



Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

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Business doesn't always come to Dyersville by commercial jet

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Cole Weidenbusch of Plattsmouth, NE flew to Dyersville this month in his 1952 Cessna to present the Farm Toy Museum with a collectable remote controlled tractor and trailer. Cole bought the tractor in England while visiting there. He visited Dyersville earlier and thought it would be a nice addition to our museum. Thanks to people like Cole, we are able to add value and interest to our community.

Dyersville Airport to be revisited by the state for Public use certification

Mick Michel, City Administrator, notified the airport board that the Iowa DOT will be visiting the Dyersville airport in October. The purpose for the visit is to see if the airport can be recertified as public use. A year and a half ago Mick abandoned the public use status so there would be no complication to the construction of the new ethanol plant.

Dyersville Airport Web site

If you have never checked out the airport web site. I suggest you do so. It has information of interest for everyone. If you are a pilot, it has weather, access to charts, places to fly and much more. If you are just interested in what is going on at the airport, the web site has all the newsletters, photos of the activities and the people that visit and links to other web sites. Keith McCarrahar has made this possible for the airport and we thank him for it.

From AV WEB...

Flying into New Orleans Lakefront, and approach had switched us over to tower. One controller worked both ground and tower frequencies. There was minimal radio chatter with other aircraft but what was there was worth hearing:

Tower:

"Cessna XXX, for future reference, the one with the yellow line down the center is a taxiway, and the one with the white line is a runway."



Bi plane visits Dyersville airport

Larry Mueller of Cuba City, WI and Don Hedeman of Dubuque flew this 2008 Starduster Too SA 300 with R670 Continental 220hp round engine to Dyersville.. Larry purchased the project one year ago in MI. It was started in Cal. where the builder was killed in another aircraft in 1998. It was then moved to TX for a time and then to MI. It had been 10 years sitting.

The Widow finally decided to sell it last year. Larry completed it in April of this year and has ~12 hours on it to date (TT A&E). Larry sold it to a person in Germany in July. He plans to fly it on the US registration, so the FAA Phase 1 restrictions have to be flown off before it can leave the country. It will be shipped to Van Nuys CA and dismantled and packed in an overseas container.

Larry is in the front seat and Don in the rear.



Fall Preparation starts-



The Radloff Team loads seed into the reseeders.



Due to the floods (and I mean floods- plural) we gained inches of silt over parts of the runway. During the summer we had weeds instead of grass come through the silt. A few weeks ago Crop Production sprayed for weeds, now it was our turn to reseed. Without a good solid grass base, when the runway is wet, we have to deal with mud on take-offs and landings. Hopefully, next year we will again have a good stand of grass on those parts of the runway.

The planes were cleaned and the water disconnected for the winter. Barring a huge amount of snow or ice, we will be able to keep the airport open all winter.

In 2008, considering the snow and ice and floods that closed the airport, we have had a good number of visitors to this community. Bern Heimos, photo journalist from California came the greatest distance. Others came from Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Arkansas.

Rules of Flying

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.

Check out the web site – www.dyersvilleairport.com



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