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Hello and Welcome to another News Flash from the
AirCentre News Desk at Archerfield in Queensland

WARNING

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This News Flash is intended for those persons
who have a pilot licence or have held a pilot's
licence, light aircraft owners or past owners of
aircraft and others who have a genuine interest
in the well being and betterment of light aircraft
and general aviation industry here in Australia.

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this message NOW. Failure to do so may offend as
some of the content strongly supports light aircraft
and aviation in general and may inadvertently offend
those not qualified in aviation aspects.

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This issue is released along with Week Four of the AirCentre
News Digest for May 2003 and it is the first Issue for 2003.

I have been constantly reminded of late of my "duty(?)" to
inform you of specific aviation based news by having some
members re-registering, as well as a number of new members
joining the ranks who will receive this "Flash" for the
first time.

The reduction of what used to be a "regular" issue of the
News Flash has been brought about by excessive e-mail "junk"
circulating around the 'net at the moment making mass mail
outs, as in this message for example, part of "junk mail"
mentality which I would like to think it's not associated.

News Desk research has established that if there is an email
address on a public accessible web page then a search engine
"spider" will be on to it in a matter of days and someone,
somewhere, will start the process of sending you junk mail.

Records here indicate the practice is widespread and that
"junk mail" originates from all parts of the globe, the UK
and east coast USA the most prolific. IT marketing groups
behind this folly and looking for the quick buck, will in
the end, destroy what is now a perfectly good low cost
communication system.

Whilst thinking of the word destroy or better still,
"destruction", you are no doubt aware of the disastrous
event in the USA wherein Chicago's Mayor Daley ordered the
midnight carve-up of downtown Meigs airfield's main
(there's only one) runway. Aviators from around the world
were horrified and USA's AOPA have taken up the legal
fight for repair of the runway and to have the airport
reopened. It has not been achieved to date.

The real and deeper thoughts behind the mayor's actions
strike a nerve in the rosewood grain of the News Desk.
It's the "destructive" bit that stands out, and it's
happening all around the world. What on earth has happened
to our "constructive" side?

...has that been destroyed as well?

One thing for sure that has not been "destroyed" is the spirit of OZ light aircraft pilots who over the years have had to contend with ever-changing Rules, unwarranted Restrictions, poor outdated Regulations and increasing airspace procedures and Restraints (the 4 R's). Why we don't educate (the 3 R's) rather than regulate appears to be beyond the mind-set of our bureaucracy.

Aviation is still being "committed" by those persons who enjoy the pleasure of piloting a light aircraft and are doing so at a level of safety which has to be the best ever recorded.

Proof of this new emerging safety record is in the recorded past history and available for your viewing via the AirCentre News Digest's archived pages.

Very recent "past history" is recorded in Week Four, a new hangar is now under construction at Archerfield for QLD Rescue and other articles, don't forget to go have a look.

If there is any item you may be aware of and that may be of interest to aviators contact the News Desk. No guarantee or warranty is implied on or about it's publication!

May your tail-wind be greater than 10kts to and from your destination..

..if not, fly low!

Don Martinez at the News Desk Archerfield

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