

# Airport News

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# **Toy and Antique Car Collectors visit Dyersville**



Jeff Zarth (right) and Larry Schulte flew to Dyersville the weekend of Oct 7 to shop for toys. The airport made arrangements for them to have a car to shop, have lunch and tour. These gentlemen flew in from Wisconsin They flew in about 9:00 a.m. and were finished with their business around 3:00 p.m. The airport made it possible for the pair to sleep in, fly to Dyersville, do their business and be home for cocktails at 5:00 P.M. That's why we built it.



#### FALL IS HERE

The regular scheduled functions at the airport are behind us. The mornings are chilly, the grass has slowed, the air is dryer and by noon the sweat shirts come off. Thermals of summer are gone, and the air is smooth. We have entered the season of perfect flying.

The last weekend in October we disconnected the water, took care of the rodents in the light cones, repaired the wiring in the cones (destroyed by rodents) and checked the furnace in the pilot lounge.

#### Ethanol Plant Construction Continues – Photo October 20, 2007



So much is happening at one time, it is hard to tell what is actually going on. Notice the landscaping around the old rock barn at the top of the photo. This is one of the few Old English Rock Barns in this area and it is being saved by Bio Energy.

#### **Airline Humor**

After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the attendant came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Capt. Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."

Part of a flight attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of US Airways."



It is nice to see the airport serving the community.

Although the summer has faded, there is still traffic at the airport. On this day in November, the three airplanes in the parking area make Dyersville look like a "hub" airport for small planes.

The far blue and white Cessna dropped in while on a training flight, The white high wing Cessna is Phil DeShaw's, now of Dyersville and the plane closest was flown here from Carroll, Iowa by Don Mensen. Don is the Fixed Base Operator at the Carroll, Iowa Airport. He and his family flew home for the weekend.

Flight instructor, Steve Bradley of Cascade, Iowa and Bill Burger of Worthington, Iowa stop to say hello and take a brake



#### WINTER CHECKLIST: IS YOUR AIRCRAFT READY?

As cold weather filters in, start <u>winterizing your aircraft</u>. The experts in AOPA's Pilot Information Center recommend packing a winter survival kit with a winter jacket, gloves, and boots to keep in your airplane. Also, remember to use your cowling plugs, and in really cold areas, bring out your cowling blankets. Keep the fuel tanks topped off, switch to a multi-grade or lower viscosity oil (keep a few extra quarts in the baggage compartment), and put new batteries in your flashlights. Remember that cold weather is tough on your battery, so use it sparingly before starting the engine. And, on those cold mornings, make sure the engine has ample time to warm up before flying. For more information, see the AOPA Air Safety Foundation's Safety Hot Spot: Winter Preflight.



# Happy Thanksgiving



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