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EVENT SCHEDULE

Sun-n-Fun

April 10—15
Lakeland, FL

Swift National 2018

June 5-9
Athens, TN

2018 Raffle

Ticket sales begin
February 8
Drawing June 9

EAA AirVenture

July 23-29
Oshkosh

Triple Tree

September 5-9

Red River Swift Wing

To Be Announced

West Coast Swift Natl.

September 27-30

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Editors note: Thank you for your patience and understanding while we transition into our new roles with SMF. We are working to insure your newsletters will once again arrive in a timely fashion. Again, thank you for your understanding.

Welcome to the New SMF Executive Director!

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Anderson as your new Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. Executive Director!

As many of you know, Scott has been involved with and active in all things Swift since his teens. He learned to fly in the Swift and soloed at sixteen. Scott is an extremely talented and competent Swift mechanic and has turned out numerous award winning Swift restorations.



Scott has been a tremendous asset to SMF for many years whether it be through his meticulous, safety conscious repairs and restorations to his most recent efforts in guiding us toward the completion of your new Museum and preparing museum aircraft serial number 3 for hanging display. He has been instrumental in seeing this facility take shape and grow into something we can all be proud of. His hands on, "get it done" attitude is a great asset for Swift. Scott has helped to make this transition as smooth as possible. Although there are still a few things to smooth out along the way, Swift is in good hands.

Scott's love and passion for the Swift and dedication to fostering well informed, capable Swift caretakers makes him a perfect choice. Scott, SMF is fortunate to have you on board!

There's a very special Mom whose spirit is most definitely smiling. We miss you Jeannie.

SMF Headquarters Report by Scott Anderson

We have just returned from a great Swift National Fly-in & Convention in Cleburne, Texas hosted by the Red River Swift wing! Many thanks to Steve & Barb Wilson for heading up the planning and coordination with valuable assistance from Stan Price and other RRSW members. Thank you again for making 2017 a fantastic event! A listing of awards and other information is included later in this newsletter. Thanks to Karl Johanson for providing a great group of photos that I am sure you will enjoy!

During one of our last meetings, your Board of Directors voted to go ahead with the preservation of our drawings and data pertaining to the manufacturing of new PMA parts for our Swifts.

AirCorps Aviation of Bemidji, Minnesota offers a service through a division of their company, AirCorps Library, to scan all data and catalogue the data to a format that will make accessing a drawing or information on any part in our airplane easy. AirCorps aviation has a PMA and can produce any parts needed and make them in small quantities if necessary.

Esther Aube of Aircorp, Ken Coughlin, and I had a marathon session consisting of seven 9 1/2 hour days to scan all of our documents required for parts production. A massive

SMF Committees**Executive**

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Paul Barnett
Sam Swift
Scott Anderson

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Sam Swift
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Fund Raising

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Sandy Mercandetti

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Scott Anderson
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Tracy Rhodes
Jim Jones

Aging Aircraft

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Ken Coughlin
Dave Carpenter

undertaking of scanning over 3500 pieces ranging from small documents to drawings over 12 feet long. The good news is that it is done! Our data is protected and preserved for all time. No more worries about losing everything in a fire or storm.

We are now working with AirCorps to work out how we will make this information available to the membership. We are also discussing new parts manufacturing and a plan to protect our historical information as well.

This is a great accomplishment for our Swift Museum Foundation due to the wisdom of our Board of Directors. And a very special thanks to Ken Coughlin for his dedication and knowledge of our data without which this task would have been far more difficult to accomplish.

Great things are happening at your Swift Museum Foundation. Your continued support is appreciated and essential for us to continue with our mission to keep Swifts flying and to educate aviation enthusiasts about our great little airplanes. Add a little extra to your dues or better yet, buy a brick! Only about 90 original Globe Factory bricks are left. Replica bricks are available as well. Contact Headquarters for more information if you can help.

Thanks to everyone involved in all the projects underway here at headquarters and to the generous donations that make them possible.

In Memory — Arye "Eric" Maya

We are extremely saddened to report the passing of long time Swift member Arye "Eric" Maya. His creativity and talent has added much to the world of the Swift. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and many friends. Arye will always be remembered and most certainly be missed by everyone.

Photo courtesy of Karl Johanson taken at Cleburne Municipal Airport.



The following info is provided by Bud & Sylvia Brown.

