Site Prior to Construction - September 1941
The founding of the Renton Site:
The Death of the Lone Ranger and the Kansas City Connection
Ground Breaking and Construction

- Ground Breaking by the Austin Company – Sept. 2, 1941
- Boeing employees move in – April 1, 1942
The Boeing XPPB-1 Sea Ranger

“The Lone Ranger”
The Kansas City Connection: North American Aviation PBJ Mitchell bombers
Renton gets an Airfield
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Completed Renton Site

- Air Force Plant 20
the Arsenal of Democracy:

Building the B-29 Superfortress
The First production airplane to fly from Renton

- December 30, 1943
B-29 Final Assembly Renton 4-20 building

- 1,119 built at Renton  Peak production: 160 built in July 1945
B-29 Assembly

- Boeing Rosie the Riveters in the 4-21
The Superfortress Factory
V-E Day at Renton – May 8, 1945
History of the Boeing Renton Site

After the War
After the War

Storage of 89 US Navy Flying Boats for NAS Sand Point
After the War – the Circus comes to Boeing
C-97A First Flight, June 16, 1949
Birthplace of Flying Boom Tankers: 1950 - 1951

116 B-29s converted to KB-29Ps on the assembly line at Renton.
TB-50H Production

- 24 built between September 1952 and March 1953
- Fastest Boeing piston bomber - top speed of 418MPH
World’s First Tanker Production Line – KC-97

888 Built
C/KC-97  World’s First Production Tanker
Birthplace of the Jet Age
KC-135 Stratotanker: The World’s First Successful Jet Transport

Rollout – July 18, 1956

First Flight – Aug. 31, 1956
KC-135: World’s first Jet Tanker Production Line
KC-135: Last Delivery

January 12, 1965

820 built
The 707: The World’s First Successful Commercial Jet
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720 and Other Unique Birds
The Last 707

- French Air Force E-3F rollout – March 1991
The 727
The Last 727 Leaves Renton - 1984

Last delivery – Sept. 18, 1984

1,832 built
Mass expansion
# Renton Expands 1957 - 59

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Renton Expands 1962

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- Boeing buys Plant 20 from USAF
Renton Expands 1966 - 1967

- 4-81, -82
Renton expands 1966 -1967

Employees Christen New Final Assembly Railroad

Gerry Hess, flight line mechanic, Sharon Cramblett, statistician in personnel, and Walter Beard, planning supervisor in mockup, solemnly christened the company’s new locomotive at ceremonies held at the Commercial Airplane Division in Renton last Saturday.

Hess held a bucket filled with Lake Washington and company drinking fountain water. Sharon dipped out some of the water and splashed it on the engine. Beard led the others in saying, “From now on you will be called the ‘Little Toot’.”

Looking on were the employees’ families, Gordon McConville, general foreman of the Austin Company, and George Fulton, senior facilities engineer.

The three employees submitted the same name for the locomotive in a Boeing News contest and the judges selected their entries as the winners. The locomotive hauls materials from the main railroad lines to the construction area.

The engine was painted white with the name “Little Toot” and “The Boeing and Lake Washington Railroad” in red on the side. “If the ceremonies are over how about a ride?” suggested Fulton, and the group climbed aboard. “Engineer” McConville rang the bell and tooted the whistle and off they went along the five-eighths of a mile of track.

Fulton told the group that the new building would be as large as 13 football fields and its roof height will be over 113 feet from the ground. After the ride, one of the younger Hess boys who was standing beside the whistle when it sounded said, “It should have been called the big toot.”

Families watch the three employee-winners christen the new locomotive.
Renton expands 1966 - 1967
Renton Expansion 1966-1967

Renton site after expansion – July 1969
First Line in 4-80

- 727 Moves to 4-81  1966
A Wide Body in the home of the Single Aisles
1970s and 1980s a time of Reappraisal and Recovery
The 737 moves to Renton – November 1970

Thompson Site

Renton
The Boeing Shipyard
Boeing Shipyard – USS Pegasus Class PHM
Boeing Shipyard – Boeing Commercial Jetfoil
· Last Rollout, Oct. 2004

1,050 Built
737 Second Generation

- 737-300 Rollout, January 17, 1984
737 Second Generation

737-300, -400 & -500
History of the Boeing Renton Site

To the Present
The Next Generation

737-700NG Rollout, December 8, 1996
Moving to the Lake and Going to the Mall

- Renton Site prior to “Move to the Lake”
The P-8, 70 Years in the Making
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