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Farmers Shipping Utilizes the Airport



Steve Babcock of Butte MT pilots one of the crop dusters

Last week the sky was full of low flying airplanes. Farmers Shipping contracted with Crop Care By Air to spray 4,500 acres of corn. The spray, a fungicide, enables the corn to place all of its energy to producing corn rather than fighting the stress of fungus and draught. The sprayed fields have produced as high as 40 bushels an acre more corn with 20 bushels being the average.

There were four airplanes flying for three days. At times during the day they stopped spraying because of wind. I was told that when the winds increase to ten miles per hour or greater, there is too much drift in the spray and they prefer to wait until the winds go down in the evening.

Two of the pilots were from the Montana area follow the spraying season around the country. When they spray in Iowa, their home base is the Oelwein Airport.



Jason Phillips adds chemical to the plane



Rod Weeding of Jordan MT pilots another duster



Mike Trenkamp handles chemical

Tom Helle makes sure everything goes right.



RAGBRAI brings more than bikers to Dyersville.



Gary Lust of Iowa City had one of two 1929 Travel Air planes that followed RAGBRAI across Iowa. Close to 100 people, local residents and RAGBRAI riders bought rides in the vintage bi-planes. They flew from 9:30 in the morning until dark.





Progress is being made on the new ethanol plant

UP COMING EVENTS

Aug. 12 – Flight Breakfast – Manchester, Iowa (C27)

Aug 19 – Flight Breakfast – Monona, Iowa (7C3)

Aug 25 – Fly-In Lunch Guttenberg, IA. Bring meat to cook and dish to pass.

Aug 26 – Flight Breakfast – Iowa City, Iowa (IOW)

Sept 9 – Flight Breakfast – Dubuque, Iowa (DBQ)

Sept 9 – Carroll Airport Flight Breakfast (CIN)

John "Jack" Bolt, who went to his final reward in 2004, was the only two-war U.S. Marine Corps Ace. As a junior officer during World War II, he scored six enemy kills while flying the Vought F4U Corsair. As a Major during the Korean War, he scored six more while flying the North American F-86 Sabre on an exchange tour with the U.S. Air Force.

Jack Bolt was a hoot! During a commercial airline flight several years ago, he was seated next to a young mother with a babe in arms. When the baby began crying during the descent for landing, the mother began nursing him as discreetly as possible. Jack pretended not to notice and, upon debarking, he gallantly offered his assistance to help with the various baby-related impedimenta.

When the young mother expressed her gratitude, Bolt responded: "Gosh, that's a good looking baby... and he sure was hungry!"

Somewhat embarrassed, the mother explained that her pediatrician said nursing would help alleviate the pressure in the baby's ears.

Jack sadly shook his head, and in true fighter pilot fashion exclaimed, "Darn! And all these years, I've been chewing gum!"

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