



# Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

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It has been an unbelievable two months. The activity at the airport has slowed down – but our endeavor has not. As many of you have heard, the airport came up for sale. I remembered what my mother told me over the years, “*David, be careful what you pray for, it may come true.*” Well, Dennis Thier called us and said, “The airport property is for sale and the airport supporters have the first chance to buy it”. I thought, “Wonderful! Finally we can have a permanent airport”.



Then the next thought was, “Wow, where do we get the money to buy it”. Dyersville has lost two airports because the property was rented then sold. I thought, if we don’t step up and buy the land, we will lose our third airport and this mode of transportation could be lost to Dyersville forever. We have an excellent functioning airport and have many pilots that have said Dyersville has one of the finest grass strips they have ever landed on. Where else can you land at a place where airplanes and ballplayers come out of the corn?

We are putting together a group of people that know the value of an airport and will buy stock to pay down the debt. Hope fully, the airport will be able to buy the stock back over a period of years and the airport will be managed by a board voted in by the stockholders. Anyone interested???. If so, we will be having organizational meeting. We would like any suggestions and help. Call 319 875-8590 or email [djkramer@hotmail.com](mailto:djkramer@hotmail.com)



The 2016 calendars are now being printed as we need them. My HP 3600 has been humming and spitting out calendars. The topic of this year's calendar is the progress of the community and the enjoyment of the airport. Anyone interested in a calendar can call 563 875-8590, pay the postage or a small donation to the airport and see a part of the history of Dyersville.

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### Airline Announcements

- Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas on a particularly windy and bumpy day: During the final approach, the Captain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, 'Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo ... Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!'
- Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City. The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, 'That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt.'



**Local Pilot is author of an article in the December issue of the EAA Sport Pilot.**

On a flight from Dyersville, IA to Charlotte, NC, Craig Kramer had done all the procedures to have a safe and comfortable flight. When checking weather and the NOTAMS one item was left out of the NOTAMS - - the fact that his scheduled fuel stop airport was closed due to runway work. The winds came up and the fuel burn was more than expected. When announcing he was on final, the airport manager keyed the radio and told Craig the airport was closed. No NOTAMS and no message on AWOS to let him know. Because of low fuel Craig declared an emergency and landed. Once on the ground, FAA (always there to help) had to be notified. Craig was interviewed, the airplane checked, etc, for three hours. Once all the facts were verified, Craig was commended for his actions and the FAA asked him to send his story to EAA and AOPA in the hopes of making other pilots aware of better fuel management.



Craig's story was published in the December issue of EAA Sport Pilot.



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*



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