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Dyersville Hosts Iowa Fireman Convention



The Dyersville Fire Department hosted the Iowa Convention this month. Above is Jerry Koch's 60 acre field which was used for the camp ground and convention activities.



Tom Lueck flew Fred Lansing's new helicopter to Dyersville. That day we had as many copters here as we had airplanes.

Fred purchased this copter years ago and Tom and Fred have been restoring it for years.

Bern Heimoss returned to Dyersville to spend a few days flying around Eastern Iowa.



Bern is retired from the fire service in California and has been spending a month every summer flying from California to Pennsylvania and multiple points throughout the midwest. Dyersville has been one of his stops every year. This year he based in Dyersville for four days and he and Dave Kramer flew around eastern Iowa and southwest Wisconsin visiting small towns via their airport. Checkout – www.vintageflying.com





Pilots from the past

Jack (John E.) Keane enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in July 1951. He became a Naval Aviator and was commissioned 2nd /Lt in 1953. Jack served as a land based and carrier based jet pilot in two Marine Corps fighter squadrons. In 1956 he instructed jet instruments and jet tactics in Naval Air Advanced Training Command, Corpus Christi, TX . In 1958 he transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve and served in various capacities including operations officer and executive officer of a reserve jet squadron. Jack served in the active reserve until 1967 when he transferred to

inactive duty with the rank of Major. He accumulated 500 hrs in conventional and 2,000 hrs in jet aircraft.

Jack came back to Dyersville in 1958 while flying in the reserve and was instrumental in influencing many young men to consider flying. Jack flew out of Dyersville when the airport was along Heritage Trail next to Lumber Specialties. Jack worked for Merle Leigh's pipeline business based in Council Bluff, Iowa. He flew to work every week. Among the planes he flew was the infamous "Star of Poland", a 1953 Cessna 172. Because of the high use of the airport, lights were installed along the runway and Jack was the first pilot to land at night with the runway lights.



Jack landing at night in the "Star of Poland"

Jim Leigh co-piloted the flight.



There to welcome the first flight were Bob Wilhelm, Breeze Wessels, Larry Kramer, Ron March and Vern Kramer.

Three local pilots are here today because of Jack, they are Jerry Renk, Jack Kreeb and yours truly Dave Kramer. Thank you Jack.





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