

Aviation in Chicago: A Timeline of Michael Haupt's Contributions



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Michael Haupt is a pioneer in the aviation industry, having made significant contributions to the development of Chicago's aviation infrastructure and the growth of the city's aviation industry. This article provides a detailed timeline of Haupt's key achievements and their impact on the city of Chicago and the broader aviation landscape.

Early Years and Education

Michael Haupt was born in 1926 in Chicago, Illinois. He developed a passion for aviation at a young age, and after graduating from high school, he attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he earned a degree in aeronautical engineering.

Career at the Chicago Department of Aviation

In 1952, Haupt joined the Chicago Department of Aviation as an engineer. He quickly rose through the ranks, and in 1960, he was appointed Commissioner of the Department, a position he held for 20 years.

During his tenure as Commissioner, Haupt oversaw the development and expansion of Chicago's two major airports, O'Hare International Airport and Midway International Airport. He also played a key role in the development of the city's aviation master plan, which set the stage for the future growth of the aviation industry in Chicago.

O'Hare International Airport

Under Haupt's leadership, O'Hare International Airport underwent a major expansion and modernization program. In 1962, he oversaw the opening of the airport's new Terminal 3, which was the largest airport terminal in the world at the time.

Haupt also played a key role in the development of O'Hare's cargo facilities. In 1974, he oversaw the opening of the O'Hare International Cargo Center, which was one of the largest and most modern cargo facilities in the world.

Midway International Airport

Haupt also played a key role in the development of Midway International Airport. In 1978, he oversaw the opening of the airport's new Terminal 2, which was designed to handle the growing demand for air travel in the city.

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Cargo Center, which was one of the largest and most modern cargo facilities in the world.

Boeing 747

Haupt was also a key figure in the development of the Boeing 747 jumbo jet. In 1966, he worked with Boeing to develop the specifications for the aircraft. He also played a key role in the marketing and sales of the aircraft, and he was instrumental in securing orders from major airlines around the world.

United Airlines and American Airlines

Haupt was also a key figure in the development of United Airlines and American Airlines. He served on the board of directors of both airlines, and he played a key role in their growth and development.

Haupt was also a strong advocate for the deregulation of the airline industry. In 1978, he helped to lead the effort to pass the Airline Deregulation Act, which led to the creation of a more competitive and efficient airline industry.

Legacy

Michael Haupt's contributions to the aviation industry are immeasurable. He was a visionary leader who helped to shape the future of aviation in Chicago and around the world.

Haupt's legacy will continue to inspire generations of aviation professionals. He will be remembered as one of the most important figures in the history of aviation.



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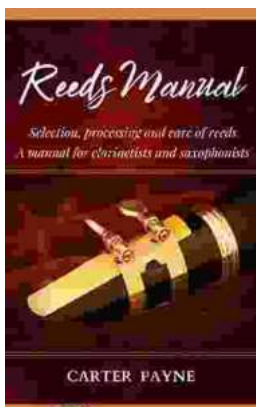
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