Arye Maya attended our Swift National in Cleburne, TX and crashed on his way home. We loved seeing him, enjoyed our time talking together and know he had a great time. After the crash, he was taken to UNM Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. Bill Gass was with him and Arye had several operations. Many of you sent cards that the nurses read to him.

By contacting the hospital yesterday I was put in touch with his friend, Eli Zohar. Eli and Arye have been friends over 15 yrs and Arye was a Godfather to one of Eli's children. They met through their love of flying and used to fly formation together. Eli drove to Albuquerque to be with him on Wed and said he was feeling good and they were discussing rehab facilities. He got a call at 5:00 am Thurs Oct. 26 saying that Arye had passed away.

While discussing future matters, Eli was given Power of Attorney by Arye. According to his wishes, Eli will fly his body back to Israel for burial so there will not be a service of any kind in the States.

We would like to write an article about Arye in the Swift Newsletter. If you have any information about his life and accomplishments, please call us at 706-498-3929 (Bud's cell phone) or email us at asabrown@bellsouth.net so we can put together his life story. We all know what an expert he was on Swift modifications and he will be greatly missed by all of us.

Chairman's Comments by Pick Freeman

By the time that you read this newsletter, the word will be out. Long time member and volunteer, Ken Coughlin, has offered to finance the building of our Phase III hangar project. This information has totally overwhelmed me and there are not enough thanks that I can give him for doing this. Our total building project will be complete with no encumbrances to the Swift Museum Foundation. Ken has specified there will be a front airplane door and a rear roll-up door. I still can't believe how monumentally generous this is to our organization. Now we will have a clean, dry, safe environment to store our salvage parts and additional historical pieces, as well as having a place to maintain our museum aircraft and prepare future displays. Wow!!! Thank you Ken!

We had a most eventful fly-in at the Triple Tree Aerodrome in South Carolina and the SSAG was fairly well represented. I was able to count seven Swifts on the Swift line and I am so glad they chose to come. We can always use more Swifts at a fly-in, but this was an unusual time. The massive hurricane Irma was in the process of churning death and massive destruction throughout the entire length and breadth of Florida and did eventually reach Triple Tree the day after we left. I escaped with 3 inches of rain and winds of 45 knot gusts at my home up the road in SC. I can understand the low turnout at the fly-in and we had no Florida flyers that I could find. I pray they were all safe and their planes were hangared. The flooding is always the most destructive feature of these hurricanes and this one was no different. The flooding of hurricane Harvey was the worst on record, but Irma was just as bad, because it got the whole state of Florida. We had a tremendous time at the fly-in, because of our beautiful weather of sunshine and no clouds with nice cool temperatures. The food served was top rate and all had a wonderful time. We talked Swift the whole weekend, but I missed many of my Swift friends. We saw many homebuilts, LSA's, and production airplanes and they were all beautiful, especially the antique/classic Swifts, Waco's, and Howards.

The fall flying season is upon us and the weather is somewhat cooperating with us. I just got back from an outstanding Swift National Fly-in in Cleburne, Texas. The wx was rainy on Wednesday morning, and continued to get better from then on. Carol and I had stopped off for a two day stop at Paul Barnett's Memory Landing. What a beautiful place to visit and they are such gracious hosts. We got to Cleburne on Thursday where the fly-in was in full swing. Steve and Barb Wilson have once again outdone themselves in putting on a Swift Show. The forums were excellent, especially the ADS-B speech. I already have the equipment, but learned much more about the In and Out functions from the Appareo speaker. There were other forums and then there was the formation flying. Paul and Sandy Mercandetti had formation ground schools and flights running all the time. There were more formation flights than I have ever seen at Swift National. As always, the missing man formation was most impressive. Then once again the professional Burrito Brothers walked away again with the best formation flight. These guys are good, but I think the other runners up will move into the top spot next year.

The other activities were most impressive. The ladies had a wonderful time shopping and having different luncheons while the guys were out flying or doing the hangar talk listening to the different Swift problems and their fixes. I hardly ever saw the Buckaroos on the ground except at the fuel truck. And we did get a whopping discount from the fuel truck. The Cleburne airport personnel put on quite the show for us and I was pleased the way they helped us at every turn. My favorite time was the meal at the Stockyard Restaurant. What a crowd we had there for a wonderful meal and we filled that bus up.

