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EVENT SCHEDULE

Cottage Grove, OR
July 15-17

AirVenture 2016
Oshkosh, WI
July 25—31

Clarion Co. PA Airshow
August 12 –13
(Swifts wanted)

Triple Tree
South Carolina
Sept 7—11

W. Coast @ Westover
Jackson, CA
Sept 23—25

Reno Air Races
Sept. 14-18

Memory Landing
Brookhaven, MS
Sept 28th

Red River Swift Wing
Pecan Plantation, TX
Sept 29 — Oct 2

Board Chairman's Remarks by Pick Freeman

First of all I am both honored and humbled to be selected Board Chairman by our Swift members. It is a huge task and we have a lot to do in the coming years and I hope I can emulate the leadership of previous Chairmen. Swift is a very unique organization and just seems to get better with age. We are a relatively small organization and that is why we need all of your help, ideas and support to achieve our goals. I hope you are pleased with the facility we have built for you and I personally am proud to have played at least a small part in that. I also want you to come and use it whenever you can.

I envision several tasks for the coming years that will only make us better:

1. We will need some volunteers to get s/n 3 ready to hang in the museum...please help and let Scott Anderson know your intent;
2. We need to work hard on fund raising as that is a never ending task...when asked to help sell raffle tickets...please jump right in. If you have any ideas to raise some funds...please let us know. I would like the regional Swift organizations to take on a fund raising project through your fly-ins and activities...who will be the first to step up?
3. We need to build our escrow fund as that is our lifeblood in the long run and will keep the doors open plus provide a cushion for any unseen expenses.
4. And lets not forget that the total Swift facility included a Phase 3 that would accommodate our storage items. It would be similar in size to the parts building and we believe it could be done for a much smaller amount as it would not need as much electric devices and other amenities. We would most likely use the doors from the old facility as they are in good shape and could be easily and economically refurbished. This is a longer term project but we do need to be ready to clear the old buildings before McMinn County finishes their plan and tears them down. There are other challenges but we can get all of this done by using the successful formula we have used for decades...Swift spirit, volunteers and a get it done attitude.

One other thing: As I sat in the museum during Swift National early morning and there were only a few members present. They were chatting quietly and just enjoying a cup of coffee and the pleasant surroundings. I was struck by some thoughts of how we got this far and I reflected on those who got us started...it is all there before you... displayed in story like fashion. I could almost feel the presence of Charlie Nelson, Sam Wickham, Joe Ranson, Chuck Lischer, Jack Nagel, Clayton Sisson, Porter Houston, Vince Fette, Ed Ermatinger, and many others too numerous to name. John C. Kennedy, Bob McCullough, "Pop" Johnson, K. H. "Bud" Knox all came to mind and the wonderful people who gave us our rugged, reliable Swift.

I reflected on the connectivity of Swift: Brig. Gen. Frank Lahm, one of five trained by Orville Wright was introduced to Swift in Cleveland, Ohio; Orville's granddaughter Amanda who spoke to us at the Dayton Swift National; Gen. Marshall's two man Air Force in WW II of Don Gentile and John Godfrey who helped sell Swifts, Gen. Curtis LeMay and Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg both Chief of Staffs of the Air Force reviewed the Swift in Ohio; the recent cross ocean flights of Swifts for our French connection flying the general route of Charles Lindbergh and the normal ferry route of thousands of WW II aircraft to Europe. And then the landing on Le Bourget' airfield where Lindbergh landed plus a Swift formation at the renown Paris Air Show before several hundred thousand aviation fans...our Swifts displayed among the finest aircraft in the world! This ferry route was also used by hundreds of modern jet fighters starting in the '50's and all faced the same perils of bad weather, mechanical breakdown etc. And through it all our Swifts prevailed. I thought of the flight of Dutch Van Doo who flew s/n 1213 a 145 hp Swift around the world including a non-stop flight from Hawaii to San Francisco...a flight that many other aircraft have not

