



# Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

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### Airport has a classic visitor



This month I was at the airport getting ready for winter when I heard a “putt – putt” circle the airport. I looked up and there was Bill Fitch and his Pietenpol “Air Camper”. Bill circled and landed to have a cup of coffee. Notice the open cockpit. This is not a

plane to fly in the winter - - unless you have a mail contract and neither hail, snow, rain or cold would stop you.



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Bill Fitch owns and normally flies a Cessna 172. Earlier this year he and Nick Hirsch (both of Dubuque) bought this Pietenpol for recreational flying. It is a early 1920 design with an open cockpit. The perfect airplane for a grass runway.

### Highlights of 2011



Local pilots, airport neighbors and passersby got to see Marine One while it spent two hours at the airport.

We met the staff and pilots of Marine One and the maintenance crew that accompanies it.

Ron Radloff and Fred Lansing had the honor of refueling the President's Helicopter.

Although it was a fun day, there were two armed guards in flack jackets present and told us we should stay away from the satellite communication set up to the right of the nose of Marine One.



The crew gave tours of the accompanying helicopter and let everyone walk through it and try the cockpit on for size. (Fred could fly it – but they wouldn't let him)

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## Events being scheduled for 2012



The Iowa Pilots Assn and the EAA Chapter 327 should be having one of their meeting here. We are working to have a Young Eagles Flight day for children between the age of 8 and 18. The Flying Farmers want to fly to Dyersville for a meeting in April and the American Barnstormers are arranging to come in late August or early September. This is being scheduled around the annual fly-in of the Antique Aircraft Association in Blakesburg, Iowa.

Photo - Clay Adams, president of the American Barnstormers, flying his 1929 Travel Air 4000. Check them out on their website.

The 2012 Airport Calendars are available in limited supply. If anyone is interested in having one contact Dave Kramer [djkramer@hotmail.com](mailto:djkramer@hotmail.com).



*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year*





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