



Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

Not to be confused with DIA – Denver International Airport

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Dot surveys the airport for Public Use

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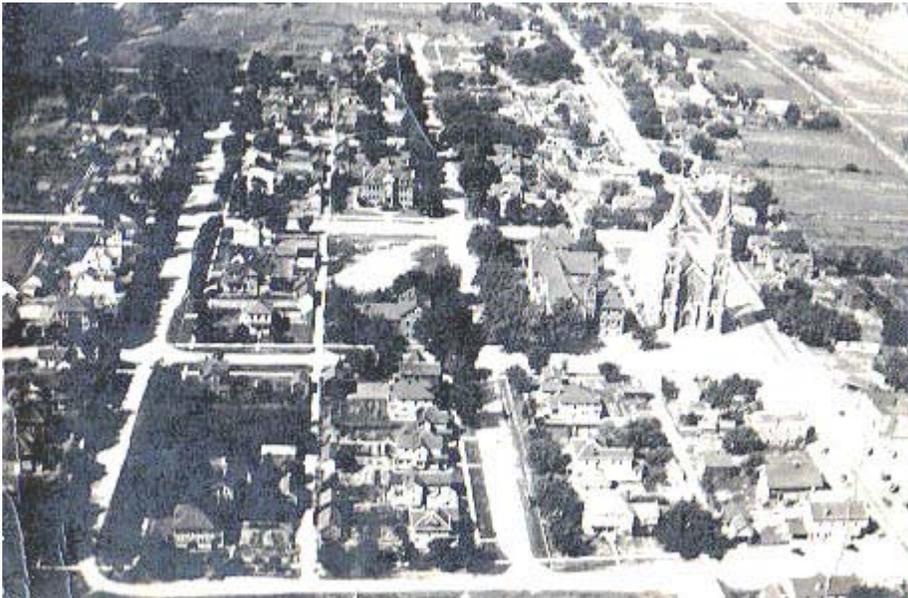
Ron Radloff and Airport Inspector, Michael Marr from the Iowa DOT check runway clearances. Now that the Ethanol plant is completed, recertification of the airport for “public use” has been started. This was the last inspection by the state. Mike Marr informed us that the airport has passed the federal specifications and now it rests in the state’s hands.

Area Pilots to organize weekend flyouts

Dave Kramer, President of the Associated Pilots of Iowa, Monticello Chapter contacted Elmer Marting, President of the Decorah EAA Chapter 1281 to inquire about their "fly outs". We are looking into developing a pilot gathering every Saturday morning at an area airport for coffee and donuts. The coffee club would pick different airports every week and the pilots would be notified by e-mail or phone. The sites could also be listed on the Dyersville Airport Website and the Associated Pilots of Iowa Web site.

Rule of Flying

10. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
 11. The probability of survival is inversely proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice versa.
 12. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.
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This Dyersville photo was taken in 1936 by Clancy Hess from his E2 Cub.

Clarence used a box camera while piloting the plane.

If you notice, the street still goes through the church property and there is no 3rd Ave. bridge

Latest photo of the SW Industrial Park (Tegeler Farm)



You can see the road into the park and the retention pond on the lower left of the photo.

imagine 2008

“Living the Dream”

Lets imagine 2020, this industrial park 2 – 3 time the present size, an Industrial Airport in it or adjoining it. Dyersville would have a “leg-up” on getting an industry that requires a city with an airport.

At the kick off meeting of Imagine 2020 some guests said we need more entertainment for the children, more recreation facilities and things for families to do. But those things do not always bring people to live in Dyersville. JOBS do. How do you get jobs - - industry. Fewer and fewer industries are locally owned. Today a large companies invest

in plants all over the country. Time and travel are everything. If a company has aircraft why would they invest in Dyersville? Monticello and Dubuque have airports that can land jets - - the modern way of corporate travel.

When companies are looking to relocate, they can contact Des Moines and find communities that have what they need. If an airport is needed, Dyersville will not even be mentioned.

An airport like Monticello costs the city minimal and it supports a manager, secretary, an instructor and three mechanics. (Six families)

Since our little airport in Dyersville was built, it has started a flying career for four young men of the area and has produced at least eight new pilots. This is an investment that can pay dividends.

Two final thoughts- - - -

Glen Miller, head of the Iowa Aviation DOT told a group of airport supporters in the 1970's that Dyersville was lucky, it survived and grew because of the vision of Judge James Dyer (founder of Dyersville) had the foresight to insure that the railway came through Dyersville rather than follow the stage line through Rockville, Iowa. Then the Great Northwestern came through Dyersville along with the Illinois Central which gave us two rails. Then we were lucky enough to not only have a US Highway (US 20) come through Dyersville but we also had a state Highway (HWY 136) intersect here.

Mr. Miller said, "Now the modern mode of transportation is the airplane and should be a priority for the community".

And my last thought. Do you think Rockville thought the railroad was not important because - - - Dyersville's railroad is only an hour away.

**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year**