



# Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

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The Cornfield North of runway 13



Inches of top soil, corn stock and silt from the farms West of the airport were filtered by the runway. Before the airport can be used, the ground has to firm up, the grass bailed and the corn stocks raked. The road to the airport has been closed for two of the floods. It is passable now but it is a mess. If it stops raining and we get a good week of sun and breeze we'll be in business again.

The Associated Pilots meeting and the Young Eagles flights scheduled for June have been cancelled.



This photo by Bill Rediger shows one of many floods Dyersville has had this year. Like the airport, all parks have been closed since the first flood



Between flood, Ron Radloff was able to cut the parking area and about 1,000 feet of the runway.





## Pilots from the past

This gentleman is Irish, a Notre Dame graduate and a Marine during WW II. We all knew Maury Noonan. Maury graduated in 1940, worked in Chicago for a short time and then decided to get a little excitement in his life. He joined the marines and started flight training. While in flight training the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. (We always said, "If the Japanese had known Maury was in flight training, they never would have attacked.") He trained in a SNJ 3 and then transferred to a F4F Corsair and was sent to the Pacific in February 1943, combat flying in Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. On August 24, 1943 his log book shows he was credited with one Zero shot down. By the time the war was over, Maury has his twin engine rating and a commercial license. After the war he settled in Dyersville as the owner and editor of the Dyersville Commercial. It would be 40 years before Maury would fly again. Then in the 1980's Maury joined a group of

pilots - Jack Kreeb, Jerry Renk and Dave Kramer who owned a Piper Warrior and had it based at the Dyersville airport #2 east of town. He continued to fly until the airport was closed and the airplane sold.

*Photo of Maury on the wing of an F-4U a model of the plane and a photo of Maury in the St. Pat's Day Parade*



## Airport a convience for visitors

The photo on the left is a 182R that flew to Dyersville for a meeting at the Stone Front Restaurant on May 8. Ted Bosberg of Hampton, Iowa flew in with 3 passengers for a "Shrine Flyers" meeting. Jerry Naylor of Scotch Grove, Iowa recommended the Dyersville airport and was available to provide transportation for the visitors. (Jerry Naylor is a pilot and has landed at Dyersville many times.)

Shortly after this photo the rains came and closed the airport for weeks.

**The Runway opened Sunday June 22.**

**Events Calendar**

(Miles are air miles from Dyersville Airport)

<b>May</b>	<b>Noon Lunch every Saturday</b>	<b>11:30 – 1:30</b>	<b>Mineral Point, WI (MRJ)</b>
	<b>Call Kevin King</b>	<b>608 553-7571</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>Every Friday Cookout until Sept 26</b>	<b>5-7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Clinton, IA airport (CWI)</b>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Flight Breakfast</b>	<b>7-noon</b>	<b>Platteville, WI (PVB)</b>
<b>19</b>	Planes, Trains & Auto Bkfast	7-11 a.m.	Oelwein, IA (OLZ)
<b>20</b>	Omelet Breakfast	7:30 – 12:30	Fillmore County MN Airport (FKA) Preston, MN83 miles
<b>28-Aug 3</b>	EAA Airventure		Oshkosh, WI
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Monticello Flight Breakfast</b>	<b>7-noon</b>	<b>Monticello, IA</b>
<b>10</b>	Flight Breakfast	7-1 pm	Viroqua, WI (Y51) 66 miles.
<b>17</b>	<b>Flight Breakfast</b>	<b>8 – 11 a.m.</b>	<b>Manchester Aiorport (C27)</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Fly-in Breakfast</b>	<b>7 – noon</b>	<b>Monona, IA Airport (7C3)</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>Guttenberg Abel Island Lunch</b>	<b>Noon – 3</b>	<b>Guttenberg Airport (IA23)</b>
	Rain date Aug 24		
<b>24</b>	<b>Fly-in Breakfast</b>	<b>7 – 12:30</b>	<b>Iowa City, IA Airport (IOW)</b>
<b>31</b>	Fly-in Lunch	9-?	Log Cabin Airport (WS69) Mondovi, WI 126 miles
<b>Sept 6</b>	Wheels & Wings	8 – 4 p.m.	Osceola, WI (OEO) 181 miles
<b>7</b>	<b>Dubuque EAA 327 Breakfast</b>		<b>Dubuque Airport (DBQ)</b>



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