



# The Rebel Speaks

## GOVERNMENT ANTAGONIST AND HUGENOT

To Aviators everywhere: My sorrow for two of your own and respect for what you do! If not for your kind, our people would never have been as great a people as we are! All of the dangerous frontiers of flight that aviators have braved and the magnificent rewards we have received from their courage cannot now be short changed by those who want to run and hide at the slightest noise. Those who have no courage and are afraid of what goes bump in the night and want to put restrictions on air shows.

Do you think what these poor little people *really* want is to restrict everything in our lives until no one can even go outside unless you hear the “all clear” siren— letting us know it is safe to come out? The dangerous cloud has moved out of sight and the piece of sky it was sighted in is not expected to fall immediately. \Maybe we should restrict chicken little from holding any kind of official or political office, not to mention anyone who stands in the way of freedom. You know, every time you leave the safety of your home, you risk everything: your life, your liberty, your freedom.

The chance of something like what happened in Reno happening again is 100,000 times less than getting nailed by an idiot on the highway! Every one of the planes at Reno are built safer than a Mercedes because of strict Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) regulations and specifications. Unlike your car, these pilots are evaluated and re-evaluated and so are the planes they fly.

Imagine if the Department of Transportation (DOT) decided that you and your vehicle go through an inspection – and you re-evaluated – by a DOT agent every 6 months to a year. Your car has to have a complete overhaul and inspection every one thousand hours. Well, that is what happens with these planes! It costs the owners an astronomical amount of cash to keep one of these craft in the air. Does anyone remember inspection stickers on your car? It was just a few years ago... made everyone mad and caused nothing but mis-

ery for those doing the inspections. But then, that is what government in the hands of “Twits” does – makes us all mad and miserable.

So, what’s a little more misery for all the little people? As far as I am concerned, there is nothing more sleek and wondrous as a beautiful air craft, except maybe Rachael Welch! Or, my wife! Gotta be careful boys, almost got myself in trouble! Well, you say, how about a Ferrari? It is beautiful, but it can’t take us into space or engage a high altitude enemy air craft at mach speeds! So, I say to you chickens out there... “ Go home and hide in your little chicken coops and get out of the way of courage.” The kind of courage it takes to land a plane full of passengers on the Hudson River! The kind of courage it takes to be strapped into a seat on the nose of a

rocket about to lift off into the abyss of space. The courage it takes to stand on a steel girder 35 stories off the ground, so you can have a nice air conditioned office with a view. We need more courageous people and less political cowardice.

Well, time to ride. A Rebel’s job is never done! Work to do! Work to do!

To pilots everywhere, I salute you! My heart goes out to all who lost their lives in Reno and Virginia.

See you on the bridge!

P.S. My father braved being a crew member on a B-24 bomber. My father-in-law protected this country by flying ground support, “on the deck” with bullets and shrapnel bouncing off the fuselage of his F-80. These are the types of courageous people we need leading this country! Not the cowards and usurpers now in control! How about it, Mr. Inhofe? You are an aviator! Are you going to stand your ground? After all, you own an antique plane!

In tribute to those  
that fly, braving  
the threat of death,  
or fly to save those  
that they can.

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