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## Executive Director Report by Scott Anderson

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

Even as the flying may be slowing down where you live, things at headquarters are still busy.

In this newsletter you will find an article by Ester Aube of AirCorps Library. She has written about how to obtain a subscription to access the data for your Swift that we digitally preserved back in August of 2017 and February of this year. This is an unbelievable amount of technical and historical information that you can now have available to you 24/7 through the Library. This information can help you or your mechanic with questions about the Swift or you may simply enjoy reading about the Swift and seeing all the fascinating drawings.

Hard copies of the data may be purchased through AirCorps Library if you like with 100% of the proceeds going the Swift Museum Foundation. All the information on how to get your subscription is in Ester's article.

We continue to work on having more parts made available to the membership and are looking to have the gear actuator arms and new instrument panels in our hands soon.

Your parts committee is already looking into which parts will be made next. The focus is on the difficult to fabricate or repair items that you may need to keep your Swift flying due to damage or corrosion problems.

Salvage parts are an excellent source of to obtain items to repair or restore your air-plane. We encourage everyone with good serviceable Swift parts to donate any items that you may have in order to help us provide members with other ways to support the Swift. These donations help the Swift Museum Foundation and the membership in many ways. We can offer donors tax relief in the form of a donation letter for their generosity.

2018 has been a great year for Swifters everywhere and my hope is that 2019 will be even better.

**If you're looking for a special last minute gift, why not consider a Replica Brick to honor someone special. These bricks are being placed around the original Globe plant flag pole at the Swift Museum entrance. Contact Swift Headquarters for details.**



Correction: Swift National 2019 will be in the Kansas City area **not** Wichita.

*Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a very Happy New Year to all!*

## 2018

### HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

**Thanksgiving  
Nov. 22 — 23**

**Christmas  
Dec. 24 — Jan 2**

**Parts Dept will be closed  
an additional week for  
inventory  
Jan 2 —8**

## 2019

### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Sun-n-Fun  
April 2 —7  
Lakeland, FL**

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

**EAA AirVenture  
July 22 — 28  
Oshkosh, WI**

**Westover 2019  
September 27—29  
Jackson, CA**

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Knowing your Swift: Nuts & Bolts to Final Assembly  
by Ester Aube

The warm sunny days of summer are behind us for yet another year, but the memory of Southern hospitality, sweet tea, great conversations, and my first ever ride in a Swift are still fresh in my mind after attending my first Swift Nationals in June. I was one of the lucky people asked to present during the forum portion of the weekend, and I must admit I felt a little nervous given the level of knowledge evident in the other presenters. But, time and again, I was shown overwhelming enthusiasm and acceptance by all you Swifters!

For those of you not at my presentation, I work for AirCorps Library, a branch of AirCorps Aviation, a WWII-era restoration shop in Bemidji Minnesota. "Library" as we call it, is a website that we developed because we had a rapidly growing number of manuals and engineering drawings and no way to organize them. We created the Library website to hold this information, and thought that instead of keeping it to ourselves, why not share it with the aviation community? Currently on the website we have almost 300,000 engineering drawings and hundreds of manuals for almost 20 different WWII- era aircraft that anyone in the world can view.

As the website started gaining momentum, we realized that the need to convert historic materials into digital files was something that other groups also thought was important. So in June of 2017 we were excited when the Swift Board of Directors contacted us about digitizing the SMF collection of drawings and manuals.

Since that initial conversation, I have traveled to Athens twice to scan all of the original drawings, change orders, manuals, and serial number specific information owned by the SMF (housed in the conference room at the museum). It was a huge project that Scott Anderson and Ken Coughlin helped in a big way with. In the end, 2,953 drawings, 1,212 change orders, 611 manual pages, 25,000 pages of serial number information, and 5,000 pages of old newsletters were scanned during these 2 trips (almost 35,000 pages in all!).

Now that the hard part of scanning all that material is over, anyone who is concerned with the Swift legacy lasting well into the future can rest easy. All the information stored in the conference room about the history of the aircraft and company is now preserved forever. The joint goal of this project was not only to preserve this information, but to give all SMF members access to it. We think you deserve it, and will enjoy using it!

Both AirCorps Library and the Swift Museum Foundation are proud to announce that all the drawings and manuals that were scanned are currently available on the AirCorps Library website for anyone with a current Swift member number to view! As of today you can sign up and see every drawing, change order, and manual that was scanned. Over the next few months I will be working to finish getting all the back issues of the newsletters, and the specific serial number information packets ready to view as well.

