



**JUNE 2003**

# NavCom

News and Information for the Gwinnett County Chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association  
Chapter 690 Meets in Hangar #1 of the Sport Aviation Complex at Briscoe Field, 690 Airport Road, Lawrenceville, GA

## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Airplane Wash Planned for July 5<sup>th</sup> - Your Help is Needed!**

*By Joel Levine*

We need 4 volunteers to serve as "Team Captains" at the Annual Airplane Wash on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Also needed, at least 12 volunteer "Crew Members" to join in washing the planes. It is definitely a fun way to raise money for the Chapter! The kids have especially enjoyed past washes - they're hot and wet - so dress accordingly or bring a change of clothes. The chapter provides the soap, water and manpower - the sun does the drying!

Reservations are not required but they are recommended for plane owners who want to have their planes washed. Early RSVPs will help in the planning. Last year we had to turn a couple of late arrivals away - we just couldn't do all of the planes with the crews on hand!

Please let me know by e-mail: [jlevine@akorn.net](mailto:jlevine@akorn.net) or call 770-394-5466 if you can help out, and/or to reserve a wash slot for your plane.

Single Engine - \$30

Twin Engine - \$45 (Up to 4 Place)

Larger Planes - Will Quote - and Haggle

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** Help continue a fun Chapter 690 tradition.

## **EAA NAMES MORE "50 FLAGS TO KITTY HAWK" PILOTS**

EAA and the National Park Service - partners in EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk program, presented by Ford Motor Company, announced today that eight additional EAA-member pilots have been chosen to represent their states in EAA's "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" initiative, celebrating the achievements of the Wright brothers and 100 years of powered flight. With these latest selections, there are 26 EAA member pilots chosen to participate in the "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" program.

The pilots will fly their respective state flag to the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kitty Hawk, N.C., on a day of their choice prior to December 1, 2003. Each pilot will also carry a proclamation from that state's Governor declaring the day of their flight "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk Day" for their respective state.

Upon arriving in Kitty Hawk, each pilot will be welcomed by the National Park Service, take part in official welcoming ceremonies, after which the flag of their respective state will be raised and flown throughout the day at the National Memorial. At year's end, the 50 flags delivered will be used in the creation of a permanent EAA/NPS "50 Flags to Kitty Hawk" display at the site.

## **June 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Program TBA**

Come early for the Hangar Flying - Stay late to talk about EAA Chapter 690's programs, projects and aviation with other chapter members and guests. The program for the evening will be announced on the web-site [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org) and via Joel's chapter NOTAMs.

Enjoy the camaraderie before the meeting - Join the group that gathers around 6:30 for dinner at Valentino's!

## **NavComs Now Available On-Line**

If you haven't visited the chapter web-site lately, it's well worth the time to check-out Mike Stewart's innovations at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org). Register as a user and you will have the option to "download." You can get any issue of this year's NavCom - and we're working on posting last year's issues also.



## Recent Chapter 690 Scenes

Photos by Frank Wilcox



⇐ Dave Ostergaard demonstrates his pancake flipping prowess as Mike North looks on at the chapter's combined 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and Wings Weekend Pancake Breakfast.

⇒ Bill Ferguson, Charlie McCormick and a partially hidden Duane Huff are checking the progress on the rebuilding of one of the New Standard's wings. The project is coming along nicely.



⇐ Russell Goutierez' presentation "Off the Airways: Oddities of Airline History" entertained and informed the audience after the May 9<sup>th</sup> business meeting.

**Monthly Pancake Breakfast**  
**EAA Chapter 690**  
**Lawrenceville Airport**  
**8:00 to 10:30 AM**



*first Saturday*

**Free Programs Start  
at 10:30 A.M.**

- **July 5** – Annual Airplane Wash
- **August 2** – Why is Aviation Insurance So Different?
- **Sept. 6** – What Makes Round Engines Go Round
- **Oct. 4** – Have You Forgotten Your Dead Reckoning?
- **Nov. 1** – Flying Start
- **Dec. 6** – Using the Flight Advisor System as a Resource

Watch here for more aviation programs or events scheduled for our First Saturday of the Month Pancake Breakfasts.

