

THIS GUY'S THE LIMIT™

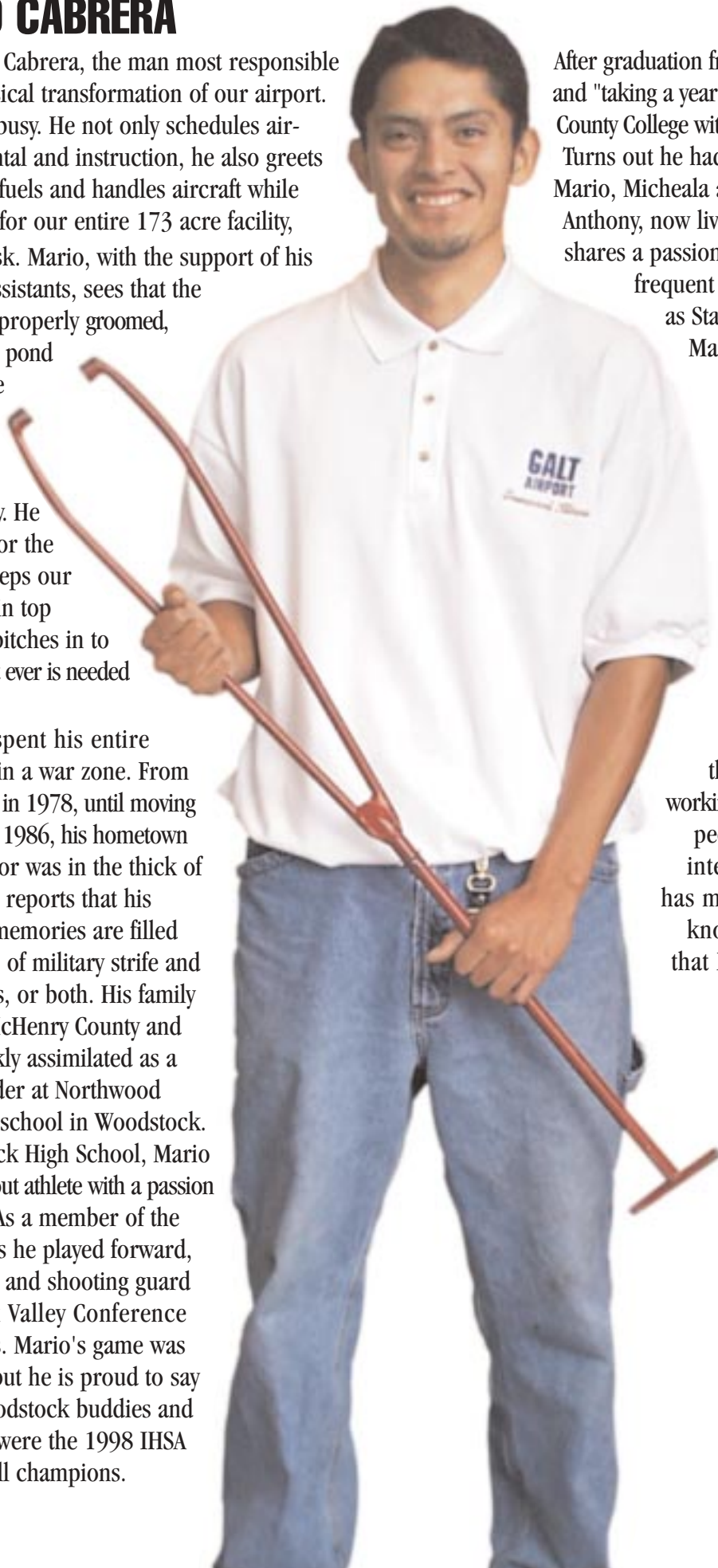
MARIO CABRERA

Meet Mario Cabrera, the man most responsible for the physical transformation of our airport. This guy is busy. He not only schedules aircraft for rental and instruction, he also greets customers, fuels and handles aircraft while also caring for our entire 173 acre facility, no small task. Mario, with the support of his part-time assistants, sees that the property is properly groomed, including the pond area and the 240,000 square foot north/south grass runway. He also cares for the hangars, keeps our equipment in top shape and pitches in to handle what ever is needed and wanted.

Mario spent his entire childhood in a war zone. From his birthday, in 1978, until moving to the U.S in 1986, his hometown in El Salvador was in the thick of it all. Mario reports that his childhood memories are filled with images of military strife and earthquakes, or both. His family moved to McHenry County and Mario quickly assimilated as a second grader at Northwood Elementary school in Woodstock. At Woodstock High School, Mario was a standout athlete with a passion for hoops. As a member of the Blue Streaks he played forward, point guard and shooting guard against Fox Valley Conference competitors. Mario's game was basketball but he is proud to say that his Woodstock buddies and classmates were the 1998 IHSA state football champions.

After graduation from Woodstock High School, and "taking a year off", Mario entered McHenry County College with an eye on a science degree. Turns out he had his eye on Micheala Engel. Mario, Micheala and their 17 month old son, Anthony, now live in Woodstock. The couple shares a passion for the outdoors and make frequent camping trips to areas such as Starved Rock and Devil's Lake.

Mario and Micheala have plans to travel more, following a recent inspiring trip to the Pacific Northwest. Mario joined the Galt Airport staff in mid January, in the midst of the demanding winter work clearing snow and handling aircraft in temperatures decidedly different than his native El Salvador. Behind his quiet manner, Mario Cabrera is a thoughtful, dependable, hard working man. Like most soft spoken people, Mario is retrospective, interested in many things and has much to say once you get to know him. We are glad to say that Mario is an important part of the Galt Airport family.



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