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2018 EVENT SCHEDULE

West Coast Swift Natl.
September 27-30
Jackson, CA

Red River Swift Wing
October 5-6
Mt. Pleasant, TX

**Southern Swift Air Group &
Southern Navion Air Group**
Oct. 5-7
Georgetown, SC (KGGE)
(See attachment/insert for details)

2019 Schedule

Swift National 2019
June 5 - 8
New Century Airport (IXD)
New Century, KS

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Executive Director Report by Scott Anderson

One of the most satisfying parts of being at the Swift Museum on a daily basis is the people that I get to meet either in person or on the phone.

This week we had a visit from a Model A car club that drove five beautiful examples of their pride and joy to see ours. Old cars and old airplanes just naturally go together. One of the visitors commented on noticing a Model A in the photo of the Globe factory hanging in the museum entrance. That made a real connection for him and his friends. They had a great time and were all very impressed with our museum. The group promised to tell their friends and return for another visit.



We have been getting all sorts of visitors to our new facility. School buses loaded with children have been here several times. Families on their summer vacations were common over the last few months. It is an educational and fun time for them. The LoPresti Fury display gives the kids hands on experience that hopefully will inspire some to get into aviation at some level.

We have also had many people from international locations come specifically to see our great museum. Everyone that has made the trip to Athens to visit Swift has thoroughly enjoyed themselves and most end up buying a souvenir to take home to remind them of the good time that was had.

On a different subject, I would like to thank Ken Coughlin for volunteering to return to Athens in order to fill in for Cindra. All of you know her as the friendly voice that answers the phone to assist members on parts calls and other needs of the membership. Cindra has been out for hip replacement surgery and will be out for a few more weeks. Thanks again Ken and we all wish Cindra a speedy and successful recovery.

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The Chairman's Comments by Paul Barnett

Ladies and Gentlemen, the time of year we have all awaited is HERE; September/October offers us the absolute best flying weather for the mass majority of us who reside in the Continental United States. Our calendars fill quickly with fly-ins, airshows and other flying related events that we have long awaited. These are the moments that bring out the best in us; but also, the worst if we do not rely on currency, proper procedures and aircraft handling techniques. Recently, someone who most all of us know experienced a very embarrassing moment that could have resulted in a critical and possibly fatal outcome as a result of something as simple as not securing the oil dipstick. I will spare you the details only to say that when we were learning to become a Private Pilot; we were introduced to procedures that for the most part became rituals, if not followed; the repercussions were harsh (depending on one's CFI). Without belaboring the point with a multitude of examples; PLEASE prepare yourself for Each & Every flight as if it were your Private Pilot Checkride. Your life depends it.....as does everyone's Insurance Premium.....⁽¹⁾Currency/Proficiency, ⁽²⁾Weather, ⁽³⁾Fuel and ⁽⁴⁾Gear Down.....**Don't Do Nuttin' Stupid!!** Please feel free to call upon me at any time, I may be contacted by phone at 601-835-7520 or email pbarnett@pbnissan.com.

**President's Comments by Jim "Frog" Jones**

Another great Triple Tree is over, the 12th Annual Fly-In. It was once again well represented by the Swift Community with the following flying or driving to the event, Steve Roth & Lynn Dawson, Dave & Debbie Carpenter, Bo & Gloria Mabry, Jim & Carol Jones, Bud Brown, Steve Whittenberger, Pick Freeman, Billy Budd, Colin Harrington, Tom & Pam Gray, Paul Mercandetti, Jim Bob Roberts, Eddie & Debbie Shields, David Durham, Gary Dalton, Daniel McDevitt, Eric Bulger, and Brian Ellingham. There were several former Swift owners including Sam Hart and Glenn & Ingrid Lawler. There were about 14 Swifts that attended and probably about 500 + or – other airplanes.

For those you not familiar with Triple Tree it is a privately funded grass runway 400 feet wide and 7,000 feet long manicured by 16 foot reel type mowers, marvelously smooth. The facility allows aircraft camping and recreational vehicle camping with large shower and bathroom facilities. It is truly a beautiful place. The event goes on for about a week with excellent food on site. There is no special agenda other than to fly or drive and enjoy the fellowship of pilots and look at their beautiful aircraft.

The Swift Museum Foundation will be holding a formal dedication of the completed facility on Oct. 19th, this is the time of the Fall Board of Directors meeting. Local government representatives and the community are invited to attend this formal dedication. We are working with the Athens/McMinn County Chamber of Commerce to assist in inviting those in the community to the event. EAA & VAA have been invited to attend. Any of you can attend this event please let Scott know. It would be great to have as many Swifts as possible on the ramp during this event.

