA*

**All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in flight "safety lecture" and announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:**

**1. On a Southwest flight (SW has no assigned seating, you just sit where you want) passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing, when a flight attendant announced, "People, people we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"**

**2. On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."**

***Think Spring***