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EVENT SCHEDULE

**2017 Fund Raising
Raffle**
Tickets Now Available!

**West Coast Swift
Fly-In at Westover**
June 9—11
Jackson, CA (JAQ)

EAA AirVenture
July 24—30
Oshkosh, WI (KOSH)

Triple Tree
September 6—10
Woodruff, SC (SC00)

Swift National 2017
October 4—8
Hosted by RRSW
Cleburne, TX (KCPT)

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Executive Director's Comments—by Pam Nunley

We all want to send our most sincere “Get Well” wishes to our Board Chairman Pick Freeman. Pick is now out of the hospital and recovering at home. Please keep he and Carol in your prayers. We want to see Pick back in his Swift asap. So... Pick, here's wishing you a speedy recovery and all the best!

Swift National 2017— Response is good for Swift National 2017 in Cleburne, TX this October. Steve and Barb Wilson report that the Hampton Inn is now booked and we are working on our block of rooms at Holiday Inn Express (817-641-5300). If you have not yet made your reservations, please do it now! Also, please **mail in your Pre-Registration Form in** as soon as possible. This information is extremely helpful in planning such a large event. So, take a minute to look over your form and indicate the activities you want to participate in and let us know. Swift National this year is shaping up to be one of the best. Our hats are off to Steve & Barb Wilson and the entire Red River Swift Wing for all their efforts to make it happen.

Parts — We now have the El Annunciator (otherwise known as Bitchin' Betty) in stock and available (\$250.00+ shipping). Contact your Swift Parts Department (423-744-9696) to order. Also, don't forget to order your Nuvite Nu-Shine II polishing products and polishing cloth to keep your Swift in top shape for fly-in season.

Used Parts—If you are in need of used serviceable Swift parts please check with your Swift Parts Department first. If we don't have it in stock, we may be able to locate it for you for drop shipment.

We continue to receive donations new and used serviceable parts from some of you who are cleaning out your hangars. You may not realize it but this is a tremendous help to your organization as well as other Swift owners. We can continue to keep these awesome Swifts flying by all working together. So, if you are down sizing and cleaning out, please think of SMF.

Your Board of Directors and Committee members are exploring all possible avenues for new PMA's Swift parts. This is a priority for all of us and progress is being made. We will keep you posted.

Pilot Re-current & Checkout Handbook —Work is ongoing for a supplement to the Swift Pilot Re-current and Checkout Handbook. This publication is a must for all Swift owners. It is available via .pdf free of charge and will be available in an updated hard copy soon. As we have said many times in the past... If you are new to the Swift or have been out of the aircraft for a while, get a proper check-out and stay current.

2017 Raffle— If you haven't purchased your raffle ticket(s) please don't wait! The drawing is less than a month away. We need your participation to make this years event a success! Contact HQ's 423-745-9547.

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Serial #3 Update by Scott Anderson

Many thanks for the great response to last months report on the Serial #3 Swift display project for our museum. Paul Barnett (MS) has covered the cost of materials to get the airplane in primer and Ken Coughlin (OK) has stepped up and covered the materials for the paint. Thanks guys! This kind of support makes all the difference.

We still are in need of a two piece windshield and Globe type rear glass. Whether it's new, used, blue, or clear is not important, as long as the glass isn't cracked it will be fine.

Since last months report I have prepped, primed, and painted the rolling portion of the project with a brilliant silver polyurethane and am now preparing many other pieces for painting.



Thanks again for the great interest and support of this Museum Display project that will add a spectacular addition hanging from the ceiling in our new facility.

If you would like to help with the hands-on preparation of the remaining airframe parts, please let us know here at HQs. We also have other displays in the works that need your help to get completed. This is your Museum Facility that is here to promote and educate persons interested in the history of aviation and the part that the Swift played.

Get involved! Thank you Swifters!!!

More News from Sun-N-Fun 2017

Richard McSpadden, Executive Director of AOPA Air Safety Institute being introduced to the Swift at Sun-N-Fun 2017.

Photo courtesy of Jim "Frog" Jones.

Globe and Temco Cleanup at Sun-N-Fun by Paul Mercandetti

It was a good way to start out the year for our Swift group. We were making plans for SNF and decided to hook up with Jim Roberts, Scott Anderson and Paul Barnett at Williston Fla. Sandy, Jim and I flew down from Knoxville in our Swifts and landed just before Scott arrived from Athens in Buck Two. Due to the weather we were not going any farther and it looked doubtful that Paul in Buck One coming in from Mississippi would be able to join us. As luck would have it, a break in the clouds and here comes Paul. Great gas prices prompted us to chose Williston but the people there are equally as great. We were able to borrow the airport car (an old police car) and found a good restaurant complete with adult beverages and an incredible old funky dive shop/motel called The Blue Groto for the nights lodging. By the time we got to the motel it was dark, the room keys were left for us, and we just had to find the right buildings. That's where that old police car came in handy with its spot light shining into everyone's windows trying to find the room numbers on the buildings driving around like a bunch of peeping toms laughing as we went (remember the adult beverages).

Up early the next morning we eventually found our way back to the airport and a good breakfast at the on field "Pyper Cub Café". We conducted a good briefing and planned a

Paul Barnett's two T-35 TEMCO Buckaroos



four ship arrival at SNF with 2 Globe Swifts and 2 TEMCO Buckaroos. Incidentally, this was to be a mile stone event for the Bucks as they came off the assembly line one after the other and had not been back together again since 1953. After landing the Swifts went to Vintage tie-downs and the Bucks went to the War Bird area after some debate as to what are they and where do they belong. Needless to say, before we could get them tied down they were a big hit with the crowd as everyone started coming around wanting to know what are they and of course trying to put their grubby prints on these two beautifully polished airplanes. What is it about a polished airplane that makes people want to touch? Is that chrome?