Safe flights to Westover, The Red River Fly-In and the Georgetown Fly-In.

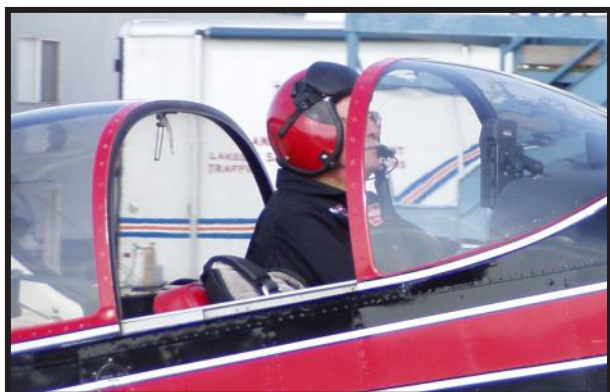
In Memory of Lowell Sterchi

Submitted by Michael Kennedy

Magic I, Lowell Sterchi flew away to a better home in the sky September 18th after a long illness. He was my friend and the first Swifter to fly with me some 45 years ago when I was a young F-4 fighter pilot at Homestead AFB, Miami Fl. We started a lifelong friendship and a Swift formation act the evolved into the Swift Magic Aerobatic Team. We traveled and performed throughout the US, Canada and Central America with our team mate Dewayne "Porch Dog" Upton. I will always treasure the memories of our many flying adventures together. Rest in peace my friend.



Lowell Sterchi Dewayne Upton Michael Kennedy



Last performance at Sparta TN when Lowell, Magic I, Swift Magic Team leader, retired from airshow performing.



Dewayne Lowell Michael

Swift National 2019 Dates

Swifter Ron Sipple will be hosting our 2019 Swift National Fly-in & Convention in the Kansas City area next June. The official dates are June 5—8, 2019 and will be held at New Century Airport (IXD), Gardner, Kansas.

Please mark your calendars and plan for another great Swift National! More information will be available soon in your upcoming newsletters. Make your plans to be there!

Westover 2018 27-30 September (Courtesy of WCSW newsletter)

From Don Bartholomew and Brad Stahl:

The date for Westover 2018 is September 27 (Thursday) through 30 (Sunday). The fly-in hotel is the Best Western Amador Inn (209-223-0211) which should have remodeling completed by fly-in time. There are 20 rooms reserved at \$85.99 a night, 14 days prior to the event extra rooms are dropped off the reserved list.

When making the reservation tell them you are with the Swift Fly-in Group. Hospitality Suite is being reserved and a Shuttle is being reserved. Denny's will give you 15% off meals.

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Swift Parts Department Note of Interest by Ken Coughlin

During the 2018 fly-in, several GC-IB's with ELI gears were noted as not having the torque knee stops installed. The lack of this "stop" (one on each gear leg) allows two serious situations to become possible. First, is the possible loss of the entire wheel although this likelihood is slight due to existing AD 58-10-03. Second and equally as serious but far more likely is the possibility of the fully extended torque knees folding in the wrong direction, ie, inward toward the strut instead of outward toward the fuselage. Should this happen, the extended knees would slam against the strut and prevent all shock dampening upon landing, taxiing or any other ground operation. The torque knee "stop" prevent the knees from extending to far upon retraction and eliminates the possibility of incorrect flexing of these units upon landing and all other ground operation.

Swifts with ELI gears but without the knee stops will require PN 64-A-31 to correct the situation. No stock is presently available for this item but the factory drawing is and can be used to make the pair of parts.

Globe Swift, C-145 For Sale

Globe (TEMCO) Swift, 1949. SN 3686. A polished aluminum classic.

Asking \$31,000 OBO

Airframe 3,270

Continental O-300D 698 SMOH

Sensenich 74DC-1 fixed pitch recently repitched to "climb"

Classic, in fact beautiful, "T" instrument panel.

Excellent Interior with the large flat hat rack area of TEMCO Swifts.

Full cargo space behind the seats

Standard factory opening aluminum canopy. (Very cool interior when flying!)

Two Piece wind screen.

Standard 26 gallon fuel tanks. (Actual fuel burn is 7.4 gph at 110 knots. For flight planning I use 8, 3+15 endurance.)

Instruments (VFR aircraft with a standard round dial T panel)

Dual head radio (King I think, but I have to go check)

4096 transponder

Apollo GPS (which I do not normally turn on)

A very nice between the seats iPad mount (I prefer iFly GPS software) and a USB power port.

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(More information and photos available upon request)



From Our Archives

Two very rare photos of the TEMCO Model 33 Plebe