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The dawn of a new era and enhanced safety at CEA.

GOODBYE TO 60 YEAR OLD HANGARS AT CHICAGO EXECUTIVE

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After serving Chicago Executive Airport aviators (Formerly Palwaukee Municipal) for over 60 years, the four 1940's era hangar buildings were demolished, with fanfare, last week.

The quonset-style " T " hangars, built in 1946, were designed to house the small private aircraft that dominated the airfield during its early years, long before the facility became the economic power house it is today.

"As strange as it may seem to us today, says airport manager Dennis Rouleau, these hangars were once state-of-the-art . Over time, they became a challenge as their general condition deteriorated and their location became increasingly problematic as our runways and taxi-ways were improved."

Mr. Rouleau, who over the last decade, has overseen the many substantial improvements and expansive growth of the facility, continued by saying, "The removal and





Manager Dennis Rouleau says farewell with mixed emotions.



CEA Board Vice Chairman Kolssak greets Al Palicki.



President Abruscato and Mayor Vole



The last sunrise after almost 60 years.



Rough shape inside and out!



Two old-timers reminiscing about the "good old days".

replacement of these derelict buildings is yet another positive step we are taking to further enhance safe operations here at Chicago Executive."

As a result of the efforts of CEA Chairman, E. Allan Engelhardt, in cooperation with the trustees from both the Village of Wheeling, the City of Prospect Heights and through the efforts of airport manager Rouleau, new "T" hangars are nearing completion on the northeast quadrant of the airport.

Ownership of this or any airport by two municipalities is highly unusual", according to airport spokesman Michael Stanard. "The level of cooperation at Chicago Executive is extraordinary. It's what has allowed the facility to grow and become the third busiest airport in Illinois. Chicago Executive is now one of the most important business airports in the Nation and a critical economic engine serving the entire region."

Demolition ceremonies were marked

by the attendance of Village of Wheeling President Judy Abruscato, City of Prospect Heights Mayor Dolly Vole, CEA Chairman E. Allan Engelhardt, CEA Manager Dennis Rouleau, Wheeling Trustee Ken Brady, CEA Vice Chairman David Kolssak, CEA Intern Sable Omes-Sombke, Al Palicki of Signature Flight Support, Jeremy Linke from CMT Engineering, Rich Tibbits Prospect Heights Treasurer, members of the airport ground crew and the Curran Contracting demolition team.

