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Sept 7—11

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Jackson, CA
Sept 23—25

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Sept. 14-18

Memory Landing
Brookhaven, MS
Sept 28th

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

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Board Chairman's Remarks by Pick Freeman

Hello fellow Swifters! Most of you do not know me, but I am trying to know and meet as many of you as I can. I am Pick Freeman. I would like to introduce myself and give you a small background on your new Chairman of the Board of the Swift Museum Foundation. I am a native South Carolinian with a long aviation background. I flew model airplanes, free and control line, with and without gas engines. I never flew gliders since I couldn't find one in the local hot and muggy South. After college I was denied entry to USAF pilot training and joined the enlisted ranks of the air force at the height of Viet Nam and went into the Special ops branch of Para-rescue where we parachuted, helicoptered, and hiked into places to save and provide medical care for downed pilots, astronauts, and other lost souls.

Finally my application to the officer corps and pilot training came through and I became a USAF pilot with the first tour into Viet Nam as a FAC or forward air controller flying O-1, O-2, and OV-10 aircraft. I escaped with my life and a few scratches and came back to fly the giant C-130 Hercules. Since the Air Force was now downsizing and flying time was scarce, I decided to leave and went to fly for the Reserves. That led to the NCANG where I found a home for 30 years. But all this time I had been trying to get in with the airlines, but to no avail. I flew anything that had wings; fighting forest fires, dusting crops, flying Part 91, Part 135 jet charter, night freight, and corporate just to build time. At age forty I was about to give up on the airlines, when good old Piedmont Airlines called and invited me to work for them. Now I have a dilemma. Which side of the field do I fly on? Piedmont or Air Guard. I chose both. My total flight time was 26,600 hours civilian and military, of which 7000 hours was military. I flew every model C-130 the air force owned and every type plane that Piedmont owned.

We got bought out by USAir and I finished up as a Captain and flew just about all the models that they had. My last year was on the Boeing 767 and then I was forcibly ejected at age 60 as all airline pilots were. The retirement age has now been raised to 65. But no luck for me.

In 2004 I went back into the construction business that had put me through college. My company did fairly well until the great recession and all the large construction companies came down and undercut my bids and business. So I bailed out and moped around the house. My beautiful bride said one evening, "Why don't you buy an airplane"? I asked her preference to high or low wing, side by side or tandem, single or multi-engine. She said that she had dated a guy that owned a Swift and the light bulb came on in my brain. I immediately called the old Piedmont Swift guru, Bo Mabry and he put me on to this dynamic individual named Frog Jones. Frog called back and said he found a Swift that wasn't on the market yet. I called John Smith down in Greensboro, Ga. He was very cordial and invited me down. I looked at N50BS and liked it. Now, the hard part. I had to find a pre-buy inspector, and annual inspector, and a check out pilot. No problem, Bo Mabry volunteered to fill the bill. The rest is now history. I purchased it, Bo flew it back to his place and we worked on the fuel system, prop governor, hoses, electrical, tires and

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struts, and my checkout with a tail wheel endorsement. That was in Aug 2010 and in Aug 2016 I have 1000 hours on my little Swift and flown it all over the country. In 2010 I became a Swifter and still love every minute in that plane, still probably being one of the newest Swifters. I immediately joined the Swift Museum Foundation, SSAG, lifetime Antique Aircraft, and Antique Chap #3. I've also been a lifetime EAAer since Viet Nam in 1971.

When David Barker had to resign from the Board of Directors, Bo came to me and asked me to take David's place. After much begging and cajoling, I relented and came on the board. Then I got hooked on the building committee and we built Phase I of the hangars. Then we went into Phase II of the hangars and with tremendous boost and great help from Roger Weber we have the second phase of the Museum project complete. I cannot thank Paul Barnett and Scott Anderson enough for all the work they have done for this project. We have a beautiful hangar and office/parts building and those two are the reason for our success. During this time the loquacious and smooth talking chairman, Will Roberson persuaded me into the vice chairman position. Little did I know that this was the fast track to the Chairman's job.

There you have it Swifthers. Pick Freeman, complete history, and pushed into a leadership position. I am not as smooth as Will Roberson, but I promise to give this job the best effort that I can. Now that the oratory is over, I remind each and every Swifter that we are a 501 (c)3 foundation and our life blood is our donation structure, whether it is bricks, cookouts, spaghetti suppers, or cash. We as a foundation cannot survive without voluntary efforts, and pledges. I'm still not pleased about not being able to buy a raffle ticket... Durn, durn, durn. Thanks for listening. Keep the blue side up. Pick

Oshkosh Air Venture 2016— By Jim "Frog" Jones

Oshkosh/AirVenture 2016 was a huge success compared to the past several years. Vendors we visited commented there was much heavier traffic at the booths and more orders written in the first 3 days of the event compared to all of last year. Perhaps it is the improvement in the economy and stock market or the recent passage of Third Class Medical Reform by the Senate, the House and signed by the President. The FAA has stated they will publish the final rules and procedures within 180 days. For those operating on a FAA Special Issuance Third Class Medical means there is no longer a need to visit your AME again if your medical expires after the completed FAA final rules & procedures. Hopefully, this will allow many members of the Swift Museum Foundation who own Swifts to once again be able to enjoy flying these beautiful aircraft.

