



# Airport News

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Dyersville Area Aviation

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

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A lot of activity at the airport



Tym Theisen prepares his airplane for flight while Craig Kramer makes the finishing rounds on the mower. The seven acres of runway must be cut every six days this spring. While cutting the grass, the person mowing and the model pilots must be aware of planes in the pattern for landing. This week, three planes landed while the grass was being cut.



You can never start too young in aviation. Maybe someday Tym's son, David will move on to an aviation career.



**Every now and then it is good to look back at the airport's roots and see why and how it was conceived built.**

### **What is the airport?**

The airport is a Non Profit Corporation organized to build and maintain an airport. It is a grass strip 2700 feet long and 120 ft wide for any single engine airplane to land. **It serves community needs for business, recreation and education.**

### **Why was it built?**

1. The airport was built to encourage industry with airplanes to consider Dyersville for relocation
2. To introduce aviation to young people who may consider aviation as a career or hobby.
3. For the benefit of pilots already living in the Dyersville area

### **How was it built?**

A group wanted to bring Dyersville into the 20th Century mode of transportation – (after covered wagon, stage coach, train, car and now air) Aviation.. Clancy Fangman, Breeze Wessels, Fred Lansing, Carl Johnson and Dave Kramer formed the Non Profit Corporation. Thirty shares of stock were sold to individuals and businesses to rent land from BARD Concrete. The City of Dyersville helped financially to grade the land to the proper grade.

### **How is the airport maintained**

The people interested in the airport volunteer their time and equipment to seed, cut grass and paint. Over the years, the same people have donated time and money to mark the runway with airport cones. Then a private hangar was built. When electricity was brought to the property, runway lights were added for night landings. The City then became involved with the airport to make it a public use airport.

### **How many airplanes are based here**

Four Airplanes – A Cessna 172, Ercoupe 415 C, Challenger and a Cessna 150.

### **Usage Yearly**

1. We have visitors flying here to visit family and friends.
2. There have been many business flights.
3. Crop Dusting
4. Flight training flights

### **FYI**

Since the airport was built (16 Years) more than 10 people have become pilots and several are presently in training. Three pilots have gone on to make aviation their career. And a flying club was started by seven local pilots.

**The Dyersville airport has always been more than a “place for pilots to play”  
It has brought the photo editor of the Smithsonian Aviation Museum (2007) and the Presidential Helicopter, Marine One (2011)**

## Events Calendar 2012

Jan – Dec	Buffet Lunch every Friday		Noon Iola, WI (68C)
April 28	Flight Breakfast	7-11	Webster City, IA (EBS)
May 20	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Tri-County WI (LNR) Spring Green WI
June 3	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Reedsburg, WI (C35)
June 16	Flight Breakfast	8-Noon	Cassville, WI (C74)
June 17	Flight Breakfast	7-12:30	Mineral Point, WI (MRJ)
June 17	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Maquoketa, IA (OQW)
June 24	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Wells, MN (68Y)
July 8	Flight Breakfast	7-1	Platteville, WI (PVB)
July 23-29	Air Venture		Oshkosh, WI
July 25-26	International 150-152 Fly In		Clinton, IA (CWI)
Aug 5	Flight Breakfast	7:30-Noon	Cresco, IA (CJJ)
Aug 19	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Monticello, IA (MXO)
Aug 19	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Monona, IA (7C3)
Aug 26	Flight Breakfast	7-12:30	Iowa City, Ia (IOW)
Sept 1-2	Air Show		Davenport, Ia.
Sept 30	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Boscobel, WI (OVS)





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