



Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

Not to be confused with DIA – Denver International Airport

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Happy New Year

All of us at Dyersville International wish you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Phil DeShaw checks his plane.

The airport has ice and drifts so big we had to close the airport. Normally a few inches of snow does not close the airport but when it drifts or we get ice, the airport is unsafe for planes to land. At that point we must close the airport until circumstances change. Someday if we get the proper equipment, we will be able to deal with the winter weather.



When I checked the airport, I noticed a track had been busted through the drifts and Phil was checking his airplane. He started it to warm it up and get the oil warm so it would lubricate the engine. Then he checked the tie downs to be sure the plane was secure. Notice Phil checking the tail of the plane and the engine running - - talk about *WIND CHILL*.

Rule of the Air: from Americas Flyways

You can always tell a helicopter pilot in anything moving: a train, an airplane, a car or a boat. They never smile, they are always listening to the machine and they always hear something they think is not right. - - *Is this true Fred?*

City of Dyersville applies for Public use.

On January 8, Mick Michel electronically sent form 7480 applying for "Public Use" status for the airport. Inspector Mike Marr inspected the airport in December and said there is no problem in certifying it, all we have to do is send in the signed form 7480. With this completed, we should receive our certificate in the near future.



Remember this image? The end of January the committee will be culling the hundreds of suggestion of what the community needs by 2020. They will determine the final five. Here is a chance to be heard. If you think a permanent airport is needed for the community or if you have used the airport, here is a chance to vote. Go to www.dyersvilleimagine.com click on idea@dyersvilleimagine.com to vote and leave a reason.

Phil DeShaw moves snow



Phil DeShaw removed snow drifts from the runway. Phil said there are a lot of rough spots, ice and snow humps still on the runway. At this point, we need a good thaw.

THINK SPRING

Rule of Flying

13. STAY OUT OF CLOUDS!!!! The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.

14. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.

15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.



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