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Photography and Illustration Editor of the *Air & Space Smithsonian* comes to Dyersville via the airport



Dyersville and its airport are becoming known nationally. On Sunday, September 02, 2007 a squadron of three antique airplanes circled Dyersville Airport, made a downwind pattern for Runway 13 and landed with all the grace of an eagle with set wings. We welcomed the visitors to “Dyersville International” and asked what we could do for them. They told us Dyersville Airport was mentioned at the antique fly-in in Blakesburg, Iowa and it was recommended they stop if they had the time. They left Blakesburg, stopped at the “Thrashers Convention” in Mt. Pleasant, IA and then went on to Dyersville. As they passed overhead they saw the activity of several airplanes and people in the tie down area and entered the pattern for a “full stop”.

After some conversation, Matt Wessels, Fred Lansing and Dave Kramer took them for a tour of Dyersville, the Field of Dreams and the Basilica. Carline Sheen, second from left on the photo took more than normal amount of pictures... Then we learned Carline is Photo Editor for the Smithsonian Air and Space Magazine in Washington, DC. Others that flew in were Brent Blue, M.D., Senior Airman Medical Examiner from Jackson Hole,

WY, Jim Obowa of Limo Lakes, MN, a member of the Barnstormers, Suzanne Fedona of Minneapolis and Greg Herrick of Jackson, WY.

After an enjoyable two hours of touring and souvenirs shopping (favorite being the coffee cup with the Ghost Players coming out of the corn when filled with hot coffee) they hopped in their airplanes and headed north to St. Paul, MN with a formation "fly-by".



Tower talk

The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "**Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven.**"

The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "**Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?**"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "**Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?**"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, -- And I didn't land."

Aviation Journalist & Photographer Bern Heimos of Laguna Niguel, CA visited Dyersville September 11 and 12, on his Midwest tour.



Bern first visited Dyersville in August of 2006 while returning from his visit to the home of the Piper Cub, Lock Haven, PA. (Check his web site www.vintageflying.com)

This year his travels took him from California to Blakesburg, Iowa for the Antique Aircraft Assn. Fly-In and convention; then to

Galesburg, Ill. for the National Stearman Fly-In; and on to the Midwest Antique Airplane Club and Grass Roots Flying Fly-In in Brodhead, WI. From Brodhead Bern flew to Madison, WI and then Dyersville. Where he toured his favorite attractions again.

On Wednesday Sept. 12, Bern with his Cub and Dave Kramer with his Coupe made an aerial tour of NE Iowa and Western Wisconsin. We flew to Cassville, WI for breakfast; to Guttenberg Airport to visit friends; and to Monticello airport and back to Dyersville. The beauty of the countryside caught the eye of Bern's camera as he circled fields, farms and towns for the perfect picture. We were between flights at the airport and the air filled with the "WOOP WOOP" of Fred Lansing's helicopter. That meant an hour of hangar talk before our next flight. What a nice way to spend a day.

Bern's writing and photos have been published in several aviation magazines, the latest being *EAA Sport Pilot*. Bern also has a web site where his travels can be followed.- - www.vintageflying.com

We hope to see Bern next year - check out his web site.

Bern has two statements on his card which says a lot about himself and flying. - -

"If you think Aviation is just about flying you're missing the adventure"

&

"Flying low and slow over our amazing country is the best way I know to gain a true understanding of who we Americans really are."

UP-COMING EVENTS

Oct 6 – Flight Breakfast – Grinnell Airport 7-11 am (GGI)

Scary how fast summer went.



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