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ACES WILD

I enjoyed the article “Ace in the hole” about the Minuteman program in your November 2008 edition. However, I noticed you left out a significant contributor to the Minuteman program.

At the time I was employed in the Range Safety Office at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The Boeing team on site at Vandenberg played a major role in the testing of the Minuteman missile system and subsequent deployment of the program.

I don't recall any other sites that executed silo based launches as extensively as were conducted at Vandenberg. The

support teams were not only on site at Vandenberg but throughout the Western Test Range. This system, along with the Titan, Atlas, and Thor Delta, were major programs being developed and tested at that time.

The Minuteman program accomplished some major milestones during the time of their testing at these facilities. Perhaps in the future you could do an article on this phase of both the Minuteman and Delta programs led by Boeing and McDonnell Douglas respectively.

Keep up the good work with *Frontiers!*

—Victor E. Jarc
Surprise, Ariz.

CALENDAR /

2009 /

Jan. 21–22: MRO Middle East 2009 Conference & Exhibition. Dubai, United Arab Emirates. See www.aviationweek.com/conferences/mmemain.htm

Feb. 11–12: Asian Business Aviation Conference & Exhibition. Hong Kong. See www.abace.aero

Feb. 11–15: Aero India. Bangalore, India. www.aeroindia.in

Feb. 22–26: IDEX 2009. This biennial Middle East defense conference and exhibition is taking place for the ninth time. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. See www.idex2009.com

March 10–15: Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition. Geelong, Australia. See www.airshow.net.au

March 11–12: Defense Technology & Requirements. Washington, D.C. See www.aviationweek.com/conferences/dtarmain.htm

March 15–17: ISTAT (International Society of Transport Aircraft Trading) 26th Annual Conference. Scottsdale, Ariz. See www.istat.org

March 31–April 2: Aircraft Interiors Expo. Hamburg, Germany. See www.aircraftinteriors-expo.com

April 7–9: Air Cargo Management Group's 5th Annual Air Cargo, Express & Freighter Aircraft Workshop. Seattle. See www.cargofacts.com

May 6–7: Airline Purchasing Expo 2009. London. See www.aviationindustrygroup.com

June 15–21: Paris Air Show. Paris. See www.paris-air-show.com

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