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Thanks for the B-17

I want to thank you for *Boeing Frontiers* magazine and its high-quality and informative articles. In particular, the Snapshot on Page 7 of your June 2006 issue showing the B-17 flying with a B-52 was touching to me. I served on a B-17 for 35 missions over Germany as a ball turret gunner and wouldn't be here today if not for the sturdy dependability of the Flying Fortress.

—Bob Gilbert Murrieta, Calif.

Now hear this

Regarding the letters in the July issue about the noise of the future workspace: If the noise level is so great that the support folks can't stand it, just think what the employee on the floor has to go through. Maybe these people can get together and design future products that are more livable to work on.

—Bruce Miller Everett, Wash.

How about Huntsville?

After reading the Letter to the Editor in the May issue titled "Don't forget Mesa," I felt moved to mention that I have considered writing you precisely the same message about the work of employees at the Huntsville, Ala., facility.

In 1998 I retired from Boeing Huntsville. I have continually been eager for news about Boeing programs everywhere, and I am always hoping to read about the activities in Huntsville. Although I look forward to receiving *Boeing Frontiers*, I have not dared to hope to read occasional mention of the Huntsville employees who are so highly deserving of recognition in your magazine.

The work of the employees in Huntsville plays an impor-

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tant role in the overall history of Boeing. They work hard on dynamic programs that are vital to the U.S. economy and to Boeing's financial welfare.

—Joanne Martin Scudder Lake City, Colo.

Editors note: Huntsville has a role in many major Boeing programs that receive coverage in Boeing Frontiers. These programs include the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system, PAC-3, Arrow, International Space Station and Future Combat Systems. In addition, Boeing Frontiers profiled Huntsville in its December 2004/January 2005 issue.

Ideal meeting place?

I sure hope the conference room shown being used by the members of the information technology team in Building 73 in St. Louis (June 2006, Page 16) is not an example of the typical or ideal meeting

room of the future. The lighting is all wrong to see the projected material. The projector is too close to the screen. The screen is too close to the end of the table, making attendees crank their necks 90 degrees to see the material (that is, if they didn't bring their own laptop computers to be able to see the material, apparently). There are wires all over the table. And for at least those on the right, they can't move without others having to get up and move and make room.

—Scott Lee Renton, Wash.

Watch those wetlands

Regarding a 787 program global partner's new facility in South Carolina (June 2006, Page 13): I own 1,100 acres of forested wetlands in Maine, and I highly value wetlands and the creatures that live there. I am happy that a global partner has built a new world-class production facility. But I strongly object to news stories that convey enthusiasm for filling wetlands to build the new production facility. There should have been a message about wetland reclamation that explained how new wetlands were created to balance those that were filled. This is more in line with what I expect from The Boeing Company.

> —Bryan Wells Bangor, Maine

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