Steve and Barbara Wilson did an outstanding job of arranging and coordinating the parking and Tuesday night's dinner. There were 20-25 Swifts in attendance during the week and one T-35 Buckaroo, owned by Paul Barnett and flown to OSH by Scott Anderson. The Tuesday night dinner was held at Primo's Restaurant with about 50 Swifter's



Steve and Barb
Wilson

in attendance. Steve also made arrangements to have the beautiful Swift formally owned by Jim Montague and now owned and maintained by John Renwick, N2431B, placed in a very

prominent area of the Red Barn Bill & Myrt Rose Pavilion on Thursday. This allowed a higher visibility of the special aircraft chosen to be displayed in this special area. John Renwick's N2431B was selected to receive the Vintage Airplane Association "**Most Continuously Maintained Award**". Congratulations to John Renwick for this recognition and bringing N2431B to share with the Aviation Community. Swift NI57TC formally owned and maintained by SMF member Charlie Sidenstricker was awarded the Vintage Aircraft Association "**Outstanding Swift Award**". This award and recognition goes to Charlie Sidenstricker and the other members of the Swift Museum Foundation who tirelessly work so hard and want nothing in return except have the Swifts maintained safely and properly.



Oshkosh Air-venture 2016 Swift Line-up

Swift Museum Foundation members in attendance visited the booths and display areas of the vendors who have supported the fundraising efforts of the SMF the past three years, who have donated product for the silent auction and door prizes. These vendors were thanked for their past support and were presented with a print of the Eugene Clay Drawing of the Swift and a thank you card to each of them. They were very appreciative and said they will once again support the fundraising efforts next year by donating product. Many of them commented they seldom receive a thank you or recognition for their support and donation, especially at the level the SMF does. Thanks to all of the members who took the time to visit with these vendors and show appreciation for their support.

Monday opening day for AirVenture was very busy. Bo Mabry and I attended a 2 hour meeting of the EAA Type Coalition. Those in attendance were the American Bonanza Society, Cirrus Pilots & Owners Association, Twin Cessna Flyers Association, Sonex Foundation, C-195 Club, Lancair Builders & Owners Association and the Swift Museum foundation. The presentations made by the various groups focused on safety 7 training procedures of the various organizations. It appears there is a much higher safety, accident and incident record among members of type clubs vs. those who are not members. We had an opportunity to introduce the Swift Recurrent Training/Checkout Syllabus to the group and told them the Swift Museum Foundation encouraged all of the members interested in selling their Swifts to have the prospective purchaser contact the SMF to acquire this very information document and retain a Swift Checkout Pilot before attempting to fly the Swift. The Swift forum was held at 11:00 AM the same morning with presentations made by Bo Mabry and Dave Carpenter. The emphases of the presentations was Weight & Balance of Super Swifts, Landing Gear Maintenance, Proper Tire Pressure, Proper Eli Strut Pressure and Hydraulic Pump Motors and the importance of a proper checkout from a Swift Check Pilot before soloing your newly acquired Swift.

VAA was asking if you are a members of VAA, if not they were encouraging you to join. It is very important for members of the Swift Museum Foundation to consider joining VAA, EAA and AOPA. These organizations have been a strong voice supporting the Private Pilot Bill of Rights (3rd Class Med. Reform) and the use on Non-TSO'ed Equipment in Certified Aircraft. So if you are not a member please consider joining these groups. The larger the membership the stronger the group and the louder the voice on issues affecting our privilege of flying.

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A Very Special Birthday Flight— by Karl Johanson



Karl Johanson & Elaine Knox Ellis

A few weeks ago I had the good fortune of connecting (thank you Steve Roth) with a very interesting and direct descendent of someone near and dear to the hearts of the Swift community. David Ellis had contacted the Swift Museum through our website hoping to find someone who might be able to give his wife a ride in a Swift as a special birthday present.

The Ellis' live here in Southern California. When Steve Roth reached out to the SoCal Swifters, I was only too happy to volunteer to assist David on this extra special occasion. The person celebrating her birthday was none other than Elaine (Knox) Ellis!

