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EVENT SCHEDULE

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

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

Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.



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Headquarters News — by Pam Nunley

We hope you're having a great fly-in season! The Swift and your organization was well represented at Oshkosh AirVenture 2017. See a full report by Stan Price in this issue.

There is a lot happening here at headquarters. Scott Anderson is hard at work preparing our Museum GC-1A serial #3 for hanging display. A progress report as well as other museum information below.

Swift Parts Department is diligently working to supply the Swift parts and accessories you need and desire for your Swift.

We have the **Electronics International Voice Annunciator** in stock and available for immediate shipment. Your Parts Department also stocks all general rebuild kits for your Swift. These kits include **all seal kits, bolt & bushing kits, flap & aileron bearings, aileron washer sets, etc.** We also have in stock new PMA chrome **Adel struts and Adel strut bushings** and **#2301 Gear Links**.

As mentioned in your last issue, we are providing drawings and information to and are working with parts manufacturers in an effort to make even more parts available to you the membership.

Museum Design and Display Update - by Scott Anderson

The serial #3 project is nearing completion for hanging in our new museum. Some final paint, trim, installation of new glass and a few other items will finish things up. Mark Holiday is going to provide a freshly covered fabric rudder and we are talking to LP Aero about a glass donation.

Many thanks to Ken Coughlin (Oklahoma City) for his donation of the paint on this project.

Also in the works is an engine display

that will have both the C-85 and C-125 Continental engines originally installed in the Swift. They will be mounted on a cart fabricated by member Ted Williams of Atlanta, GA. Ted was kind enough to fabricate the cart mounted on wheels with simulated aluminum firewalls. The engines will be mounted on original engine mounts. The cart and mounts have been powder coated free of charge by Southern Powder Coatings (a local company that has done quite a few jobs for my shop with excellent quality results.) Many thanks to all the donors on these projects. I certainly couldn't do any of these museum displays without their help. More displays are in the works. We will keep you posted.



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SMF Staffing Changes — Pam Nunley

I have always heard "The one constant in life is change"...One major change is in the works here at Swift Headquarters. After 30 years of continuous service to Swift and its members I have made the decision to leave Swift in November to assist our daughter Candi Wilson with our new, first grandchild. Candi is stationed in Maryland and her husband is on assignment out of the country. So, as you can see, I would much rather see this little girl spend time with me than with a stranger when her Mom returns to work.

While I am excited beyond words to spend time with this little angel, I will greatly miss the daily communication and fellowship with my Swift family. The Board of Directors, Scott Anderson and myself have been working on a transition solution that will be as smooth as possible.... So much so that hopefully you will hardly notice a difference.

Our plan: Many of you have been working with Cindra Affolter in Parts. She is very capable and will be continuing in her position. Scott Anderson has graciously agreed to handle the Executive Director duties as well as oversee office and parts daily activities. We are interviewing for an additional part-time secretary position to handle the weekly membership and paperwork duties. I plan to continue with the newsletter assembly and will be available via phone to help out in any way I can.

While this first step should be a smooth transition we are looking to you for help.

1. We still need volunteers to either write or "gather" newsletter information from others. I am very willing to lay out and assemble the data but will need your help in submitting items such as fly-in info, maintenance, safety, Swift human interest, etc.
2. If you are looking at retirement or are wanting to make a change and would like to move to Athens, then please keep your Swift organization in mind. If you have an interest in a long term commitment while spending time being involved with the Swift and the Swift Museum. This can be both fun and rewarding.
3. We are also working on our committee structure to best benefit your organization. If you would like to serve on a committee and have the time and are willing to work please let us know by contacting us here at headquarters.

My connection to Swift runs much deeper than just a job. It is and will always be a huge part of who I am. Therefore, I hope to always be able to contribute in some way. Thank you to each and every one for your friendship, respect and genuine care and concern. You are and will always be my "Swift family". I hope to see you in Cleburne, Texas in October.

Chairman's Comments by Pick Freeman

My remarks this month are the most cogent or needed to all pilots flying a Swift. Once again the Board of Directors has heard of another Swift landing gear accident with a gear up landing. I think that this accident occurred out West and I think that it was in Wyoming. This was all hearsay, but I always hate to hear of this particular accident. We don't have that many Swifts left flying and I'd like to see more of them flying than less. This plane is described as a complex aircraft. This means among other things that it has retractable landing gear. The pilot has to raise and lower the landing gear. We have specific checklists that help us with the processes, if and only if we use them. I don't care whether you use a simple GUMPS check or a 2 page mis-sive on the downwind leg. Please don't let your brain go to sleep at that stage of landing. Very rarely do we ever forget to put the gear up.

Some pilots need a strong reminder to perform the task at hand and there is help in that area.