## Rare Lindbergh Exhibit Coming To Museum For EAA AirVenture 2003

A celebrated exhibit highlighting famed aviator Charles Lindbergh will be a major part of the EAA AirVenture Museum's special events schedule during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2003. The exhibit, created by the Missouri Historical Society, is the largest, most ambitious and comprehensive effort established to honor the first person to make a solo, non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Lindbergh's journey made him an instant hero and created unprecedented worldwide interest in aviation.

"This exhibit, the largest temporary exhibit we're brought to Oshkosh in the museum's 20-year history, draws upon Charles Lindbergh's personal collection, as well as historical artifacts," said Adam Smith, EAA AirVenture Museum Director. "During EAA AirVenture, the thousands of aviation enthusiasts who come to Oshkosh will be fascinated by this look at the man and his flight that changed his life and ours. It is a wonderful addition to EAA's celebration of 100 years of powered flight."

Items from the 1927 trans-Atlantic trip, other personal artifacts and those from his wife, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and his family will be included. The exhibit will arrive in Oshkosh in mid-July as part of its national tour and will be on display throughout EAA AirVenture. Museum admission is included with AirVenture passes.



## The NavCom

The NavCom is the official monthly newsletter of EAA Chapter 690, serving its members and other persons interested in the advancement of Aviation.

Original articles, art and photos are invited and welcome. Submit articles in Word 97 or ASCII format and pictures in jpeg, tif or bitmap format via e-mail to: [lnor@akorn.net](mailto:lnor@akorn.net)

Deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month, unless otherwise announced. **The deadline for the July 2003 NavCom is Friday, June 20th.**

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## The President's Pitch

By Duane Huff



May has been a slow month for the number of Chapter 690 activities. We will have a Young Eagles rally on May 31. The restoration of the wings for the New Standard is progressing slowly but surely. The wing walk area was completed this past week. Remaining to do list is: pitot tubes, trailing edge, inspection and then cover. During the covering process, it is hoped that work could be on some Saturdays when others can observe or even help.

Sign up sheets are on a clipboard on the bulletin board for volunteers at SERFI. If you plan to go and help, please sign up. Any help will be appreciated and you will have a good time at the Fly-In.

Plans are progressing well for our Greater Atlanta Fly-In, (GAFI). Volunteers will be needed to help complete the plans for the Fly-In on September 20th. Let's make this Fly-In the best ever for the chapter.

What do you do with your aviation magazines? Sport Aviation, AOPA

Pilot, Vintage, etc. If you do not plan to keep them, please don't throw them away. Put them to good use advertising for chapter 690. There are labels at the hangar that you simply stick to the magazine and then leave it at a doctor's office, barber shop, flight school, library, or any place that could use up-to-date good reading material. Pick up some labels next time you're at a meeting or pancake breakfast.

At the June meeting the additions to the By-Laws were approved by the members. It is my sincere hope that we will never have to use them. Common courtesy practice by all will keep us from having to use these additions. Chapter 690 is a hard working, friendly chapter and we have diligently tried to provide activities varied enough so that everyone can participate. Continue to remember that we are in this to have fun, food, fellowship, and flying. This reminds me, our next Friendship Flights will be at the Post Oshkosh Bash on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August.

Keep Em Flying

## Young Eagles Passes 900,000 Milestone

By Debi Huffman



On Thursday morning, May 15, EAA's Young Eagles office announced that Young Eagle No. 900,000 had been officially entered into the world's largest logbook. He is Michael Baker of Paden, Oklahoma, and he received his flight May 3 during an EAA Chapter flight rally at Prague Municipal Airport (OK19) in Prague, Oklahoma. The pilot was David Ames, EAA 439967, Young Eagle Coordinator for Chapter 1098, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

"I'm thrilled to death about that," Ames said when informed of the milestone. Coincidentally, Ames had just sent a packet off to the EAA Young Eagles office containing the names of 27 more new Young Eagles. "900,000! Well, we're over that hump, we just need another 100,000 and we'll reach the goal of 1 million" ...