Sunday was time to head back home and quite a few of us got tangled up with hurricane Nate. Some went back to Paul's and others went to West Memphis to wait out the storm. We made it back home on Monday as others did also. I think Frog Jones got back home on Tuesday by choice. Others made different choices to get back East.

As you have just read, the crash of Arye Maya enroute to his home in Las Vegas, NV was devastating. He stopped off at Mid Valley airpark in New Mexico to get fuel. When Arye took off he had a hot day, high density altitude, cross wind estimated at 20 knots plus, and a full fuel load of at least 50 gallons. He did get flying, but when he got out of ground effect he couldn't control the plane and crashed into a bridge structure over a canal. We are devastated by his loss and our prayers are with his friends and family.

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Jerry N. Kirby — Tennessee Museum of Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee

Congratulations to our own Jerry Kirby of Westmoreland, Tennessee on his October 28th induction into the Tennessee Museum of Aviation Hall of Fame! This very special honor was established as Tennessee's highest honor in aviation and aerospace "to recognize, honor and enshrine individuals whose leadership in or for aviation, whether by exceptional service or extraordinary achievement, has made an enduring contribution to aviation for Tennessee, our nation or the world."

Jerry has just completed a term on your Board of Directors and is continually active in Swift Formation activities. He is always there to help make our Swift world a better place at any time.

Jerry, we are so very proud for you and honored to have you as a Swift friend, advocate and volunteer. Your ongoing contributions to SMF do not go unnoticed. Thank you for your service to the Swift and aviation in general.

Congratulations dear friend!



For Sale

"Parts Swifts" — SMF is in possession of two "parts" Swifts. One is located in California and the other in South Carolina. At this point we are looking for any offer. Preferably from within the Swift membership. Both have corrosion but there are still some salvageable parts. We will be losing our storage in both places soon and it is imperative that we move them ASAP. The purchaser will be responsible for pick-up.

Please contact Brad Stahl at 805-550-3577 or bstahl@piranha.com for information on the California location and Bo Mabry at 843-812-7744 or swiftbo79k@gmail.com for the South Carolina location or you may contact Scott at HQ's. SMF is not in a position to incur expense to bring them to Hq's so.... Again, please make an offer.

1946 Swift GC-1B, N78071 - sn 2071

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Phase III Update

Concrete is being poured TODAY! — Thank you Ken Coughlin for making this possible. Your commitment to this organization is monumental. We are so appreciative of your many trips to Athens, spending a month or more each time, to assist us in any way needed, supplying much needed niceties to our office area and now.... Making it possible to complete a project that has been a dream for decades. THANK YOU!!!

Bittersweet Departure After 30 Years — Pam Nunley

The Swift has been a part of my life since its inception in 1968. So, it goes without saying that stepping away from daily involvement is quite an adjustment. However, being a full time Grandma has its challenges and rewards as well and is keeping me on my toes. What a sweet one she is!

Thanks to my amazing Dad for allowing me work with him as he pursued his life's passion. I have never met an individual with more commitment, drive, and dedication. What an example... I am truly blessed to have had such a Dad, mentor, and friend.

Thanks to every one of you for all the wonderful well wishes. You are and will always be my extended family. My plans are to stay involved as much as possible with a focus on continuing to publish the newsletter. There have been some rough patches with trying to sort out available time but with your patience and support (thank you!) we are back on track.

I was completely surprised and overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity shown to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Special thank you to the Red River Ladies for a wonderful and meaningful Texas heart necklace. To the Board of Directors, the beautiful string of pearls and earrings along with a very special sterling silver jewelry box will forever be a very special part of me. They will be passed on to my daughter Candi and then to Quinlan Aurora Wilson as they represent a very special part of my life.

Thank you for this perfect gift.

Swift is in excellent hands with Scott Anderson. I know Dad would be greatly pleased to see him step into this role.



“Longhorn” Swift National 2017 — Cleburne, Texas Awards & Board of Directors Report

Your Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors and Committees have been hard at work these last few months. Significant progress has been made in several areas. As mentioned by your new Executive Director, Scott Anderson, progress is being made in our effort to supply new PMA parts for your Swifts. SMF is exploring several different avenues in order to give us the best possible chance in supplying new PMA parts.