You probably have figured out that Elaine is Bud Knox's daughter! Imagine my surprise when I discovered that Elaine had never flown in her father's creation and her birthday wish to her husband was a flight in a Swift! We agreed to meet at Palomar airport, just north of San Diego, for lunch and a coastal flight to demonstrate the fine flight characteristics of the Swift.

Palomar is on the coast and thus susceptible to San Diego's typical summer marine layer but for today's flight it stayed off the coast until we were a few miles to the south. This only made the flight more interesting as we flew low along the beach down to Del Mar and La Jolla. On our return to Palomar we lingered off the coast under clear blue skies. With Elaine at the controls, we did several turns; initially a couple of 180s followed by 360 turns which she executed very well, even holding altitude within 200'. I was impressed! She was a natural (must be in the genes)! What a great opportunity for her to enjoy first-hand the fine flying characteristics of the plane her father designed and which continues to delight its owners 70 years later.



Karl & Elaine taxiing for take-off in Karl's beautiful original N78103



David & Elaine Ellis with Swift N78103

Elaine brought pictures of Bud at trade shows wearing his signature cowboy hat, where he, for many years, was the executive VP at Weston Hydraulics. I am attaching a photo of a newspaper article from the first days of the Swift in early 1946 (my guess, there was no date on the article). Elaine's sister still resides up in the Simi Valley area (just north of LA) where the family moved in the 1950s. Elaine is aware of the successful expansion of the Swift Museum Headquarters and our interest in retaining and preserving all things Swift, there the museum for all to enjoy.

So glad we had a chance to deliver a birthday present and were very honored to meet David and Elaine and share with her the "Swift Experience". I have extended an invitation to the Elaine, husband David and her three sisters Louise, Sandy and Liz to join us at Jackson, CA in September for the West Coast Swift Reunion to meet many more happy Swifters and participate in the kind of comradery that exists in our tight knit community.

Executive Directors Comments by Pam Nunley

We hope you are all enjoying the summer and you Swift! I am sure on some of those bitter cold winter days when it's dark at 5:00 pm we will be thinking back on these hot summer days with fond memories...Not so sure about these

Bryce, Scott, Jim, Bob, Paul and Ted



guys...

Things are steadily moving forward here at HQs. Scott Anderson and his crew of Ted Williams, Bob Boston, Bryce Ulmer, Paul Mercandetti and Jim Roberts are moving items today from the warehouse downtown in a short notice work session. Bit by bit we will have everything in our buildings here on the airport and at the same time be relieved of our monthly storage expense downtown. They have worked in 17 degree cold and 97 degree heat....dedication to the extreme.

I am sure you enjoyed Karl Johanson's article on the previous page as much as I did. What exciting news! In connection with this story, We received a call here at HQs from a long time friend of Mr. Ellis by the name of Martin Lele of

Westford, Mass. I listened with building excitement as Martin explained about Elaine Knox Ellis and her wishes to take a ride in and learn more about the airplane here father (Bud Knox) was so involved with. I was able to glean from the conversation that Karl Johanson was in fact the Swifter who had been contacted about a ride. That could not have worked out better! Thank you Steve for putting that together.

Martin indicated he would like to put together a Birthday package for Elaine. We were able to help him with that by gathering historical photos of her dad from Globe on a flash drive as well as a copy of the Eugene Clay print, T-Shirt with the depiction of Mr. Knox, and a data plate along with a few other small items. We received a call from Martin just this week telling us how extremely happy Elaine was to receive the package. We hope that she and her family will be able to visit the Museum sometime in the future to view more of her father's history with the Swift.

Swift Formation Committee— There will be formation training classes and rides scheduled during the upcoming Red River Pecan Plantation and West Coast gatherings. Please let Sandy Mercandetti know if you wish to be included in these classes. Contact Sandy at 865-310-4390 or swift757@comcast.net Please note: If you are due a current SFC card please contact Pam at HQ's. It was necessary to replace our 12 year old parts computer which also carried our formation data and we are working on getting the new process functional. Thank you for your patience.

Web Site— Due to a large number of you experiencing great difficulty in signing onto the Members Only section of our web site we are temporarily putting that requirement on hold. For the time being anyone will be able to view all the content on the web site until the Board has a chance to look at all our options. In the event we do go back to a "Members Only" sign in, it will be MUCH more user friendly and easy to navigate. The last thing we want is to have a member frustrated and discouraged by not being able to sign in. Our goal is for this process to be easy, enjoyable and uncomplicated for everyone.

Silent Auction Items Available — If you were not able to make it to Swift National 2016 and participate in the Silent Auction, then you are in luck! We have special item generously donated by Parker Hannifin Corp. We have a certificate for a set of #164-14300 Cleveland Chrome Brake Discs w/#066-10500 Linings offered for \$980.00.