EAA 690 just added another 26 to that number Saturday, May 31. It was a beautiful, if windy day. The kids had a great time, as did the volunteers. Pilots brave enough to face the wind: Mike Stewart, Duane Huff, Dale Spence, Frank Settle and Rick Gullett. Load Masters were Bill Ferguson, Charlie McCormick and Greg Jannakos. Jeannie Ferguson printed the certificates and helped with registration with Bonnie McCormick and Debi Huffman. Thank you Volunteers!



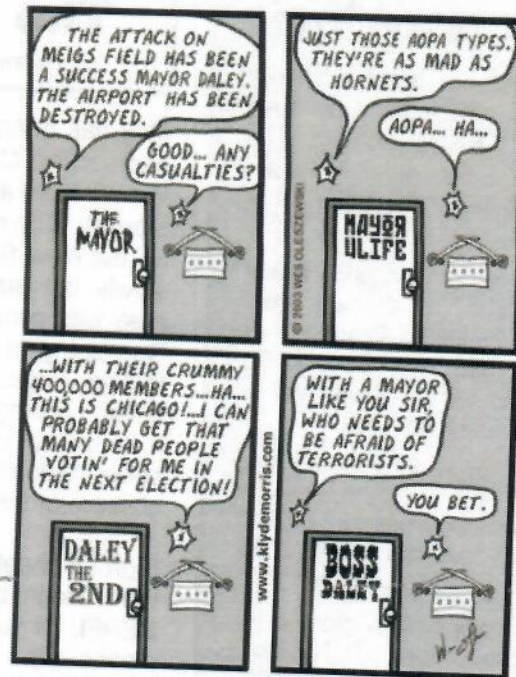
## MEIGS BATTLE HAS UPS AND DOWNS

Following on the heels of AOPA's highly publicized press conference last week proposing a "buy-out" plan to save Meigs Field, there were major legal setbacks. First, a state court last Friday dismissed a lawsuit against the City of Chicago by airport advocacy group Friends of Meigs. That dismissal also removed a temporary restraining order prohibiting the city from further damaging the airport. As soon as that decision was issued, AOPA attorneys marched into federal court seeking a restraining order in its case against the city. That suit involved violations of federal aviation regulations. But federal judge James Moran noted that the FAA had had AOPA's complaint for 53 days and had not done anything to reopen the airport, nor was it likely to. He denied the request to issue a restraining order. But late that evening the Illinois appellate court granted a stay on the Friends of Meigs' suit, protecting the airport until June 4. "We knew from the beginning that the legal actions had only a limited chance of succeeding," said AOPA President Phil Boyer, "but AOPA members across the nation have made it very clear that no measure should be spared to save this iconic airport."

### ...BUT THERE ARE SOME BRIGHT SPOTS

Despite the legal setbacks, AOPA is still winning the public relations battle. The Chicago media have given great coverage to the AOPA plan, including stories in the major Chicago newspapers, on TV, and a long write-up in the influential business publication, Crain's Chicago Business. AOPA capitalized on congressional outrage over Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's actions by lobbying for legislation that would severely punish any official who unilaterally destroys an airport. Known informally as the "Meigs Legacy Amendment," the proposed amendment would require a 30-day advance notice to the FAA before closing an airport. Any agency that doesn't comply with that law could be fined \$10,000 for each day that an airport remains closed without having given the required notice. "In the long term, regardless of what happens to Chicago's lakefront airport, pilots will have gained substantial new tools to protect other airports," Boyer said.

Klyde Morris - by Wes Oleszewsk (From AOPA Online)



## A Pilot's Letter To His Great-Grandkids (Continued from Page 8)

Wright, Lindy (Charles Lindbergh), Butch O'Hare and a couple of other guys were sitting on the old hangar bench, their elbows on their knees and faces in their hands. Just like that drawing of Abraham Lincoln when John F. Kennedy was shot. Old Mayor Daley senior was standing there with his hat in his hand, shrugging his shoulders in apology. It is important to remember they weren't sad because an airport closed. It was because what happened was un-American.

The next morning it was April Fool's Day, but this was no joke. The mayor violated federal air regulations and the trust of this country's aviation community.

Democracy means self-government. You vote for a candidate you believe will do a good job for you. Beware, some have their own agenda. In this case, the mayor got 78 percent of a very small vote. Nothing to be proud of.

