

The First Boeing 777: Another Great Journey – WA001/ Program Celebration



The first Boeing 777, known referred to as WA001, at its rollout ceremony in Everett, Wash. In April 1994

Follow up

The first Boeing 777, referred to as WA001, made its final landing earlier this year at Arizona's Pima Air & Space Museum -- one of the world's premier aerospace heritage museums -- nearly 25 years since the airplane's first flight.

The best-selling twin engine airplane rolled out of The Boeing Company's Everett, Wash., site April 9, 1994, and two months later



made its maiden flight June 12, 1994. The airplane flew several years of flight testing and flight crew training, *WA001 in Cathay Pacific's livery* before Cathay Pacific purchased WA001 for use in their commercial fleet beginning in 2000 after it completed its flight testing and flight crew training, and flew it for 18 years before arriving at the Pima Air & Space Museum.

To commemorate 25 years of *Working Together* (the program's theme) approximately 150 original 777 program alumni and current Boeing employees gathered at the PIMA museum to see the airplane and to celebrate the program's successful mission of 'people working together to produce the preferred new airplane family.'

WA001/777 Program Celebration Agenda
Pima Air and Space Museum (March 6, 2019: 2 - 4pm)

- Greeting (Phil Condit)
- 767X Becomes 777 (John Roundhill)
- Launch and Working Together Agreement (Phil Condit, Jim Guyette)
- Design/Build Process (Alan Mulally, Lyle Eveland)
- Test and Certification (Ron Ostrowski, John Cashman)
- Customers (Lou Mancini, Barry Gosnold, Pierre Vellay, Peter Gardner)
- 777X and the future (Bob Feldmann)
- Wrap-up and Group Photo (around the airplane) (Alan Mulally, Phil Condit)

Working Together

WA001/777 Program Celebration Agenda from the March 6, 2019 event



Phil Condit opens up the event wearing the same blue 777 football jersey he wore at the program's launch on Oct 15, 1990

Kicking off the event was Phil Condit, who at the time of the program's launch was the 777 vice president and general manager. Condit addressed the group sporting the same blue Boeing 777 football jersey he wore at the program's launch on Oct. 15, 1990.

"Welcome to the celebration of *Working*

Together, an airplane and more than that, an approach to an airplane development where the people *Working Together* approach was changed forever," said Condit. He also discussed the personal impact of Working Together and told the attendees, "This airplane represents the most powerful experience in all our professional lives."

After visiting WA001 out in the hangar, former Boeing 777 leaders and customers spent the next two hours sharing their thoughts and experiences and also heard about the outlook of the 777X. In addition to Condit, other speakers included Jim



Approximately 150 original 777 program "alumni" around current Boeing employees gather around WA001 – now in Cathay Pacific's livery at the Pima Air & Space Museum in March 2019

Guyette, John Roundhill, Alan Mulally, Lyle Eveland, Ron Ostrowski, John Cashman, Lou Mancini, Barry Gosnold, Pierre Vellay, Peter Gardner and Bob Feldmann (see agenda photo below for more details).

"We can all be proud of the success of working together to develop, produce and operate the 777 family," Condit said.

The historic airplane will have many visitors and admirers in the future.

"Everyone here at The Pima Air & Space Museum, is both thrilled and honored to be the final home of one of Aviation's most significant aircraft, Scott Marchand, Executive Director for the Pima Air & Space Museum/Arizona Aerospace Foundation.

"WA001 justifiably ranks as one of the milestones of commercial aviation, like the Boeing 707 and 747, and has set the direction for 21st Century innovation."

According to Marchand, WA001 is a stand out exhibit for their collection and will be preserved and interpreted to aviation fans from around the world for generations to come.

WA001 is currently in the museum preparation area, but will be on display in the near future, representing the fleet of over 1,500 airplanes that continues to change the way the world flies. The 777 family has set the bar for safety, passenger preference, schedule reliability, and economics. The 777 is the world's largest twinjet with more orders, approximately 2,000, than any other widebody airliner.

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Check back next month for photos from the celebration.

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