

EVENT

Gala Honoring Wong Tsu - A Chinese Aviation Pioneer Of the Boeing Airplane Company

*-The Boeing Company and Chinese American Engineers
Jointly Celebrate the Opening of the Boeing "Red Barn"
Wing of the Museum of Flight in Seattle-*

*And Wong Tsu Exhibition Is in the Early History of
Boeing*

*"Red Barn" is the original wood structure, housed the
Boeing headquarters building and factory and was
painted bright red in 1917. Now is part of the Museum
of Flight*

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It all happened in 1991 when the Boeing Airplane Company (BAC) celebrated its 75th anniversary of this legendary company with tremendous success in the world. Asia market had experienced phenomenal growth with a great future down the road. People at Boeing had remembered a Chinese engineer, Mr. Wong Tsu, who made a definitive contribution in the early days of the Boeing Co. and tried to give him a proper recognition about his service to the company.

After Mr. Wong Tsu left Boeing after the WWII, he devoted all his life in China to start an aircraft industry. In 1949, he came to Taiwan and later became a professor in the Cheng Kung University in Tainan. He passed away in 1965.

In 1991, the Boeing Company established a Wong Tsu Guest Series in Cheng Kung University as a memorial for his service to the Boeing Company, which has never stopped to find ways to honor Wong. In 2004, when Wong Tsu was mentioned in Chinese Institute of Engineers' Annual "Engineer of the Year"



Wong Tsu (Photo at Museum)

banquet by the keynote speaker. Hank Queen, Senior Vice President of Engineering, QA, and Manufacturing, Wong Tsu's legend was spread quickly throughout Boeing.

With the support of the Boeing management, Chinese American Aerospace Engineers Society (SCAAE) initiated to provide Wong Tsu a proper place in the Boeing history and also in the "Red Bam", where he worked almost ninety years age, of the Museum of Flight.

Hank Queen was the major sponsor for Boeing Association of Asian Pacific Americans (BAAPA). Hank knew to put Wong Tsu into the Museum of Flight is the highest priority among all Chinese American Aerospace Engineers Societies. When Hank learned that Museum of Flight had a plan to remodel Red Bam with the Boeing Early Years exhibit and Wong Tsu's Model C airplane is a major part of the exhibit, he contacted Key Donn of the Advisory Council of BAAPA, and arranged a meeting for SCAAE, BBAPA and Museum of Flight to facilitate the

cooperation among these organizations. This got the ball rolling.

On August 22, 2005, a gala evening event was held in the newly constructed "red-bam" gallery in the Seattle Museum of Flight to commemorate the early years of The Boeing Airplane Company. The contribution of Mr. Wong Tsu was honored with a permanent display in the exhibition. More than a hundred people attended the event.

In the theater presentation, Boeing vice presidents and guests from overseas, representing aircraft industries in Taiwan and mainland China and Cheng Kung University, paid their tribute to Wong Tsu. It was mentioned twice that the success of Model-C was the key to the successful growth of Boeing in the early days.

This event is a milestone in Boeing's proud history of its longtime relationship with China and also gives the proper recognition to an aviation pioneer of the Boeing Company.