So when election time comes, vote, even if you know your candidate might lose. Otherwise the winner gets a big head. History shows that's how dictators are born.

Len Kmiecek  
Oak Lawn

## 6/1/03: Illinois Legislature Passes O'Hare Bill without Meigs, Peotone

Yesterday, the Illinois House passed H.B.721, the O'Hare Expansion Act, without taking up measures to reconstitute the regional plan for airport capacity agreed to by Gov. Ryan and Mayor Daley in December, 2001.

"We are disappointed the Legislature did not consider adding Meigs and Peotone, the missing elements of the plan," said Rachel Goodstein, president of the Friends of

Meigs Field. "Today's vote was their opportunity to make things right... they failed in that mission."

The issue was hotly debated in the House for over two hours, and Meigs Field figured prominently in the debate, drawing much praise, and no criticism. Yet, when the votes were counted, the measure passed by 84-31 margin.



## 2003 Centennial of Flight Lecture Series at



156 Heaton Park Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30307



The year 2003 marks a full century since the Wright brothers' first powered flight. To recognize this milestone in the history of civilization, the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission has organized a national celebration.

Fernbank Science Center, along with the local aerospace industry and aerospace enthusiasts throughout Georgia, proudly hosts a series of special events throughout 2003. All are open to the public and free of charge.

The Fernbank Science Center Centennial of Flight Lecture Series is scheduled for the Planetarium Theatre on Fridays (unless otherwise noted) from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. There will be a reception and opportunity to meet the speakers afterwards. Call 404-378-4311 or visit the web-site <http://fsc.fernbank.edu> for details. **NOTE: The listing below includes the latest event and program changes known as of 6-3-03.**

### June 6

Nothing "General" About  
General Aviation  
Sam Lyons

### June 14 - Saturday

PDK Neighbor Day

### June 20

Media Aviators  
Scott Slade, Miles O'Brien, Dave  
Hirschman, Dan Ronan, Steve  
Craig, David Lee, & Jack Barker

### July 11

Legacy of Apollo  
NASA Astronaut

### July 18

NASA Spinoffs:  
From Space Into Your Home  
Jim Gerard

### August 1

Careers: What's Out There For  
You?

### August 9-10 - Saturday - Sunday

(Saturday - Silent Auction)  
Incredible Age of Aviation Air Show  
at Atlanta Motor Speedway

### August 15

EAA - The Dream of Eagles:  
Vintage Warbirds  
Aerobatics Homebuilts  
Seaplanes Ultralights  
Kids Programs

Paul Poberezny  
Air Academy Kids

### August 29

100 Years of Aviation History Right  
Here in Georgia

### September 5

The Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Airforce in WWII  
Robert Powell and Panel

### September 6-7

Great Georgia Air Show, Peachtree  
City

### September 9 - Tuesday

Film: "Last Reunion, Mighty 8<sup>th</sup>  
Airforce"  
Bob Powell

### September 19

Owning Your Own Airplane

### September 20

EAA 690's GAFI Fly-In at LZU

## Centennial of Flight Plans An Evening with the Media

By Debi Huffman

Don't miss your favorite media personalities at Fernbank on June 20 in Celebration of the Centennial of Flight. I bet you only thought you knew these familiar personalities: Scott Slade, Miles O'Brien, Steve Craig, David Lee, Dave Hirschman, Dan Ronan and Jack Barker. Come out and meet them all as they share their aviation experiences and passions.

The event is free at the Fernbank Science Center Planetarium, with plenty of free parking. It begins at 6:30 p.m. with time for refreshments and to meet the speakers afterward.

Come and bring your family and friends. There are lots of good places to have dinner in Decatur afterward!

## Let's Show Paul Poberezny What Southern Hospitality is All About

EAA Chapter 690 VP, Aeronautics Instructor at Fernbank, Private Pilot and primary mover behind Georgia's Centennial of Flight celebration, Debi Huffman has worked her magic again.

EAA founder Paul Poberezny is coming to Atlanta to present a program entitled "EAA - The Dream of Eagles" at the Fernbank Science Center as part of the year-long lecture series. This is a marvelous opportunity to hear Paul and to show him how much we appreciate all that he's done for General Aviation. After the free program in the Planetarium, attendees can meet Paul at the reception upstairs.

