



# Airport News

From DAA

Dyersville Area Aviation

*Not to be confused with DIA – Denver International Airport*

February 2009

## Dubuque County through the Clouds

### **President**

Craig Kramer 875-7121

### **Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer**

Dave Kramer 875-8590

### **Board Members**

Dave Kramer 875-8590

Fred Lansing 252-3489

Ron Radloff 875-9101

Keith McCarraher 921-3203

Craig Kramer 875-7121

### **City Representatives**

Robert Kramer 875-8012

### **Website**

[dyersvilleairport.com](http://dyersvilleairport.com)

### **Web Master**

Keith McCarraher



This photo was taken July 2004 – our country side from a few thousand feet and a layer of broken clouds.



This has been such a long winter so I thought you might like a peek as what lies ahead a few months from now.

Imagine 2020 will be selecting five important projects they deem necessary for the future of Dyersville

## UPDATE

The following is a note sent to Imagine 2020 for their consideration of a permanent airport.....

I would like to tell you a little about the value of having an industrial airport.

The day Dyersville's 2<sup>nd</sup> Airport was closed in 1990, two out of state aircraft were parked and the people that came in on them were doing business in Dyersville. One plane was a single engine Bonanza and the other a twin engine plane.

Our present airport has brought planes from all the neighboring states plus Ohio, Indiana, Arkansas and California. Some come visiting relatives, some doing business and some touring our local attractions. Every year it is used by our agriculture businesses to spray crops.

When industries look to locate in Iowa, if they need or want an airport, Dyersville does not show up on the state database. Consequently the company does not know Dyersville exists.

If we build an industrial airport adjacent to industrial lots, Dyersville would have a leg up on other communities in Iowa in attracting industry. Children's playgrounds (no matter how important) do not bring adults - - jobs bring adults.

FYI. Since our grass airport was build (13 years) at least 10 people have become pilots. Three are going on to make aviation their career. **An airport – is good for business, education and recreation.**

P.S. In 1997 a gentleman was hired to manage a manufacturing plant in Guttenberg. He compared the Guttenberg and Dyersville airports and decided to live in Dyersville because of our airport. Through his tenure he lived in Dyersville and flew his plane out of the Dyersville airport.

---

### **Rules of Flying**

16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.

17. Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them. ( **Let's ask Fred if that is true**)

18. If all you can see out the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.

---

### **Time to Plan for 2009 - -**

We are in the process of planning the events for 2009. The possible events discussed were, a Flight Breakfast or Lunch, EAA Meeting, Associated Pilots of Iowa Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and a Model Airplane Demonstration.

The Model Plane event has been tentatively set for the second Sunday in August with a rain date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Last year we had about 400 local spectators enjoy the show. We hope to better that this year.

---

## Events Calendar 2009

April 4	Annual Chili Fly-In	11:00 – 2:00	Fort Dodge Airport (FOD)	133 Mi
June 6/7	Annual Flight Breakfast	6:30 – 10:30	Audubon Airport (ADU)	173 Mi
June 21	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 1:00	Maquoketa Airport (OQW)	33 MI
June 28	Open House/Fly In	9:00 – 3:00	Tipton Airport (8C4)	44 Mi
July 10 – 12	Fly Iowa 2009		Independence, IA (IIB)	34 Mi
July 11	Fly-In Supper	5:00 – 7:00	Zangger Vintage Airpark 2VA	236 Mi
July 19	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 12:30	Fillmore Co, (FKA) Preston, MN	83 Mi
August 29	Abel Island Potluck	12 – 3:00	Guttenberg, IA (IA23)	19 Mi
August 30	Flight Breakfast	7:00 a.m. – 12:30	Iowa City, IA (IAP)	54 Mi
Sept 13	Pork Chop Dinner	11:30 – 2:00	Maple Lake, MN (MGG)	204 Mi

More to Come

---

### **SEVEN FREE ASF AVIATION SAFETY COURSES!**

Boost your aviation expertise with no-cost online courses available through the **AOPA Air Safety Foundation Online Safety Center**. Each 20-45-minute course offers not only a handsome graduation certificate attesting to your increased aviation knowledge, but also **FAA Wings** safety program credit. ASF safety materials are without charge and available to all pilots because of donations from individuals and companies interested in promoting general aviation safety research and education. For complete information, go to <http://www.avweb.com/sponsors/aopa/asf/avflash>.



Dyersville Area Aviation  
104-5<sup>th</sup> St. SE  
Dyersville, Iowa 52040  
[www.dyersvilleairport.com](http://www.dyersvilleairport.com)