Your Swift Parts Department now has in stock the Electronics International AV-17 Voice Annunciator and if needed we can get you the an AV-I inverter if positive voltage is needed to activate a specific voice warning. The EI Voice Annunciator (AV-17) can provide from one to seventeen Voice Alert warnings through your headset: Oil pressure and Temperature, Fuel Level and Pressure, RPM, Manifold Pressure, Altitude and Timer, Cylinder Head Temperature, Exhaust Gas Temperature Turbine Inlet Temperature, Engine Analyzer, Bus Voltage, Gyro Vacuum, (MOST IMPORTANT) Landing Gear, Airspeed, Oil Pressure, Fuel Level, Timer, Chime Only (no voice) and Bus Voltage. The AV-17 ends the need to constantly scan instruments. It also eliminates concern about missing an alarm at a critical moment. The instant a monitored alarm occurs, the Voice Annunciator will chime in the headset and a pleasant female voice will announce a phrase such as "Check Oil Pressure," or "Check Altitude," or "Check Landing Gear," etc."

Quite a few Swifters use this annunciator. It has been aptly named "Bitchin' Betty". If you use EI instruments you can use all seventeen applications, but for the most part it is used only as a landing gear warning. You can be without EI instruments and still get the warning.

Dave Carpenter has the gear warning and loves it. The provided instruction manual explains the installation. I do not have this annunciator yet, but it will be soon coming. By the way, Swift parts has them in stock call for pricing. Get one and save your gluteus maximus and the headache of reinstalling the gear which we don't have. I've commented long enough and hope that I wasn't just preaching to the choir. Keep the blue side up and the gear down and locked at the right time.

Just as a note, the Garmin G5 is now approved for the installation in the Swift GC-1A and GC-1B per the Supplemental Type Certificate number SA01818WI.

As stated by our Executive Director, Pam Nunley; She will be leaving us to care for her Granddaughter in November. We feel it is prudent to check within our membership for possible future SMF personnel. If you have the desire to become involved with SMF and are willing to relocate to Athens in the future please contact Swift HQs or contact me directly.

~In Memory~



Betty Jo and Jerry Poats

We are sad to report the passing of **Betty Jo Poats**, wife of long time Swift member and volunteer Jerry Poats of Athens, Tenn. Many of us share lots of good memories of time spent with Betty Jo. Her sweet smile and kindness will be greatly missed by all of us who had the good fortune to have known her. Our hearts and prayers go out to Jerry and the family during this very difficult time.

Long time Swifter **Richard "Snap" Lemon** passed away in April of this year. You may remember Snap as our most fun auctioneer at various Swift events throughout the years. He is greatly missed by his many friends and family. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Mae, family and friends.



Snap Lemon

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SWIFT NATIONAL 2017 UPDATE

If you even think that you may attend Swift National 2017 in October.... PLEASE send in your Pre-registration form. The information gathered from this form is invaluable to RRSW and us here at HQ in preparation! This info will ensure that we have enough of everything you need and expect at this years event.

We are only about seven weeks away from a fantastic, fun filled Swift National in Cleburne, Texas. Steve and Barb Wilson and the Red River Swift Wing are hard at work finalizing plans. Please make your plans to share in the flying, fun, food and fellowship! So, please send in your pre-registration form..... It promises to be a great event!!

Below is a **tentative** schedule as submitted by Steve and Barb Wilson. There will be breakfast at the hotel each day as well as Swift National Registration and Store will be open each day between 10 AM and 4 PM. Come and enjoy!!

LONGHORN SWIFT NATIONAL FLY-IN — OCTOBER 4-8, 2017 — CLEBURNE, TX

Wednesday –

Early arrivals
1800 – Dinner TBD

Thursday –

0900 – 1600 Formation ground school and formation flights
Open – Fossil Rim Outing
Open – Dealey Plaza Outing
0900 – 1200 Commemorative Air force Museum Fly out
1200 – Lunch on the field – Mess Hall concessions
1400 – ADSB Forum with Kelly Keller of Stratus
1800 – Mexican buffet Dinner on the field

Friday –

0800 – Board Meeting
0900 – 1600 Formation flights
1000 – 1500 Registration and Store
1000 – Forum TBD
Open –Fossil Rim Outing
Open –Dealey Plaza Outing
1200 – Lunch on the field – Mess Hall concessions
1400 – Forum TBD
1500 – 2200 Cowtown shopping and dinner at Cattlemen’s Steak House

Saturday –

0900 – General Membership Meeting
0900 – 1600 Formation flights
1000 – Forum TBD
1100 – Ladies lunch at Purple Turnip
1130 – 1530 – Revolver Brewery Tour (Craft Beer) Lunch available
1200 – Lunch on the field – Mess Hall concessions
1400 – Forum TBD
1500 – Formation competition
1800 – BBQ Buffet Dinner, Silent Auction, and Awards Ceremony at the airport

Sunday –

Breakfast at the Hotels
Departures – Have a safe flight home

***** PLEASE FILL OUT AND SEND IN YOUR PRE-REGISTRATION FORM *****

**Please don't forget to send in your Swift National Pre-registration form below.
We need to know your plans in order to provide you with the best event possible!**

Pre-Registration – Swift National 2017 – Cleburne, TX -- October 4-8

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Swift _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Cell Phone (s) _____ Email _____
 Arrival Day _____ Departure Day _____
 I plan to use Swift Van _____ Drive my Car _____ Rent a car _____