Let's take this occasion to welcome Paul to Atlanta with a large turn-out of EAAers, and to demonstrate that we are thrilled to have a chance to welcome him to Atlanta.



## Welcome New Members

We're so glad you joined us!

Burt Carlisle

Burton Carlisle

Michele & Rick Gullett

Let's make them feel welcome!

## LOST - and Not Yet Found

During this year's Wings Weekend, a Yaesu (Vertex Standard) VXA-700 handheld transceiver was misplaced.

If you have knowledge of its whereabouts, please let Terry or Sue Adams know at 770-616-1806 or e-mail: msadams@mindspring.com.

## Classifieds

Ads run for 3 months. If you would like to continue the ad for an additional 3 months you must request it through the editor by e-mail, snail mail or phone call. This limit is set to keep the ads current and effective. Ads will be dated with month and year at the time of submission or renewal.

## SONEX Stuff -

Plans, Spar cap extrusions, Titanium gear legs, Assorted extrusions for longerons and other parts. VW engines converted and parts to build another 2180cc, 3 total. Deep discounts.

David Posey  
770.442.0988 home  
678.640.9671 mobile  
112 Timber Ridge Court  
Woodstock, GA 30188

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## Aircraft Lot for Sale

2 1/2 acre Hanger-only lot for sale at Spring Valley Air Park, 6GA4. Air park is approx. 3 miles south of Loganville off of Hwy. 81. Runway property is 3700 ft. with 2400 ft. currently usable. County water and electricity are available at the front of the lot but not connected. \$18,900.

Contact: Mark Napier (day) 770-236-6980 (evening) 770-682-3725  
3/03

## 1/3 Share available for Cessna 172-M @ PDK

Based at PDK. \$18,000

Contact John or Scott for details @ 404-365-3578

4/03

## Chapter 690 Minutes 5-9-03

The meeting was opened with Duane Huff presiding.

The first order of business was to elect a Secretary to fill the vacated position. Being the only candidate in attendance, Patrick Bell was elected... thanks Frank!

Accepted minutes from the Board of Directors meeting.

Heard from committee chairmen regarding various and ongoing activities of the chapter.

Old business included a motion to amend the Bylaws of the chapter with Article XIV. After a lively debate, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

As this is my first opportunity to serve in this capacity for any organization, I'll figure out what I need to report going forward.

The meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Bell

## Changes - Changes - Changes

Patrick Bell has been elected Chapter 690 Secretary to complete the current term. His contact information is: e-mail [pbell@answerthink.com](mailto:pbell@answerthink.com) and home phone 770-931-1211.

Duane and Tess Huff have moved. Their new address is 1017 Gunter Circle, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 and their new telephone number is 770-962-3117.

# Happy Fathers Day!



## TWO POLES, ONE PILOT, ONE ENGINE

Lots of pilots, including Polly Vacher, have followed the sun on around-the-world jaunts. But the 59-year-old British pilot is doing it the hard way this time around. On May 6 she took off from Birmingham trying to become the first person to circumnavigate the globe solo over both poles in a single-engine aircraft. You can read her diary online. She and her Piper Dakota will cover 35,000 miles and touch down in 30 countries over the next 8 months as she tries to raise money for her favorite charity.

Two years ago she raised more than \$250,000 during an around-the-world flight for the British charity called Flying Scholarships for the Disabled. A pilot since 1994, Vacher has previously raised money by performing skydives. She hopes to be in California by July for an extensive tour of the US. She'll travel from Washington to Maryland, returning to California in Sept. along a route from Florida through Arizona. Then she'll conquer the South Pole and head back to England, via New Zealand, Australia, and the Far East. Follow her flight on (<http://www.worldwings.org/index.htm>). While her goal is to raise money for the British scholarship, she insists that money raised in a country that has their own scholarship stay in that country, and we do have such a charity in the US. Check out [www.wheelchairaviators.org](http://www.wheelchairaviators.org).

*Editors Note: Thanks to Diane Earhart for the heads-up about this flight.*

## Update on The Pavilion & Plans of The First Flight Centennial Organization



*Photo of late stages of construction of Pavilion.*

Festivities were held to celebrate the First Flight Centennial Pavilion ribbon-cutting on Wednesday, May 21 at the Wright Brothers National Memorial.

