



# Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

*Where Ball Players and Airplanes come out of the Corn*

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## First Plane to land in 2017



On January 1, 2017, Joe Langel was the first plane to land here in 2017. Joe flew to Dyersville from Minneapolis to visit family. Joe is the son of Mel and Doris Langel and has flown to Dyersville many times.

Because of the efforts of Phil DeShaw, the airport is open this winter. Phil brought his tractor and blower and cleared the runway. Hopefully we won't get a ton of snow

which would close us down for the winter.

Thanks to Keith McCarraher for setting up our web site, [www.dyersvilleairport.com](http://www.dyersvilleairport.com), to display the 2017 newsletters, photos and calendar.

## The Airport has a new owner

As of February 1, the airport has a new owner. A group of aviation enthusiasts formed Vine Road Aviation and purchased the land. The new owners are pilots, business people and people that love aviation and see the value of an airport.

The name came from the location of the airport is on Vine Road. The airport is still known as Dyersville Area Aviation. In the past, rent went to BARD Materials, but now will be rented from Vine Road Aviation.

If anyone would like to be part of this and be one of the owners of the airport, stock is available. Contact Dave Kramer 563 590-0558 for the particulars. There is also land available for future hangars or a small airport business.



The property purchased is the green runway, hangar area and the 80 ft strip of ground on each side of the runway. (outlined in red)

### Aviation 101

A thunderstorm is never as bad on the inside as it appears on the outside. It's worse.  
Things which do you no good in aviation: Altitude above you. Runway behind you. Fuel in the truck. Half a second ago. Approach plates in the car. The airspeed you don't have.  
Speed is life, altitude is life insurance. No one has ever collided with the sky.  
The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.



The FAA will soon launch its thirty-ninth annual **General Aviation and Part 135 Activity Survey**. Pilots who receive a postcard invitation to participate are strongly encouraged to do so because the confidential data collected offers the only source of information on the GA fleet and activity.

The GA Survey helps determine infrastructure funding and service needs, assess regulatory changes, and measure aviation safety. The survey also is used to prepare safety statistics and calculate the rate of accidents among GA aircraft.

Pilots who are invited to participate can complete the survey online or receive a survey form in the mail along with a postage-paid envelope.

Tetra Tech, the independent research firm conducting the GA Survey for the FAA, urges invited pilots to respond, even if you did not fly your aircraft during 2016, you sold it, or the aircraft was damaged.

Responses are confidential, with the information to be used only for statistical purposes. It will not be published or released in any form that would identify an individual participant.

Previous years' survey results are available on the [FAA's website](#). For more information contact Tetra Tech toll-free at 800/826-1797 or by [email](#).



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