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been able to accomplish. The Swift Magic, Canadian Swift Birds, our member Fern Villeneuve who is a National Hero and aviation icon in Canada who led the Golden Hawks precision formation team all came to mind. It is somewhat mind boggling to think of all the members and their exploits and it makes one proud to be a member of such a unique organization. So please, come to McMinn and experience this part of aviation history....you and your Swift are all part of this. Blue skies and tailwinds to you all. Pick Freeman

Executive Director Comments & Swift National — by Pam Nunley

Swift National was blessed with good weather, great people, 60 beautiful Swifts and the excitement and satisfaction of achieving several goals for our organization. This event was the culmination of many years of hard work by many Swifters and could not have been possible without the generosity and determination of our members. For those of you who could not come you were missed and we do hope this is on your travel list in the near future.

In a word...the new facility is beautiful and proved to be very functional as we organized to meet the crowd gathered for our 70th anniversary. The evening meetings and dining in and amongst our museum artifacts was just stunning. It is truly a wonderful tribute to all of our people and clearly reflects our heritage. The wisdom to have a facility that is air conditioned and accompanied with bright lights and a large fan proved itself in its first outing as the temperatures hovered in the mid-nineties.

People were awed by the organization of the parts department and the arrangement to accommodate our work areas. A representative from the FAA was extremely complimentary of Swift's parts, dedication to proper documentation and ease of access. "This is one of the finest parts departments I have seen anywhere...you are to be congratulated and I hope emulated by others. Well done!"

Your support with early registration allowed us to be well prepared for registration, selling of raffle tickets, and organization of the "Swift Store"...sales were brisk and lots of merchandise was purchased. Cindra was a blur of energy keeping all the drinks and ice cream ready for our members.

Conducting this special event for the first time in our new facility came with a new set of challenges but by working together, we were able to pull it off. Many thanks to Paul Mercandetti, Scott Anderson, Jim Roberts, Cindra Affolter and Jack Nunley for their part in preparations that allowed this event to go off smoothly. We sincerely hope that you enjoyed Swift National 2016 as much as we did! I truly believe this was one of our best Swift Nationals in many, many years. It is hard to describe all that occurred as the activity was everywhere and constant. Some highlights: Smiling faces everywhere...happy attendees...lots of chatter...total enjoyment.... And LOTS of flying & fun!



Paul Barnett & Guillaume Feral
FUN Rides in the Buckaroo!

Paul Barnett shared the joy and never stopped smiling and flying...from Wednesday to Sunday! He flew 72 times...repeat 72 times... bringing smiles to more faces than we could count and making memories to last a lifetime. He gave rides in the Buckaroo to local visitors, media, catering staff, those who bought raffle tickets, fellow Swifters and more....72 rides... Wow!

We enjoyed lots of formation flying with over 20 in the class for initial or refresher courses. The spirited formation contest was one of the best seen to date. With "Chili Flight" taking the honors! The spirited Formation Contest was won by Chili Flight! (Award details listed on page 5).

We welcomed the largest crowd of Swifts and Swifters we have seen in many years. I hope this is the beginning of a trend. The entire U. S. was well represented with Swifts and Swifters present from coast to coast as well as Canada and our Swift friends from France. Fern Villeneuve at age 88 flew his Swift to Athens from near Ontario, Canada and was our first arrival. We were very fortunate to have six of our "French Connection" Swifters here as well.... What a treat! Thank you all for making this so special for everyone. It was definitely an event to remember!

Our evening meals were catered by The Catering Connection and served in the new museum hangar along side our beautiful aircraft. What a great experience! We received reports that the hotel accommodations were excellent and friendly and the late night gab sessions in the hotel's meeting room were a lot of fun and went on into the early morning hours a couple of nights. It was wonderful to see Swifters hanging out and visiting here at the airport and in the air conditioned museum until late evening each night... Forging friendships and camaraderie as only Swifters can do it.

Photo by Izzie Kientz

The Friday evening commemoration was kicked off by the Swift team of Paul Barnett, Don Abbott, Jerry Kirby and John Johnson as they flew an absolutely perfect missing man formation over our facility in the late afternoon. The timing was perfect as the names of Swifters Gone West were read followed by taps. Very moving and exceptionally well done.

