



# Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

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

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Due to the snow and cooold weather, nothing has happened at the airport. Craig Kramer had to stop plowing the snow after the third time. We had pilots call us to see if the airport was open but had to tell them not to fly in. Although it might have been possible to land, we want to error on the side of safety.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade



Don Mensen, airport manager from Carroll, Iowa brought his airplane barrels to Dyersville so we could have a float and advertise the airport. Luke Kramer was chief pilot on the bright green tractor and the Flyers little league team were the pilots in the airplanes. It was another cold day but everyone enjoyed the parade. Within an hour after the parade, it began to snow. We got about 2 inches. Good thing the snow waited, the planes and pilots were not certified in IFR (instrument flight rules).



Thanks Don for the work you went through to bring the planes to Dyersville.




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### Events Calendar 2014

March 24	Air Safety Seminar	7-9 pm	Cedar Rapids Clarion Hotel
April 8	Flt Breakfast	7-11	Webster City IA
April 26	Flt Breakfast	7-11	Ames, IA
June 1	Flt Breakfast	8-12	Juneau, WI (UNU)
June 20-22	Davenport Airshow		Davenport, IA
July 4	Flt Breakfast	7-11	Iowa Falls, IA
July 28-Aug 3	EAA Airventure		Oshkosh, WI

## Local Pilots – Pat Rooney



My first flight was with my uncle and my dad and he landed in a field somewhere around Dyersville. (Not an airfield) Watching Jack Keane come down 8th Ave with his plane was always exciting. But the single biggest thing was when Coach Timmerman sent football films to the Academy and they recruited me to play football.

I never played football, just practiced long enough to hurt, but I got to stay and I got the chance to fly.

I hated pilot training to start with as I thought I was going to throw up. Then I settled in, soloed and I loved it. After 22 years Air Force I flew one year with an Air Force contractor and then got hired with Delta.

After two years I was a captain and then 911 hit and I went back to being a copilot, which I still am, but I am very senior flying the trips I want, mostly to Europe.

I have also started my retirement job and with my two partners we are operating a flight school and managing the airport in Lancaster Ohio. I plan to fly as long as I can get a medical.



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## Military Humor

**During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel "Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside. "Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys. "Yours is."**



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