

Dear people at Helsinki-Malmi,

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Once again I am very sorry that I cannot be with you on this special day I dreamt of since I got invited last year. I would be glad if we would have another opportunity to meet up during the airshow in August!

When I landed in Helsinki 29 years ago coming straight from Bergen/Norway I had only one wish: I wished for that this flight would never find an end since I was about to set course to Moscow, a destination I didn't know at that time I would ever reach!!!

Helsinki was the last bastion of the then called "free world" and I realized that if I really would decide to spread my wings and to head southeast to Moscow I would fly straight into the heart of what former US President Ronald Reagan has called the "realm of evil".

Therefore, Helsinki appeared to me like a heaven on earth and the tower at Malmi airport like a beacon of freedom in a sea of slavery!

After I departed on May 28th leaving behind the free world, focusing on what might will happen, I wished for going back to what I know my heart rather than only by thoughts or wish. 29 years have passed since I dared to fly to....to noone was heading to unless he was out of his mind!

Since then the world has changed its face. A new world order was established that left behind its cuts and bruises of World War 2, becoming a much more friendly place than it was in 1987, providing our kids with a soil soaked with peace and understanding.

Malmi airport was an important mile stone on my way to Moscow, the source of peace, that if it would get vanished would not only be very sad but a great loss to freedom since aviation is a unique envoy to peace.

I wish all of you a wonderful day, perfect weather and a bright future for Malmi Airport!

The very best,

Mathias Rust