Ed Lloyd presented us with a very large and exceptional painting for display in the museum entry hall. The detail on this painting right down to the rivets on the Swift and the sunglasses and hat of the pilot...Ed Lloyd...is just remarkable. The painting is now hanging at the entrance to the Museum Hangar area. This hallway is also home to the beautiful Globe Brick Cabinet Wall of Honor display, the Charlie Nelson display as well as other historical Swift Artifacts and memorabilia. What an impressive entry to the world of Swift. Thank you Ed and thank you to Bryce Ulmer for building this beautiful custom cabinet! Very impressive!



During the Saturday morning Membership Meeting new Board members were elected. **Pick Freeman will assume the duties of Board Chairman**, replacing Will Roberson. **Paul Barnett will serve as Vice Chairman and Roger Weber will serve a second 4 year term. John Johnson and Bryce Ulmer will each serve 4 year terms. Scott Anderson was elected to fill a one year vacancy.** The entire membership owes a debt of gratitude to our former Chairman Will Roberson for his leadership and guidance as Board Chairman. His wisdom and level head has helped us to realize dreams that have been in the making for decades. The progress during his term has been simply amazing. Thank you Will!!! Many thanks also go out to Gerry Hampton for his work during service on the Board. Well done! We are now well situated to move forward and continue improving our already excellent organization.

The Saturday evening Banquet and Awards Program was followed by a spirited door prize raffle and later the drawing for our 2016 Fund Raising Raffle. We were just shy of 600 prior to the drawing.... Then, in P.T. Barnum-esque fashion... Paul Barnett presided over the final push to 627. A lot of fun and a lot of thanks to those who stepped up to help us reach our minimum goal. Thank you all!!!

To cap it all off was the drawing for the Grand Prize Winner.... And for the first time ever... our winner was present!!! **The Grand Prize Winner (#392) was Karl Johanson of San Diego, California (N78103).** This was Karl's first trip to Athens in his Swift. He and his son Alex made the trip with several of the west coast Swifters. **2nd Prize (#055) - Parker Boles of Cookeville, Tennessee** and **3rd Prize went to (#029) Rolla Henry of St. Charles, Missouri (N90347).** Congratulations to all the winners and MANY THANKS to everyone who contributed either by selling and/or purchasing tickets. Your support and willingness to participate is the life blood of the organization. Again, Thanks to you, success was achieved.

A very special moment occurred when, on Saturday evening, as it cooled off enough that near the end of the night's festivities we did the official opening of the magnificent hangar door. As the door slowly opened it unveiled a most beautiful panorama of sunset. It was if someone had painted it perfectly to fit in the frame of the door...what a fitting culmination of a beautiful day at Swift.

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I want to thank all of you and your friends for supporting all of the fund raising efforts so far this year. As you know it is a never ending task and each new year brings new challenges. Once again we were able to secure support from many of the vendors that you support throughout the year. The following is a listing of our 2016 Silent Auction Donors:

Hooker Harness	Garmin	Concorde Battery	Tempest
Champion Aerospace	FS Engineering	Gulf Coast Avionics	Rosen
Whelen	Elizabeth the Gold Lady	AOPA	ASL Cam Guard
Lycoming	RAPCO	Bose	Goodyear
Tosten	Desser Tire	Univair	Gil & Sara Schmiel
David Clark Headsets	Electronics International	Universal Photonics (Nuvite)	Aviator Unlimited
Parker Hannifin Corp.	Robert Dickson	Michael Kennedy & Lowell Sterchi	

Through their donations and your interest and bidding on items we raised approximately \$7500. You also supported the door prize raffle to the tune of \$2500 and of course the big push for raffle tickets allowed us to reach the magic 600 tickets sold threshold. Your generosity is simply amazing...year after year. You care about Swift and it shows. Thank you! We also sold additional Globe Bricks and while we are over 35% of the way to our goal of 150 bricks sold...we do need your help. I hope you were inspired by what you saw at Swift Headquarters and realize that we are making progress. You also need to know that we now have the entire HQ debt free! This was not easy and my hat is off to all of you for your support. The Globe Bricks are your tie to the rich heritage of Swift and I hope you have been reading the items in the newsletter describing who we are and where we have been. Our path is unique and we should all be very proud of it.

