

Kansas Aviation Museum

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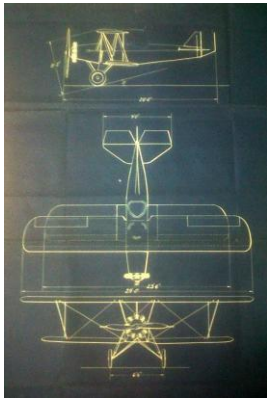
Exhibit Openings

Plane Plans: The Story of Wichita Aviation through Historic Drawings

Exhibit Opening and Open House

March 8, 2011

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



One of the little known secrets of the Kansas Aviation Museum is our voluminous archives. With over two million individual artifacts and/or archival records, the Kansas Aviation Museum has a staggering collection that rivals any air museum across the country.

Included in this collection is a laundry list of incredibly rare, original drawings and blueprints of early, Kansas and Wichita production planes. Many are unaware of the many small companies that sprang up as a result of an infusion of venture capital resulting from oil speculation. But in the twenties, there were some thirty or forty companies building planes in Wichita.

An example of these drawings is pictured to the left, the 1929 Swift Sport, Swift being a company founded by White Castle owner, Walter Anderson. The company built eight of the Sports and then succumbed to the 1929 stock market crash. None were known to exist but Kansas Aviation Museum volunteers found the only remaining parts of one plane and all 29 original blueprints.

Now these drawing along with plans for many other rare Kansas planes will go on exhibit at the Kansas Aviation Museum, along with details of the companies and men who contributed to the development of aviation in Wichita.

The project budget include renovation of the wall on which the exhibit will be hung as well as all research, design, printing and miscilaneous items related to the exhibit.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$5,000

Ressurrection of a Painter: The NRA Paintings of Wichitan Felix Jones

Exhibit Opening and Open House

Thursday, June 7, 2011

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



In 1937, the Exchange Club of Wichita, Kansas commissioned a then local artist by the name of Felix Jones to complete two large-scale paintings that were slated to be hung in the historic downtown Wichita post office. A portion of the money the Exchange Club utilized for this commission was obtained via the National Recovery Administration. Indeed that very acronym appears prominently in one of the paintings. Jones completed the works and submitted them to the Exchange club that same year.

As sometimes happens and for reasons now lost to history, the paintings were never hung in the post office but rather found a home two years later in the historic Wichita Air Terminal, what is now the Kansas Aviation Museum. Then in 1952, with the sale of the historic terminal to the federal government for the purpose of establishing the Air Force base that would become McConnell, the paintings were removed and put into storage, hanging on a wall in the basement of Mid-Continent Terminal outside public view.

There they remained until 2006 when the Wichita Airport Authority contacted Kansas Aviation Museum officials about the possibility of the paintings becoming a part of the museum collection. In the fall of that year, the Kansas Aviation Museum took possession of the paintings. They remain in museum care.

2012 marks the 60th anniversary of the removal of these incredible works from the historic terminal and the Kansas Aviation Museum plans to conserve the paintings and present them on a limited basis so that members of and visitors to our community may partake of their great beauty once again. They will be returning to their original home in the historic air terminal.

The paintings are on a thin form of plywood with a simple wood frame and offer a visual history of the area in dramatic, art deco style. They are, in a word, breathtaking. The project includes renovation of the room in which the paintings will be displayed, special kiosks on which the paintings will be mounted and conservation of the paintings.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$11,800

From a Field of Grass: A Boy's Story of the Stearman Navy Trainer Exhibit Opening and Open House

**Thursday, September 6, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**



As a young boy, Walt House and his friends would play around the oil fields within which their family made a home. Like most oil field workers, House's father lived with his family in a small cottage provided by the company.

As it happened, the oil field where they lived was near the now defunct Navel Air Station that resided about equidistant between Wichita and Hutchinson, Kansas. During WWII, that air station was home to one of aviations most iconic planes: the Stearman Navy Trainer, known in

various forms of the NS designation, usually depending upon the engine size.

The Kansas Aviation Museum holds in its collection the Model 73 NS-1 and now will establish a permanent exhibit that will offer the visitor to the museum the treatment the plane deserves. The story will be told from the perspective of a young boy, playing in the oil fields with his friends and watching as legions of the aviation stalwart floated overhead as part of the pilots navel air training.

The project includes renovation of the space within which the exhibit will be mounted, all informational exhibitry and production of a ten minute video related to the plane and the story of Walt House and his friends.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$7,000

Epic Construction: The Restoration of the Stearman 4D Exhibit Opening and Open House

**Thursday, September 6, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**



One of the most unique features of the Kansas Aviation Museum is our volunteers. A rich mix of aviation specialists, the list of plane restoration experts spans the spectrum from metal workers to mechanics and from welders to aviation engineers.

The Stearman 4D came to the Kansas Aviation Museum in tatters, the frame requiring straightening at the body shops of local purveyor of automobiles and KAM supporter Davis Moore. No drawings could be found. So loyal volunteers used remaining pieces of the plane to scale photographs and from those retrieved measurements used to prepare working drawings. Then they began the laborious process of rebuilding the plane.