We are working with AirCorps to obtain quotes for parts in limited numbers. In addition to AirCorps, Steve Wilson is working with McFarlane Aviation to look into the possibility having PMA parts manufactured there as well. At the same time Ernie Hansen is spending an enormous amount of time researching the possibility of SMF obtaining our own PMA as Type Certificate holder. The Board approved a motion that Ernie Hansen should continue to look into this avenue for parts as well. SMF is doing everything possible to support your Swifts and ensure their longevity for the future.

A motion was also passed to contract with AirCorps Library to have ALL our remaining data and historical documentation scanned. This will include, but not be limited to, all original weight & balance and flight test data for almost every serial number Swift. Scott Anderson is working with AirCorps to work out the details and scheduling.

By-laws — The Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. working structure has undergone significant changes during the past few years with the passing of President & Founder Charlie Nelson and the creation of the Executive Director position. Two years ago the creation of Honorary President was put into place. These changes were never addressed in our by-laws. In an effort to more clearly define the roles of SMF personnel and include these newer positions your Board of Directors has reviewed and approved By-laws amendments to clearly reflect our present day structure. During this process, the Honorary President job description was modified and approved by the Board. Jim Jones was appointed to an additional term. Board approved By-laws amendments were reviewed and approved by the membership at the annual Membership meeting in Cleburne, TX. Any member desiring a copy please contact headquarters.

New Board Member — We would like to welcome Pat Moore of White Bear Township, MN to the SMF Board of Directors! Pat and Vicky are long time and very active Swift members. We welcome Pat's insight, knowledge, and commitment to the Swift. Pat is filling the vacancy left by Jerry Kirby who has completed his term.

Longhorn Swift National 2017 Award Winners

Grand Champion Original —— N80969 — D. J. Hernandez—Hudson, CO
Reserve Grand Champ Original —— N80808 — Brad Madden—Mesa, AZ

Grand Champion Modified —— N78103 — Karl Johanson — San Diego, CA
Reserve Grand Champ Modified —— 3 Way Tie
 N2336B — Dana Gibbs—Arlington, TX
 N84799 — Paul Mercandetti—Knoxville, TN
 N836EC — Keith Richbourg—Waco, TX

Grand Champion Super Custom —— N22GW — Simon Green—So. Boston, MA
Reserve Grand Champ Super Custom —— N3731K — Alan Dicker—Scottsdale, AZ

Most Original — N77753 — Steve & Barbara Wilson — Granbury, TX
Best Polish —— N78103 — Karl Johanson — San Diego, CA
Best Paint —— N3306K — Hal Cope — Spring, TX
Best Panel —— N22GW — Simon Green — South Boston, MA
Best Interior — N78109 — D. J. Hernandez — Hudson, CO
Ladies Choice — N3871K — Bill Harris — Santa Fe, NM

Best 3-Ship Formation Team — “Dusty Flight”

Paul Mercandetti
 Will Kientz
 Bill Gass

Best 4 Ship Formation Team — “Burrito Brothers”

Bill Shepherd
 John Johnson
 Gerry Mahoney
 Ben Wilson

Charlie Nelson Memorial Award — Kenneth Coughlin — Oklahoma City, OK
Gloria Warden Memorial Award — Barbara Wilson — Granbury, TX
Significant Contribution — Red River Swift Wing
Significant Contribution — Dan Kennedy—Rhome, TX
President’s Award — Kenneth Coughlin — Oklahoma City, OK
Appreciation Award — Cleburne Municipal Airport—Cleburne, TX
Greatest Distance Traveled — Roger & Bobbi Weber—Independence, OR
Greatest Distance by Swift — John Johnson & Bill Shepherd—Sequim, WA

Congratulations to all! What a fantastic showing of our beautiful Swifts!



Gr. Champ Original—D. J. Hernandez



Grand Champ Modified—Karl Johanson



Grand Champ Super Custom—Simon Green



Res, Gr, Champ Orig—Brad Madden



Res. Gr. Champ Modified—3-way tie
Dana Gibbs-Paul Mercandetti-Keith Richbourg



Res. Gr. Champ Sup Custom— Alan Dicker



Charlie Nelson Memorial Award
Ken Coughlin



President's Award— Ken Coughlin
Presented by Jim Jones



Gloria Warden Memorial Award
Barbara Wilson



N80969—D.J. Hernandez



Paul Barnett's beautiful T-35 Buckaroos
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**Thank you Red River Swift Wing for a fantastic Swift National 2017!
Hope to see all of you back in Athens (KMMI) in June!**