As we approach each year it is a challenge to keep us going to pay for expenses and "keep the doors open". We do bring in some money from dues, sales of parts etc. but it is the fund raising that keeps us afloat...raffles, the brick programs, donations and endowments from our members. So all I am asking you to do is to participate at whatever level you can and above all I want you to enjoy being a member of Swift and a part of all the great people that make up our organization. The best to you all. Frog

Oshkosh Update

As we close in on this years "Air Venture" please remember to Let Steve Wilson know of your arrival. Bo Mabry also notes that the Swift Forum will be at 11:30 on Monday.

Below is a message from Steve with the corrected information you need in order to park with the Swifts at Oshkosh...

E-mail Steve Wilson with your Swift "N" number, and you will personally receive by return e-mail, the pilot instructions and a copy of the placard you need to get into Swift parking... stevewilson@aol.com

As usual, you are asked to **arrive by the end of the day Sunday, July 24**. If you are delayed please call Steve and discuss alternate arrangements. After landing, if you are sent-somewhere else than the Swift Type Club parking, just do as you are told and call Steve. Usually things can be arranged. **817-578-9877**

The Globe-TEMCO Swift Forum from 11:30-12:45 on Monday 7/25 at Workshop Classroom C.

Barb Wilson has made reservations at **Primo Italian Restaurant for 18:00 on Tuesday 7/26**. Info at link - www.primoitalian.net If you intend to attend, Barb will need a verification by noon on 7/26. Transportation needs will be discussed at the Forum or Type Club Tent.

Stan Price will be looking for volunteers to man the Type Club Tent. Commitment time is short, so try to help out if you can.

Fly Safe. We want you to be at Oshkosh with us.

Steve Wilson

Swift National 2016 — Awards

70 Years of the Swift — Athens, TN

<u>Grand Champion Original</u>	N2460B	Mark Holliday — Lake Elmo, MN
Reserve Grand Champion Orig.	N3849K	Jeff Smith — Asheboro, NC
<u>Grand Champion Modified</u>	N3876K	Steve Wilson— Granbury, TX
Reserve Grand Champion Modified	N3854K	Bob Lee — Medford, WI
<u>Grand Champion Super Custom</u>	N80555	Bob Boston & Ted Williams — Atlanta, GA
Reserve Gr. Champ. Super Custom	N210SX	Brian Ellingham — Perry, GA

Most Original	N2460B	Mark Holliday — Lake Elmo, MN
Best Interior	N78109	Pat Hockett — Olathe, KS
Best Panel	N80555	Bob Boston & Ted Williams — Atlanta, GA
Best Paint	N3802K	George Snyder — Vail, AZ
Best Polish	N3315K	Jerry Bauerle — Hammond, LA
Ladies Choice	N58KB	Will “Buddy” Kientz — Chesterfield, MO

Charlie Nelson Memorial Award	Scott Anderson — Athens, TN
President’s Award	Bo Mabry — Beaufort, SC
Significant Contribution	Steve Whittenberger — Hartwell, GA
Gloria Warden Memorial Award (by RRSW)	Paul Barnett — Brookhaven, MS
Greatest Distance by Swift	Bill Gass — Mountain View, CA
Greatest Distance Traveled	“The French Connection” (<i>Romain Deveaux, Guillaume Feral, Frederic Grandmougin, Christophe Chicouene, Olivier Lorino & Ronald Boqueho</i>)

Formation—Best 3-Ship “Chili Flight”
Jerry Kirby — Eric Bulger — Billy Budd

Formation— Best 4-Ship “Chili Flight”
Jerry Kirby — Don Abbott — Wade Gillaspie — Paul Barnett

Congratulations to everyone!!