Six years in the making, this iconic plane was used by none other than Texaco to puddle jump around oil fields in Kansas and Oklahoma. First known as the Texaco 11, it later was changed to the Texaco 14.

The area in which the plane will be displayed will be staged to take on the appearance of an early, Wichita manufacturing facility with antique tools, wing ribs under construction and the like. The project includes renovation of the space in which the exhibit will be housed and informational signage related to the aircraft.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$10,000

Social & Educational Events/Fundraisers

Starliner Custom Car Show

**Saturday, September 8, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**



For three years now, the Kansas Aviation Museum has hosted Stray Kat Kustoms and their fun-filled brand of custom car show here on the grounds. With over two-hundred custom cars, rock-a-billy music, vendors and fantastic food, this is a great event for the whole family. In addition, where will you ever see custom cars parked under the wings of a B-52 or KC-135?

The event is produced in partnership with Stray Kat Kustoms and all net proceeds benefit the Kansas Aviation Museum. Join us, won't you, for a great fun day of cars and planes at the Kansas Aviation Museum.

Sponsorship Opportunity - \$1,000

18th Annual Kansas Aviation Museum Golf Tournament

Monday, October 1, 2011
8:00am – 3:00pm



Join a host of industry executives for this long-standing and highly successful event to promote the Kansas Aviation Museum and provide invaluable funding that helps us continue our quest to portray and preserve Kansas aviation history. There are great prizes for each entry, breakfast and lunch are included in this event and your sponsorship and/or contribution is tax deductible. Held at Sand Creek Golf Course, this is going to be another stellar year for this event with great competition and lots of good times for all!

Hole Sponsorship - \$250

Team Sponsorship - \$2,000 by May 1st or \$2,500 thereafter

Annual Kansas Aviation Gala

Saturday, November 3, 2011
6:00pm – 9:00 p.m.



This event has become an annual, Wichita aviation icon, with key figures in the aviation community being selected to receive the Kansas Governor's Aviation Honor Award and be inducted into the Kansas Aviation Hall of Fame. This year to be held at Century II, the evening is filled with great food, a guest of honor (TBA) and the awards ceremony. Last year's event was incredibly successful, with Representative Todd Tiahrt as guest of honor and Bonnie Bing as the MC. Join us again in 2012 for a great evening of aviation that will help the KAM achieve its mission of preserving Kansas Aviation History.

Table Sponsorship – \$1000

Corporate Sponsorships – \$2,500, \$5,000, \$10,000 (please inquire for information on sponsor benefits).

Special Projects

Outdoor Airplane Stands – Phase I



In an effort to ease the maintenance and wear of tires for planes displayed outdoors on our ramp, we are planning to place all planes on stands, beginning Phase I with the smaller planes.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$3,000

KAM Penny Press



Everyone loves penny presses and with an impression of the KAM logo, this would prove to be a popular experience for museum patrons and a great source of continuing revenue for the KAM. With a hand crank, it becomes yet another hands-on experience for visitors to the museum as well.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$4,000

Atrium Stenciling Project



With approximately 60% of this project complete, the Atrium ceiling is beginning to take on the appearance of the original terminal. There is much painting to be done however, and volunteers continue to make slow, steady progress. To increase the pace, we must employ professional painters who could finish the project in about two weeks time.

Sponsorship Opportunity - \$6,000

KAM Branded Items for Promotion and Resale



Those who visit the Kansas Aviation Museum constantly request branded items such as patches, pens, coffee cups and the like to take home as souvenirs. In addition, the KAM utilizes such items for promotional purposes to attract attention at trade shows and the like.

Sponsorship Opportunity - \$7,000

Ramp Resurfacing – Phase I



Whole areas of the KAM Ramp are deteriorating and causing restrictions to use of the outdoor space. In preparation for a more complete resurfacing, we plan to cut five inches deep around the perimeter of affected areas, jackhammer out the rubble and refill with concrete. This should provide a good base for the master resurfacing when that project gets under way.

Sponsorship Opportunity - \$10,000

Restoration of the Beech Jet Mentor & Bonanza



With significant amounts of work complete on the Jet Mentor and Bonanza, there is still much left to do. Help us restore these two important planes and Wichita aviation icons.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$15,000

Comprehensive Television Advertising Campaign



Sponsorship Opportunity – \$50,000

Outside Door Restoration



Many of the exterior doors have deteriorated and are in need of repair. Currently, there are eleven doors that need to be replaced with a higher quality hardwood or steel doors.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$44,000

(Put Your Name Here) Education and Archive Center

With the acquisition of land just to the north of the Kansas Aviation Museum and the buildings thereon, we are now poised to move all restoration activities out of the historic air terminal and utilize the space once occupied by those activities to create a comprehensive, climate controlled space to house ALL paper archival materials including photos, books, periodicals and magazines, films, microfish and microfilm and the like.

Sponsorship Opportunity - \$100,000

Restoration Shop Storage Facility



The Kansas Aviation Museum is planning to relocate all current restoration shop activities. With this move, the lowest level of the historic building would be free to renovate for use as permanent archive storage, consolidating archival materials for more efficiency and effectiveness. The building would initially be utilized as a display hanger but would eventually become fully functional for restoration.

Sponsorship Opportunity – \$100,000