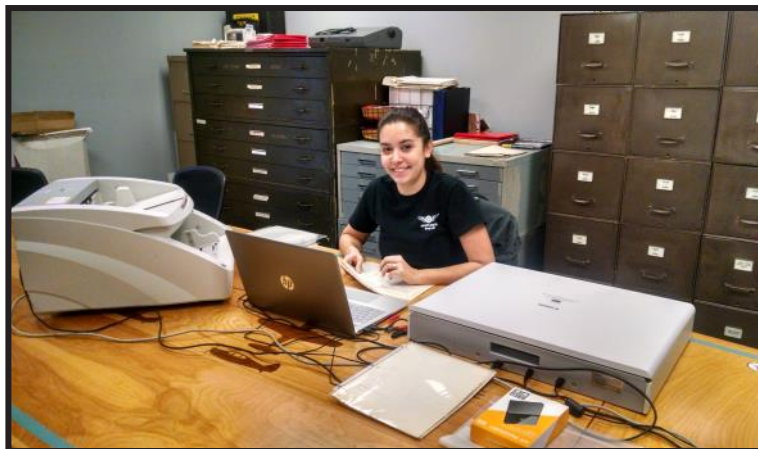
Having this information at your fingertips may not seem exciting, but looking at the hand-drawn pencil drawings from the Globe factory is enough to give anyone a newfound appreciation for the craftsmanship that went into building the Swift. Having this information available also helps when addressing maintenance concerns, and parts questions. All the Swift drawings and change orders are searchable by part number on the website, so you can quickly and easily find what you are looking for. And the best part is - you can take this information with you anywhere you go - from your home computer, laptop, ipad, or smartphone.

The SMF Board of Directors is really excited that we have the opportunity to offer this information to the people who will use it the most. AirCorps Library is offering access to Swift members at a 50% discount. Swifters can view all the information mentioned above for just \$25 per year. And if any of you are interested in seeing all of the other information we have on the website, you can sign up for our normal price of \$50 per year to see our other 20 airframes, plus the Swift materials!

To sign up just go to [www.AirCorpsLibrary.com/swiftsignup](http://www.AirCorpsLibrary.com/swiftsignup) and enter your contact information (you must enter your Swift member number) to start looking today. After you are signed up, you can access the site using our regular web address: [www.AirCorpsLibrary.com](http://www.AirCorpsLibrary.com)

We believe this information will be very useful and appreciated by you all, and we will be working to add some new features later this year such as the ability to download a drawing or manual directly to your computer! I know that the Board members will be talking about this, but we will continue to remind you of this new resource that is available. Of course I welcome any questions about the project, and website from Swift members - feel free to email, or give me a call here at the shop, I like to hear from you guys!

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

It is the time year of that many of us are considering making financial gifts to organizations that are important to us. We all get mailings requesting our financial support from many 501(c)3's. The Swift Museum Foundation is no different than any other 501(c)3, it depends on donations and fundraising as sources of revenue to support the day to day operations of the SMF. Please consider making a year end donation to the SMF Endowment Fund. This can be done by check, credit card or stock transfer.

Also, please consider making a legacy gift to the SMF in your estate planning. Many of our members have reached the age or are reaching the age of estate planning. We were recently notified the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc was named as one of the beneficiaries in the estate of one of our deceased longtime members. Please think about how beneficial the Swift Museum Foundation has been to you as a member and Swift owner. A legacy gift is a way of showing appreciation for the benefits received and can assist in sustaining the SMF for other Swift caretakers in the future.

I have a beautiful Award Winning Super Swift with Continental IO-360, Sliding Canopy, Sticks, Aux. Wing Tanks, for sale please email or call me for detailed information.

I hope you have a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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### In Memory

Our most sincere condolences go out to Ernie Hansen and his family at the loss of his wife Penny last month. Ernie is a long time member being very active on the Board of Directors and the Parts Committee. Our prayers are with the Hansen family.

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### Swift Parts Trio Autopilot Interest?

One of our members who is in the Far East supporting our military troops has asked me to put out a survey of how many people would be interested in installation of a Trio Autopilot? If we can get between 15-20 people interested, the company will consider approval for the Globe Swift. We have an airplane that can be used as the test bed. Contact via email Bo Mabry if you are interested: [swiftbo79k@gmail.com](mailto:swiftbo79k@gmail.com)

### Appareo Stratus Transponders

Swift Museum Foundation is now able to offer very competitive pricing on Appareo Stratus transponders. Get your ADS-B solution from Swift parts! Contact headquarters for details.

### TEMCO Aux Tanks

Swift Parts is offering two sets of TEMCO aux fuel tanks mostly complete. Please contact Swift Headquarters if interested.

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