Photos courtesy of Izzie Kientz and Karl Johanson



Grand Champion Original—Mark Holliday



**Grand Champion Modified
Barb & Steve Wilson**



Most Original— Mark Holliday



**Reserve Grand Champ — Original
Jeff Smith**



**Reserve Grand Champ — Modified
Bob Lee**



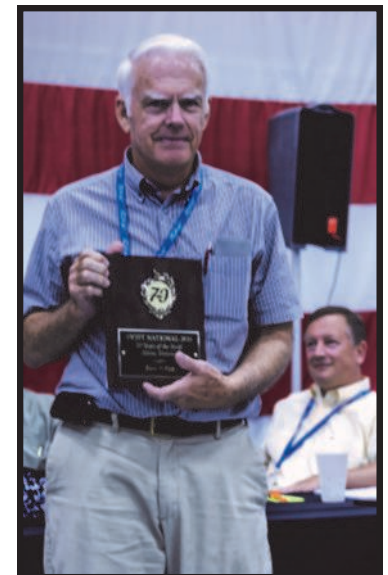
**Reserve Grand Champ — Super Custom
Brian Ellingham**



**Charlie Nelson Memorial Award
Scott Anderson**



**Best Paint
George Snyder**



**Best Polish
Jerry Bauerle**



Best Interior — Pat Hockett



4 Ship Formation
Paul Barnett — Jerry Kirby — Don Abbott — Wade Gillaspie



3 Ship Formation
Billy Budd — Jerry Kirby — Eric Bulger



Paul Barnett presenting framed copy of the Eugene Clay watercolor to outgoing Chairman Will Roberson in appreciation of his service to Swift.



Ladies Choice Award
Will "Buddy" Kientz



Greatest Distance Traveled
Christophe Chicouene for
"French Connection"



President's Award
Bo Mabry

Newsletter Photos courtesy of Izzie Kientz and Karl Johanson



2016 Fund Raising Raffle Grand Prize Winner Karl Johanson — Sand Diego, CA



Beautiful painting donated by Ed Lloyd



Fly-out to Beechcraft Museum — Tullahoma, TN

Thank you! To our Donors

We would like to extend a very special Thank You to all of you who have contributed in many various ways!

During and immediately following Swift National 2016 several of you stepped forward and have contributed by purchasing both Globe Factory Bricks and Replica Bricks for display. Those purchasing bricks during the months of May and June are:

David DeVries

Robert & Roye Ann Dickson

Marvin Homsley

Steve and Barb Wilson

John & Susie Johnson

Paul & Jennifer Barnett

Larry Dennis

Marliesay Houghton

Long time member and volunteer Ken Coughlin has generously donated funds to cover the cost of two very nice awnings over our office and museum entry doors as well as our blinds for the office windows. These were on our wish list and thanks to Ken they are now a reality. Thank you Ken!

Many thanks to Paul Barnett for the donation of the nice flat screen monitor in the museum video area as well as a very nice "Koala Kare" baby changing station in our ladies rest room.

Another very special donation has been made by Mr. Scotty Freebairn. The museum is now in possession of a complete set of the original "Globe Beam" company magazine. We are in the process of creating a display area for these very special artifacts so that they may be preserved and appreciated for generations to come. Thank you Scotty!

An additional donation of interest is from our local McMinn County. As stated by Mayor John Gentry during the Friday evening dinner, in appreciation for Swift and our commitment to McMinn County, our lease provides for the return of 100% of our land lease fees each year. We have received a donation to cover full reimbursement of all 2016 lease payments. We are very fortunate to be headquartered in a location who appreciates the Swift and its members.

Special touches and considerations like these help to make your Museum and Headquarters facility something we can all be proud of and enjoy while sharing the exceptional history of this great little bird.... *The Swift!* Again, many thanks to you all!



Clarification of the past Newsletter article on Majors Godfrey and Gentile

The confusion was about the number of aerial victories for these two aces. Their aerial victories were 19.83 for Maj. Don Gentile and 16.33 for Maj John Godfrey. The numbers quoted include probable and those destroyed on the ground which are not counted as aerial victories. Nonetheless...it was a lot of enemy aircraft destroyed both in the air and one the ground. The top ace, who was in the Pacific theater was Major Richard Bong. Thanks for the critique.



Photo by Izzie Kientz

Beautiful view into our new museum facility following the Saturday evening program.