Of course we had a great time as usual with all our Swift friends around us and the Swift Dinner was well attended. We did get to do some flying as well. Paul was able to secure a spot in the War Bird flying on Thursday afternoon and as Scott is not yet checked out as a FAST Lead I was able to bully my way in to his seat (twist my arm) for a chance to fly formation in waivered airspace at the second biggest airshow in the country. Paul did an excellent job as wingman under my exceptional lead and a great time was had by all.

We planned to leave on Friday but to our surprise we found invitations on the seat of our airplanes inviting us to the **Saturday Night Awards** so of course we had to stay, the suspense was killing us. This is the best part, not only did the Buckaroo get an award, **BOTH Buckaroos got awards "The Preservation Award - Warbird"** (thank you Scott and Paul). Also, **Dan McDevitt of GA won "Vintage Theater Participant in NC3847K**

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complete with invasion stripes, **Paul and Sandy Mercandetti of TN won “Outstanding Classic” with N84799,** and **Jim and Carolyn Roberts of TN won “Best Custom Classic over 165hp” in N78012.** A very good way to start out the 2017 flying season for the Globe/Temco Team.



Sandy & Paul Mercandetti’s Swift N84799



Flying..... Fun..... Friendship..... Fellowship!

Paul Barnett and Paul Mercandetti



Jim “Frog” Jones introducing a little 5 year old to the Swift!



Jim Roberts, former Dragon Lady (U-2) Pilot in front of his award winning Swift with three other USAF U-2 pilots who flew T-38’s from Beale AFB, California.



Photos courtesy of Jim Jones, Paul Mercandetti and Jim Roberts.

Congratulations to long time Swift member and supporter Bryce Ulmer on his recent USAF Retirement. You may remember Bryce as the member who crafted our beautiful Globe Factory Brick display cabinet and conference table with custom inlaid Swifts and insignia. Congratulations and many thanks to a great friend, Swifter, and all around multi-talented guy!



Technical Sergeant Bryce D. Ulmer

Technical Sergeant Bryce D. Ulmer was born July 29, 1964 in Sullivan, Indiana to Ross Ulmer and the late Patricia Ulmer. The family moved to Clinton, Mississippi in 1974 where he graduated from Clinton High School in May 1982. He knew an aviation career was in his future with his first flight logbook entry being in March of 1975. He signed enlistment papers in March of 1982 prior to graduation and which his parents also had to sign. He entered active duty on September 9th 1982 at Lackland AFB, San Antonio Texas. In October of 1982 he was stationed at Sheppard AFB for Tech School on HH-3E and HH-53 Rescue helicopters.

In January 1983, Airman Ulmer was stationed at Kirtland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico with the 1550th Air Test Training Wing on the HH-3E Jolly Green Giant. He completed his 5-level as a crew chief. In May of 1984 AIC Ulmer joined the 67th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at RAF Woodbridge, England as a crew chief on the HH-53 "Super" Jolly Green Giant. He supported Rescue operations with his squadron in England, Italy, Germany, and North Africa. The 67th was also in support of operation El Dorado canyon, the F-111 strike on Libya against the terrorist support of the Kaddafi regime. This as-

ignment was also marked by two manning assist tours to Detachment 14 at Keflavik Iceland where he participated in a mission to repair a broken HH-3E helicopter at a remote location.

In May of 1986 SGT Ulmer was transferred to the 1550th Combat Crew Training Wing at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, as an HH-3E Crew Chief. In 1987 SGT Ulmer cross trained to the C-141B Starlifter, 8th Military Airlift Squadron at McChord AFB, Tacoma, Washington. He spent 2 months in Basic Flight Engineer and 3 months in TTU Flight engineer school at Altus AFB, Oklahoma. He flew strategic airlift, airdrop, special ops low-level, and high level missions around the world working with the Army, Navy and Marines in strategic airlift, resupply and joint special operations. He flew in support of "Just Cause" operations in Panama in December 1989. He and Susan met in Tacoma, WA. Jan 1, 1989 and married on August 19th of that year. In March 1990 SGT Ulmer joined the 313 MAS Air Force Reserve flying the C-141B Starlifter. He completed his tour on March 25th 1991

In 2005 after seeing the effects of 9/11 on his country, He decided to reenter the Air Force with the 116th Air Control Wing, Georgia Air National Guard, Robins AFB as a crew chief on the E-8C JSTAR radar surveillance aircraft. SSGT Ulmer was deployed with his squadron to the desert two times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

In 2011, SSGT Ulmer joined the 315th AMXS as crew chief on the C-17A, Globemaster III. Where his additional duties included Squadron safety representative

Technical Sergeant Ulmer's awards and decorations include: Air Force Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve medal with two M's, USAF PME Graduate Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

Technical Sergeant Ulmer currently works as an Instructor/Developer, Aircraft Taxi and Engine Run for Technical Operations, Delta Air Lines. He resides in Locust Grove, GA with his wife Susan. His daughter Chandelle is finishing a Physical Therapy Assistant Certification and his son Steen is completing his A&P license. He thanks all family and friends for their support over the years.



Daniel McDevitt was invited to showcase his Spirit of 46II in the Vintage Theater Exhibit at Sun-N-Fun this year as displayed in the photo above. **Gerry Mahoney** (WA) also shared the history of the Swift. You may recall reading the amazing story of Daniel's family history with the Swift in the 2 part Swift Newsletter series in May and June of 2015.