

# AROUND BOEING

## MAIN-DECK CARGO DOOR INSTALLED ON JAPAN TANKER #1

KC-767 Tanker employees at the Integrated Defense Systems site in Wichita, Kan., installed the main-deck cargo door on the Japan #1 Tanker last month. This marks a major milestone in the modification of the first tanker slated for delivery to the Japan Air Self Defense Force.

Tanker employees removed all cradles and holding fixtures prior to installing the main-deck cargo door. According to Art Burden, 767 operations manager, the airplane is placed on cradles early in the modification sequence to facilitate major structure removals and to prevent the aircraft from moving during modification. The next phase of modification, Burden said, is finalizing systems and electrical installations, to allow power-on and hangar operations.

## AIR NEW ZEALAND SIGNS ON FOR NEW SERVICE OFFERINGS

Boeing will supply a comprehensive component-exchange program and a separate but interconnected prognostic airplane health monitoring system to Air New Zealand, Boeing said last month.

Boeing's Component Services Program gives airlines fast access to airplane components while significantly reducing costs. By joining this program, Air New Zealand will save up to 30 percent of the inventory, repair and administrative costs on its eight 777-200ERs (Extended Range). These 777s will be monitored by Boeing's Airplane Health Management system, which will also track the airline's eight 747s. AHM provides airlines with real-time mainte-

nance information that can be used to address potential problems before they force airplanes out of service.

## SEA LAUNCH LIFTS KOREASAT #5 TO ORBIT

Sea Launch Company successfully delivered the Koreasat 5 communications satellite to geosynchronous transfer orbit on Aug. 21.

A Zenit-3SL vehicle lifted off from the Odyssey Launch Platform in the equatorial Pacific. All systems performed nominally during the flight, and a ground station in Fucino, Italy, acquired the first signal from the satellite shortly after spacecraft separation.

This launch is the fourth successful mission of 2006 for Sea Launch, whose four international partners include Boeing. Sea Launch has two more missions planned for this year.

## AERO MAGAZINE RETURNING

Boeing Commercial Airplanes is bringing back *Aero* magazine in response to a customer-support survey conducted last year. The publication provides technical information to help customers operate their Boeing fleets efficiently and increase their awareness of Boeing products and services.

The magazine will be published quarterly, beginning in the fourth quarter of 2006, and will be distributed to operators of Boeing commercial airplanes. It also will be available on the World Wide Web. Boeing employees can watch for details in Boeing News Now when the first issue comes out later this month. ■



## Allen Award winners commemorated

The winners of the 2006 William Allen Awards—presented to employees who have made outstanding contributions to their communities through volunteer service—were honored at a July 26 ceremony at Corporate Offices in Chicago. The annual award is named after William Allen, Boeing president from 1945 to 1968. Posing with this year's eight winners were Allen's daughters Dorothy Penrose (front row, left) and Nancy Silvernale (front row, right). Between Penrose and Silvernale is award winner Dennis Cajili, with his pet therapy dog Riley. The other award winners are: (back row, from center to right) Bernie McBryan, Ted Jones, Bob Seiple; (middle row, from far left) Richard Havner, Kelly Lawrence, Thomas Zermeno, Patricia Trout. Winners of the Allen Award, Boeing's highest non-job-related honor, each receive a plaque, a medallion and a \$5,000 donation to the eligible charity of their choice.