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## May is a busy month at the airport

Mother's Day weekend brought several planes into the area. Seven or eight planes were in and out of the airport. One of the pilots was Joe Langel, son of Mel and Doris Langel. Joe earned his license a few

months ago and lives in the Minneapolis area. Joe was able to leave his home, come to Dyersville for Mother's Day and be back home that evening without driving 10 hours.



*Mel, Doris and Joe Langel*

Don Mensen bought his family home from Carroll, Iowa for Mother's Day. Don and his Piper Archer are frequent visitors to the airport. Airplanes on the runway seemed to attract planes in the air. Below a Cessna 140 with father and son stopped in to visit. And bottom right, Bill and Doris Barnes came to visit. Bill and Doris are two of the original investors in the airport when it was built and took part in our original campout over fifteen years ago.





Bob Rogers from Dubuque checks out a Pietenpol open cockpit. Bob looks like he could have been a WWI Fighter Pilot. The Peitenpol is a 1929 design.



Bill Fitch and Nick Hirsh, co owners of the plane, look on and wait their turn to take to the air with the plane.



Fred Lansing, Bill and Doris Barnes sit back enjoy the day.

## Dyersville Commercial Club Park



## Another Airplane will take to the Air



Dan Mickleson, State of Iowa FAA Inspector has given Randy Schuster the OK to fly the plane he built and presented him with the "flight worthy certificate". Randy has been a pilot for 40 years and decided to build a Challenger Airplane. He will have many hours of good flying.

## Events Calendar 2012

Jan – Dec	Buffet Lunch every Friday	Noon	Iola, WI (68C)
June 3	Flight Breakfast	7 – 11	Washington, IA (AWG)
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June 16	Flight Breakfast	8-Noon	Cassville, WI (C74)
June 17	Flight Breakfast	7-12:30	Mineral Point, WI (MRJ)
June 17	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Maquoketa, IA (OQW)
June 24	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Wells, MN (68Y)
July 8	Flight Breakfast	7-1	Platteville, WI (PVB)
July 22	Flight Breakfast	7-12:30	Preston MN (FKA)
July 23-29	Air Venture		Oshkosh, WI
July 25-26	International 150-152 Fly In		Clinton, IA (CWI)
Aug 5	Flight Breakfast	7:30-Noon	Cresco, IA (CJJ)
Aug 19	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Monticello, IA (MXO)
Aug 19	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Monona, IA (7C3)
Aug 26	Flight Breakfast	7-12:30	Iowa City, Ia (IOW)
Sept 1-2	Air Show		Davenport, Ia.
Sept 30	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Boscobel, WI (OVS)

### Actual exchanges between pilots and control towers

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight.

While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked,

"What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

## Top This One For A Speeding Ticket in Kingsville , TX



Two Texas Highway Patrol Officers were conducting speeding enforcement on Hwy 77, just south of Kingsville , TX.

One of the officers was using a hand held radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the town of Kingsville . The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 miles per hour and climbing.

The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and then it suddenly turned off.

Just then a deafening roar over the Mesquite tree tops on Hwy 77 revealed that the radar had in fact, locked on to a USMC F/A-18 Hornet which was engaged in a low flying exercise near this, it's Naval Air home base location in Kingsville TX.

Back at the Texas Highway Patrol Headquarters in Corpus Christi the Patrol Captain fired off a complaint to the US Naval Base Commander in Kingsville for shutting down his equipment.

The reply came back in true **USMC** style:

"Thank you for your letter....

You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked on to, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down.

Furthermore, an Air-to-Ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked on to your equipment's location.



Fortunately, the Marine Pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position on the side of Hwy 77, south of Kingsville

The pilot suggests you cover your mouths when swearing at them, since the video systems on these jets are very high tech.

Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left rear molar. It appears the filling is loose. Also, the snap is broken on his holster."

Semper Fi

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