**Wednesday October 4 through Sunday October 8, 2017
 Cleburne Airport KCPT – Cleburne, TX**

Host Hotel: Hampton Inn 817-641-7770 (includes hot breakfast) \$79.00/night King or Double Queen
 \$89.00/night King or Double Queen Suite

Additional rooms available at **Holiday Inn Express 817-641-5300** (includes hot breakfast) \$89.00/night or \$99.00/night for Suites

Car Rental: Enterprise 817-645-6996 – Pre-arranged cars can be picked up at the airport

Silent Auction bidding Wednesday to Saturday
Formation clinic begins Thursday

Activities and Meals – Please indicate those you plan to attend for use in planning only.
***Meal tickets will be available for purchase at Registration upon arrival.**

T-Shirts: No obligation, order purpose only.
Hats: No obligation, order purpose only.

Size(s) _____ # Desired _____
 Yes _____ No _____ # Desired _____

Possible activities if enough interest

			# Persons
Fly-out: Thursday Ezell Aircraft Restoration - Bridgeport, TX & Lunch	Yes _____	No _____	_____
Fly-out: Cavanaugh Flight Museum – Addison, TX – Date open	Yes _____	No _____	_____
Outing: Friday Bus trip to Ft Worth Stockyards and Dinner	Yes _____	No _____	_____
Outing: Dealey Plaza in Dallas and Lunch - Date open	Yes _____	No _____	_____
Outing: Fossil Rim - Date open	Yes _____	No _____	_____

WEDNESDAY:

Dinner at local restaurant Yes _____ No _____

THURSDAY:

Lunch at Hangar Yes _____ No _____
 Formation Ground School Yes _____ No _____
 Dinner at Hangar Yes _____ No _____

FRIDAY:

Lunch at Hangar Yes _____ No _____
 Dinner at local restaurant
 (For those not going to Ft Worth) Yes _____ No _____

SATURDAY:

Lunch at Hangar Yes _____ No _____
 (Dinner, Awards, Silent Auction & Raffle Drawing) Yes _____ No _____

SUNDAY:

DEPARTURE

Please include your registration fee (pre-Registration \$40 per person. On arrival \$45 per person)

Persons Attending _____ (\$40 each) **Total enclosed \$** _____

Make checks payable to SWIFT MUSEUM FOUNDATION, INC.

Please make a copy for your records & mail this form & your payment to:

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Swifts at KOSH by Stan Price

It is fact, a true pilgrimage of aviators travel each year to Oshkosh, Wisconsin for the annual EAA AirVenture Experience. We have had a strong Swift Type Club presence for many years and our support for EAA (Vintage Aircraft) has not gone unnoticed. This year was no exception. We hosted two forums, had a Swift featured in the Ladies Love Taildraggers theme, and had our week long presence at the Type Club Hangar. The fellowship at the flight line is fantastic and has proven to be the meeting ground for the afternoon airshow.



The afternoon fellowship at the flight line during the airshow.

The 2017 Outstanding Swift award went to the beautiful Swift of Scott Naumann. A very good choice.... Congratulations Scott.

**Scott Naumann with
his beautiful Swift
N817CC**

**2017 Best Swift Award
at KOSH**



Janet Dicker and her stock Swift N80733 were also chosen to be featured at the Vintage Special Events area near the Vintage Red Barn. This was part of the Ladies Love Taildraggers theme. Janet's very stock Swift was placed in a very prominent spot at the Vintage Special area for two days prior to her featured interview. The Swift community can be very proud of Janet and her complimentary remarks about our Swift organization.



Janet Dicker and her Swift featured at the Vintage Bill and Myrt Rose Park

A special “Thanks” goes to all of the Swifters who worked at the Swift table in the Type Club Hangar. Our presence there is also a testament to our strong group and wonderful organization.

A big special thanks goes to **Steve and Barb Wilson**. Steve did all the coordination to get us our two rows of Type Club parking (which is not always easy to get) and Barb took care of our evening Swift supper at a wonderful Italian restaurant.



Barb and Steve Wilson — They took care of our parking and dinner.

Sixteen Swifts made the pilgrimage this year and many other Swifters arrived via other aircraft and transportation modes. It was a great turnout.

I have always felt it was very important for our Swift Community to stay close to EAA (Vintage Aircraft) and AOPA for the lobby and political help that we need to keep our general aviation freedoms intact. I did participate in a movement at AirVenture to notify my Senators and Congressman about the push for privatization of the ATC system, which I personally feel, would be a disaster to GA. EAA had a tent set up for the purpose of expressing

my interest against this plan and made it easy for me to do something that I might not normally have taken the time to do. I was able to contact my Senators and Congressman via a petition and actually received responses from all of them. Thank you EAA. Stan Price



Janet Dicker's beautiful N80733 on display at Oshkosh AirVenture 2017

The following link will take you to more pictures of EAA KOSH 2017. <https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/-B0CGrhkPvgYzTH>
Photos courtesy of Stan Price