

AIAA HISTORIC AEROSPACE SITE

NASA/North American/Boeing Industrial Site



Plaque unveiling for the Downey Industrial Site. Left to Right: Tom Messmer, Vice President, IRG; George Muellner, former president, AIAA; and Rick Stephens, Senior Vice President, The Boeing Company.

21 May 2010: The AIAA Historic Aerospace Sites Committee designated the NASA/North American/Boeing Industrial Site in Downey, California as an AIAA Historic Aerospace Site. Its rich history included the companies EMSCO Aircraft, Security Aircraft, Champion Aircraft, Consolidated Vultee, North American Aviation, Rockwell International, and Boeing North American Rockwell. A few of the many air and spacecrafts developed here include the X-15, the Apollo capsule and the Space Shuttle. Over 80 AIAA members and former employees attended the ceremony, which included former AIAA president George Muellner and Boeing Senior Vice President Rick Stephens.