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All of us at the Dyersville Airport wish all of you a

Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year



Pilots of the Past – Jim Link

When I was in first grade, Jim was a senior in high school. He was the tallest in his class and I was the shortest in mine. That is how we met. The next year he was gone and I kept hearing reports about Jim through his brother Alan. It was over 50 years later that we met again, by accident in Knoxville, TN and were able to catch up on the time past.



Jim's flying career started in August 1952 in a T-6 in Greenville, Miss where he soloed in 12 hours.

His military flying took him to Viet Nam where he flew 312 combat missions in the 0-1 and 0-2 as a forward air controller.



42 years later



After retiring from the military,

Jim kept flying. He was partial to Beechcraft. He owned a Mooney, right Beech Musketeer, and as he said, his latest



iron mistress was a Beech Debonair.

Musketeer, left and Debonair right





Dyersville Airport prints a 2010 calendar

Fred Lansing and Lansing Brothers Construction are sponsoring the 2010 Calendar. Over the past few years, we have taken aerial photos of the towns of the area and have put the photos on different month of the year. This year the towns shown are Balltown, Holy Cross, Luxemburg, Petersburg, New Vienna, Worthington, Garnavillo, Guttenberg, Colesburg and Dyersville.

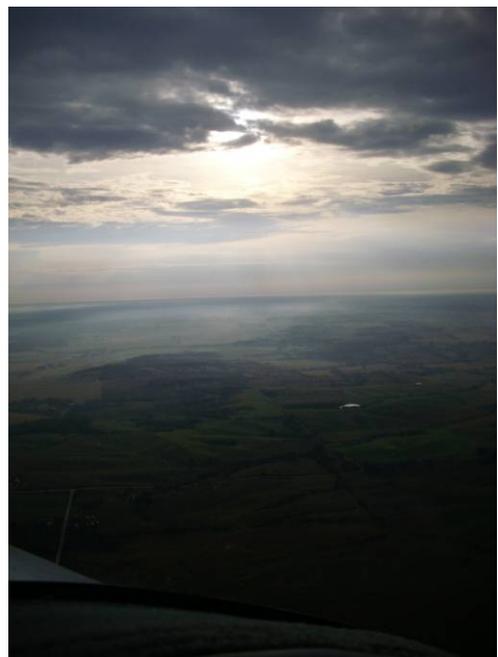
If anyone is interested in having one of the calendars they can contact Fred Lansing or Dave Kramer.

Highlights of the year.

- 1) We have seen support from the City of Dyersville, 2) the regaining of "Pubic Use" status, 3) the construction of a portable hangar, 5) twenty-five youngsters become "Young Eagles" and 6) the visits of "out of town" and "out of state" aircraft stopping here. The next publication of the air charts (maps for pilots) Dyersville will be listed as a public use airport. When this chart is published we will see many more flights come in and out of Dyersville. It was disappointing that some activities had to be postponed or cancelled because of weather. Although this happens to all airports, when it happens "at home" after all the work put in the preparation, it hurts. We had our "Young Eagle" flight delayed two weeks because of weather, our 4th of July picnic was cancelled. Of the three pilot meetings held in Dyersville, at two of them the members attending had to wear winter clothes.

We hope that next year will be a warmer and dryer year for the airport.

View From the Coupe





The end of November – 55 degrees – the Sun shining and the airport became so busy we need a controller. This photo was taken from Fred Lansing’s helicopter. The airport was busy all afternoon.

Jay Kiernan of Dubuque flew to Dyersville to enjoy the peaceful surrounding at the airport.



Dyersville Progress in 2009



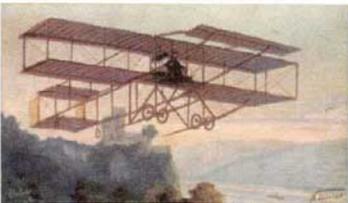
The Ethanol Plant began full production and the semis loaded with corn wait to bring in the harvest.



The Dyersville Industrial Park has its main roads laid.



Jerry Koch's new housing development is in full swing



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