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Model Fly In Draws a crowd again this year.



Although the day started out wet, the planes were able to fly under an overcast sky for several hours. The airshow was wonderful for all ages. The lawn chairs came out along with the coolers and the show began. We saw models of WWII planes like the C47, FU4 Corsair, the Bird Dog Cessna used to spotting for artillery, crop dusters, WWI Bi Plane and many stunt planes. There were demonstrations of formation flying and pilot skills. The show had to come to an end about 5:00 pm when the rain moved in again.





Jim Olberding enjoys the show.

Pilot gets the crop duster to perform



Pilots Craig Kramer and Mark Schmitz enjoy the flying models.



.Phil DeShaw and Bill Burger visit with Bill Barnes who flew his Piper Archer for the show. If they gave a prize for the biggest plane brought in, Bill would have won with the Archer.



Lauren Kramer mans the registration table for the models plane drawing



Visitors thru the month



Bruce Beecroft of Sioux Falls, SD made a stop in Dyersville while flying from Pittsburgh, PA to Tea, SD (Y-14). Five years ago Bruce took the Iowa DOT challenge to visit every airport in Iowa. He landed in Dyersville and said it was the nicest grass strip in the state. "It's the kind of field this plane is made for. I had to land here on our rest stop."

The plane is a 1942 Waco UPF-7. It was the 35th to last plane built and it celebrated its 70th birthday on Aug. 8, (the day after it left Dyersville). It's powered by a 220 hp Continental engine, has 130 hours since being rebuilt and 1850 hrs. total time.



Harry Kinsle of Anamosa dropped in to reprogram his GPS. He was enroute from his home field on his farm to Wisconsin with his grandson.



Just when we thought the aerial application was over for the year another spray plane came in for a couple of days. Klinkenburg Aerial Sprayers landed rigged for seeding. Tri County FS had them seed oats, rye and Ground Hog Radish. When I asked about the radish they said it will break up the soil. The radish gets over a foot long and an inch or two around. This winter when it dies it will leave a hole to loosen the soil and the radish will fertilize the soil.

When I saw the “ground crew” between flights, I thought, “I can do that”. So I joined them. I like that kind of job.



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