

2024 National Ercoupe Convention

Ottawa, Kansas (KOWI) June 13-16, 2024

FUN FACTS:

1. Cessna and Beech are built in Kansas but so were Aircoupes!

Two executives at Beech Aircraft in Wichita (John Allen and Lee Higdon) felt Beech needed a trainer plane. Both thought the Forney version of the Ercoupe (Aircoupe) fit the bill. Beech didn't. John and Lee believed in the Aircoupe so they bought the Forney. They changed the Forney name to ALON (ALlen / higdON) and built 245 of them only 50 miles north of Beech in McPherson, Kansas. **Welcome home Alon owners!**

2. The twin to Amelia Earhart's airplane is in Atchinson!

Kansas is the Land of Oz and the home of Amelia Earhart. In the [Amelia Earhart Museum](#), we'll see the last Lockheed Electra 10-E restored to be just like Amelia's. Tour the museum and have a box lunch. The March 2024 EAA Sport Aviation magazine has a wonderful story filled with pictures and descriptions of the plane and museum.

3. Know where you can land, buy airplane parts, and fly out?

I do. At [McFarlane's](#). It is a short flight from KOWI. You've probably seen McFarlane and their Sears-sized catalog at Oshosh AirVenture Building C. We get to land on their grass runway and tour the factory.

AND

Something for the GALs: Do you like flowers and gardening better than more airplanes? Tour [Vinland Valley Nursery](#) while others tour McFarlane.

4. Want to see deconstruction and lots of airplane remnants?

At [Dotson International Parts](#) we'll get to see their huge aircraft salvage operation and, if lucky, watch a plane get taken apart.

5. Where's the convention? Ottawa, Kansas

The Airport (**KOWI**) is only 50 miles southwest of Kansas City with hotels only 3 miles away and restaurants an easy walk from the hotels. The FUN Happy Hour, Banquet and Auction is at Ottawa University. The airport has fuel, an FBO, no tower and traffic is west of the runway. Bring tie-downs and don't forget to make traffic pattern calls.

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REGISTRATION: It's time to get registered and plan your trip.
Register on-line or use the mail in the printed form.

STUFF YOU REALLY NEED TO KNOW:

1. Order t-shirts with or without a pocket and Polo-style shirts.
Use Registration Form to order.

***Regular t-shirts are available until the June 1st Registration Deadline

*****POLO Shirts** are available but no orders after a May 15 deadline.

You have been warned.



Polo Shirt
Crest
same as
front of
t-shirt.



2. Preferred Hotel: Holiday Inn Express-Ottawa w/breakfast.
***We have 30 rooms blocked until May 13, 2024 **Don't wait!**
Call 785-521-7009 Select option #3 Our Block code is EOC
3. Donations for the Auction: The club has always solicited donations from businesses but we also appreciate member donated auction-worthy aviation related items. We're raising \$\$ for our Fred E. Weick scholarships fund. Can you help?

**Convention Banner below will be auctioned off.



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We're getting excited: Looking forward to lots of fun!!

Pictures are worth 1,000 words:



Amelia Earhart Museum



McFarlane and their runway



Vinland Valley Nursery



Dodson's Aircraft Salvage



Scarecrow



Ottawa Municipal Airport (KOWI) 4,500' runway, self-service gas, A&P