It is hoped that the 20,000 square foot semi-permanent facility will inspire and educate at least 4 million visitors over the next five years. To be a part of history in the making at the First Flight Centennial Celebration, become a member of the Centennial Circle and be an honored guest at the 100th anniversary of flight. To join this limited membership, request a membership application by mail (Post Office Box 80337, Raleigh, NC 27623, or for more information: contact Julie Ketner Rigby at 919/715-1362 or by e-mail at: [info@firstflightcentennial.org](mailto:info@firstflightcentennial.org).

## ANNUAL HANGAR DANCE

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

**7 PM - 12 AM • MUSIC STARTS AT 8 PM**

Location - on the South Side of Briscoe Field  
510 Briscoe Blvd. - Hangar 8  
Same Building as Flying Machine Restaurant



Featuring the Fabulous Big Band Sounds of  
**The Atlanta Blue Notes**

Coffee, "Pop" & Desserts

*Military & '40s Attire Encouraged  
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**\$45/Couple, \$25/Single (At the Door)**

Make Checks Payable to EAA 690  
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% Dave & Jeannie Ostergaard  
2595 Kirkstone Drive  
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For Additional Info:  
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Leave Message At:  
770-339-0804

### Mark your calendars -

Make your plans now to attend two  
Chapter 690 events  
coming your way this fall



**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Gwinnett County Briscoe Field (LZU)  
Lawrenceville, GA

Antiques → Warbirds → Homebuilts  
Exhibits → Entertainment  
Refreshments → Airplane Rides  
→ Fly-By Demonstration →



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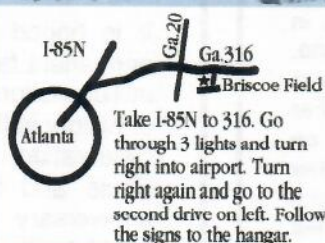
## Come Join Us!

**Regular monthly meetings** — On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month (except for August's Post Oshkosh Bash). In the Chapter Building at 8:00 p.m. Hangar flying before & after!

**Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Program or Activity** — On the 1st Saturday of every month, in the Chapter Building.

Breakfast served 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Free programs start at 10:30 a.m.**



### JUNE MEETING -

**Friday, June 13, 2003 at 8:00PM**

**Program - TBA**

Join our members who dine together at Valentino's before the meeting at about 6:30 p.m.

**Visit the EAA 690 Web-Site at [www.eaa690.org](http://www.eaa690.org)**



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Monday, June 2, 2003

### A Pilot's Letter To His Great-Grandkids

An open letter from a 76-year-old professional pilot to his great-grandchildren.

Dear Matthew, Kira and Alyssa,

At 6, 2 and 1, you are barely old enough to read, but I may not be here when you can, and I felt you need this lesson in democracy, which you will be able to understand later when you really need it.

It is ironic and sad that during the war with Iraq in 2003, the only destruction in this country was done by Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley, after dark, when he destroyed an airport without giving the people the benefit of due process.

Had there really been a terrorist or Iraqi strike here,

Meigs Field could have been used for ambulance, police and fire services and medical evacuation and supply. A while back, the mayor asked the military to move out of O'Hare airport to Rockford 80 miles away. He also neglected to do anything about the U.S. Coast Guard move to Ludington, Mich., across the lake when at least their chopper could have been based at Meigs.

As Iraqi supporters of Saddam Hussein carried posters, "Democracy is Hypocrisy," the mayor helped prove their point. Anywhere else, what he did would be called an act of sabotage and people would have been jailed. But it seems the country of Illinois, with a puppet as its governor, is becoming a dictatorship with Chicago as its capital. Baghdad West?

Land grabs for O'Hare, the North-South Corridor, telephone monopolies, and casino talks have all suddenly become signs of increasing totalitarianism.

The night of March 30, the mayor decided to celebrate the 100th anniversary of aviation by destroying an airport. He wants to build yet another park, supposedly for the people, whether they want it or not. They already have 552 parks, most of them in bad shape.

The next night, I dreamed that Orville Wright, Wilbur

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