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KUDOS, FRONTIERS

What a great issue you put out in July. It was the best one I’ve seen. Every article is interesting. You had a great cover and cover story, and terrific photos and illustrations—especially the “chalkboard” explanation of Share-Value Trust. Thanks for clearing up a few points!

—Mary Chavrat, Bellevue, Wash.

DEGREES OF DIVERSITY?

I am writing because I am very disappointed in the cover story of the June 2008 issue of Boeing Frontiers. The article “Degree of success” features seven employees who have continued their education through the Learning Together Program. Of these seven employees, I did not see one African-American, Asian-American or Hispanic employee featured. The featured employees appear to be mostly Caucasian male employees.

Boeing is about diversity. But this article falls short of reinforcing the diverse group of employees at Boeing who have received degrees with the help of the Learning Together Program.

I am African American and I obtained my degrees thanks to Learning Together. I work with and know of many other employees of various ethnic groups that have also earned higher degrees using Learning Together. Also featuring one female employee and six males is not cool either!

—Mitzi Bowman, Long Beach, Calif.

REMEMBERING THE 707

Regarding the July 2008 article on the first delivery of the 707: I was a member of the first Boeing Customer Engineering Group and was responsible for 707 customers Pan American Airways and several other airlines. The first production 707 was my airplane in Engineering. I was responsible for assuring it met all FAA and Pan Am requirements. The rollout of the initial 707 was witnessed by seven people—five with Pan Am and two with Boeing. I was one of the latter. The only special identification was a sign attached to the nose saying the airplane was the first Boeing 707 and was for Pan Am.

Letters guidelines

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I represented Engineering at the delivery process, which covered three very memorable days. I have the only 707 photo signed on Aug. 15, 1958, by Boeing and Pan Am officials, including Charles Lindbergh, a consultant to Pan Am. During my Boeing career, I had the pleasure of working closely with Pan Am from the Stratocruiser through the supersonic programs. Pan Am was one of the world’s best.

—Sid Weiner, Mercer Island, Wash.

CORRECTIONS

- The caption on Page 28 of June 2008 issue misidentified the location of the radome being replaced. The correct location is Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands.

CALENDAR

Aug. 12–14: 29th National Aerospace FOD (Foreign Object Damage or Foreign Object Debris) Prevention Conference. Las Vegas, Nev. See www.nafpi.com

Aug. 23–26: 2008 Air Carriers Purchasing Conference. Chicago. See www.acpc.com

Sept. 9–11: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics’ Space 2008 Conference and Exhibition. San Diego. See www.aiaa.org/content.cfm?pageid=230&lumeetingid=1872

Sept. 9–11: World Airline Entertainment Association 29th Annual Conference & Exhibition. Long Beach, Calif. See www.waea.org/events/conference/2008

Sept. 15–17: Cargo Facts 2008. Miami. See www.cargofacts.com

Sept. 17–21: Africa Aerospace and Defence Exhibition. Cape Town, South Africa. See www.aadexpo.co.za

Sept. 23: Aviation Week Green Aviation forum. Madrid, Spain. See www.aviationweek.com/forums/greenmain.htm

Oct. 1–5: Japan International Aerospace Exhibition 2008. Yokohama, Japan. See www.japanaerospace.jp

Oct. 6–8: National Business Aviation Association 61st Annual Meeting & Convention. Orlando, Fla. See www.nbaa.org

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