Newsletter— Thank you for your patience during our Newsletter transition time. Steve Whittenberger has asked to step down from his newsletter duties in order to spend more time with family, friends and his many interests. Thank you Steve for a wonderful job! I am sure it goes without saying "We really miss you"! Thank you Steve!

That being said, If you have photos and stories of interest with your Swift, maintenance/paperwork issues, etc. you would like to see covered in the newsletter please contact us here and let us know. The World of the Swift continues to grow as we welcome new owners who are eager to learn and grow to love this great little airplane. So, there may be some things that are second nature to long time Swift owners but need to be covered again. It's all about safety, preservation, appreciation and the joy of owning a Swift.

Red River Swift Wing Fly-in—by Steve and Barb Wilson

Our Red River Swift Wing fly-in is scheduled for September 29th thru October 2nd here at Pecan Plantation, Granbury, TX. We have blocked off the Club House for all their rooms 817-573-2641. Tell them you are with the Swift group. If you prefer there are other options available: Hilton Garden Inn, Days Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Best Western, La Quinta Inn and Suites, and Comfort Inn and Suites to mention a few that are located in Granbury (about 12 miles away).

Our plan is similar to fly-ins in the past including formation flying, and depending on what is necessary, formation ground school, as well as possible fly-outs depending on the interest. Besides lots of hangar flying and women's shopping, our plan is to enjoy another local hangar party on Friday evening, and our usual BBQ banquet on Saturday evening. All indoor events will be at our hangar. If you have them, bring along your own tie-downs. In the past we have been able to manage with what we have, but just in case. Fuel is available at Granbury (KGDJ) 8 miles NW at \$3.69/gal, and Cleburne (KCPT) 12 miles East at \$3.50/gal.

Our plan is to have a fly-out on Friday mid-day to the Cleburne Airport, the intended location of the Swift Museum Foundation's Swift National fly-in to be held there Oct 4, thru Oct 8, 2017. It will give those interested a preview of the location, meet with the airport manager, and hopefully give us some input into what members are interested in for the "Return the Swift Home" for 2017. For lunch, we may be treated to a local food coach similar to what we had at Athens this year. Preliminary plans are being made for that now. Our preview will help solidify our standing with those involved with the Cleburne Airport as well as give our membership a feeling for what is to come.

We are looking forward to visiting with as many Swifters new and old, who make these fly-ins possible. Please be careful in your travels and fly safe.

Oshkosh AirVenture 2016 Photos



Type Club Tent —Pat Moore, Dave Carpenter, Eddie Shields



Stan Price—Thanks for coordinating our Type Club Tent presence!



Susan Rossi & Hal Cope



Jim Jones & Award Winner N157TC Prev. owned by Charlie Sidenstricker

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RUNWAY CLOSURE

Our runway (36-18) will be tentatively closed for maintenance from August 8-12 (Monday-Friday). Our apologies for any inconvenience.

Aviation Week - August 15 - 21

Celebrating Orville Wright's birthday on the 19th, PXE will host a lunch Monday thru Thursday (15th—19th) with hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream from noon 'til one o'clock and, on Friday the 19th, we'll have a birthday dinner at 6:00 PM. Bring a side dish if you wish, and come enjoy some ham and birthday cake with us in the evening.



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- Additional discount in August for retail customers.
- Runway closure
- Lunch at PXE during National Aviation Week
- Celebrate Orville Wright's birthday at PXE on Friday, 19th, 6:00 PM
- Cross-country visitor
- Fly-In/ Open House PXE in September



AUGUST IS CUSTOMER APPRECIATION MONTH!!

Our fuel prices are up a bit from last month, but we still have the lowest full service fuel in this part of Georgia. AND... during the entire month of August, AvGas fuel prices for our retail customers will be reduced by an "Customer Appreciation" discount! Plan on flying in the (semi-) cool morning or evening hours and make a Georgia August a little more endurable.



Neat LSA Apollo Fox stopped by on the way from Ocala to Chicago.

Special Days in August

- 3rd National Watermelon Day
- 5th Summer Olympics begin in Rio
- 7th National Lighthouse Day
- 19th National Aviation Day is in honor of the birthday of aviator Orville Wright
- 21st Seniors Citizens Day
- 21st Summer Olympics End
- 26th National Dog Day



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There will be FREE food (BBQ), aircraft judging and discounts on gas. Swifter Brian Ellingham would love to see more Swifts show up for this event than RV's..... He's been doing a lot of bragging about our group to everyone... So... come out and join the fun, food and fellowship and make Brian proud! If you have questions please contact Brian @ 478-733-6695 or brian.ellingham@yahoo.com or even Facebook. Hope to see you there!



Oshkosh AirVenture 2016 Award Winner! John Renwick's Swift N2431B