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2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

Sun-n-Fun
April 2 —7
Lakeland, FL

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

2019 SMF Raffle Drawing
June 29
Athens, TN

EAA AirVenture
July 22 — 28
Oshkosh, WI

Westover 2019
September 27—29
Jackson, CA

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Executive Director Report by Scott Anderson

Even in the cold of winter things are heating up at Swift headquarters. The Swift donated by long time member Tom Numelin is going through a thorough inspection in preparation for sale.

As always Swift Museum Foundation members will have first crack at purchasing this beautiful GCI-B. Tom has owned the airplane for the last 45 years and proved to be an excellent caretaker. Truly a Swift anyone would be proud to have.

More exciting news! The LoPresti family has decided to donate the LoPresti Fury to the Swift Museum Foundation. The aircraft will be arriving in Athens and will be readied for display in the museum soon. This will make an excellent addition to the history of the Swift and the beautiful "one of one" examples that we have currently. Jim "Frog" Jones will offer more details of how this donation occurred in the President's Comments elsewhere in this newsletter. Many thanks to the LoPresti family for their generosity.



*Above L to R
David, Roy Jr., and
Curt LoPresti, Jim
Jones, Dave Carpen-
ter, Bud Brown, Bo
Mabry, Steve Roth.*

2019 Raffle: Paul Barnett will have new information on this year's Raffle in his Chairman's report. We hope everyone will participate and make this raffle even more successful than in the past. Your odds of winning are excellent with five great prizes up for grabs! And you are helping to support your Swift Museum Foundation. Good luck!

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President's Comments by Jim Jones

The Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. will soon have on display the last iteration of the Swift known as the LoPresti Fury N217LP. This is a highly modified Super Swift with a Lycoming IO-360, 200HP engine, fully enclosed gear doors and many other speed modifications. The combination of engine, cowling, enclosed landing gear and other mods allowed the LoPresti Fury to reach a speed of 217 miles per hour, almost 190 knots. The final plan for the production LoPresti Fury was to have a Lycoming IO-540, 300 HP Engine allowing it to achieve speeds in the area of 210 knots, 240 miles per hour.

Members of the Swift Museum Foundation had, over the past several years, been in conversation with some of the LoPresti family about the possibility of donating the Fury to the Swift Museum Foundation. The family had initially preferred to sell the Fury and the SMF offered assistance by discussing value and listing the LoPresti Fury for sale on the SMF webpage. After being listed on the webpage for only about two weeks the SMF received a call from Curt LoPresti informing us that changes had taken place and the LoPresti family had made the decision to donate the LoPresti Fury, engineering data, spare parts and tooling to the Swift Museum Foundation. The stipulation is, the Fury will not be flown and will be on permanent display in the Swift Museum.

The following is contributed by fellow Swift member Steve 'Spook' Roth. The Fury was originally designed in the late 1980's by Roy LoPresti, Sr. while working at LoPresti Piper Aircraft Engineering Company. He eventually secured rights to the design following the bankruptcy of the company in 1991. Sadly, the LoPresti Fury would never make it to production.

Roy LoPresti, Sr. licensed the right to modify and produce the airplane from the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. in 1985, and loaned the original Swift factory tooling. Roy had started with the basic Globe Swift GC-1B design, and updated and redesigned the entire airplane. A Swift (SN 310) was highly modified as a flying prototype and introduced at the 1988 Sun-n-Fun Fly-In. The Fury created quite a stir and hundreds of potential owners paid deposits for eventual production. Sadly, the small airplane production and sales business was on the downhill slide at that time and the Fury project was put on hold.

So, on January 4, 2019 the LoPresti family decided that they would donate the Fury prototype, parts, design, and certification documents to the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. Several years ago a dedicated group of volunteers moved the original loaned Swift factory tooling from Sebastian, FL back to Athens, TN. Just recently, the same volunteers began moving the Fury airplane and supporting items to Athens. There are still Fury parts and materials to be moved. This will be completed by the end of February with many thanks to Swift member Paul Mercandetti of Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Fury will be displayed in the Swift Museum in Athens, TN as a member of the Swift family of aircraft. The museum will have a display of the original origin of the Swift in the Johnson Rocket as well as this last design based on the Swift. The LoPresti family donated the Fury simulator to SMF several years ago.

The Fury, with several different paint schemes, was seen at many airshows flown by Curt LoPresti and the legendary J.W. 'Corky' Fornof.

We wish to thank the LoPresti family of Curt LoPresti, David LoPresti, Roy LoPresti (Jr.) Amy Walsh and children of the late Jim LoPresti, Stuart and Nick, for their very generous donation, as well as their great assistance in helping move the items.

A very special thank you goes out to the volunteers who participated in the disassembly and loading the Fury on the trailer, Bud Brown, Dave Carpenter, Bo Mabry, Steve Roth, Curt LoPresti, David LoPresti and Roy LoPresti. A special thank you also to Tom Gray, plus two RV friends and Sancho Emanuel (the newest Swift owner and newest member of the SMF from Brazil) who happened to be visiting the SMF headquarters when the trailer arrived delivering the Fury to the SMF.

For great reading about the LoPresti Fury go to this Plane & Pilot article written in 2008.
<https://web.archive.org/web/20080704201723/http://www.planeandpilotmag.com/pilot-talk/x-country-log/the-fury-is-coming.html>

Chairman's Comments by Paul Barnett

Take Flight in 2019 - It's hard to believe 2019 is here and we find ourselves nearly a month away from Daylight Savings Time; what does that mean? We need to take a very close look at our beloved aircraft in preparation for Flying Season. Rodents of all shapes and sizes tend to seek out places for safe keeping throughout the winter months and The Swift affords ample opportunity for shelter and security.

I have presented a challenge in the past with regards to introducing others to the World of Swift; while that remains very important for our future growth and the continuation of our legacy, I have a bit of a Metrics Challenge. I would like to see just how many Globe and Temco Swift Aircraft will take flight in 2019. I will be the keeper of this data and plan to report it periodically and have it posted on our website. This will be simple data, please submit as follows:

1. **Email to 210swift@gmail.com**
2. **Subject – ANOTHER SWIFT TAKES FLIGHT**
3. **Body of Email should contain – Registration Number & Serial Number**

Pictures are welcomed and encouraged as they will make for great perusing on the website.

The dust has settled from a few great years of building expansion and we can rest far more comfortably knowing our data has been preserved in the event of a natural disaster. It's with great enthusiasm that I am able to announce the **2019 Raffle** will kick-off the first week of March with the drawing to be conducted on **June 29th in Athens, TN**. Tennessee gaming laws are quite strict and require the drawing to take place within the State of Tennessee and tickets may be available for sale no more than 120 Days prior....key events for ticket sales will be Sun-N-Fun and the 2019 Swift National Convention (KS). Some have expressed concerns with regards to the \$100 ticket price in years past, Your Board of Directors has slashed the ticket price to \$50 in an effort to broaden our reach or as some have mentioned, increase your chances of winning based on the same donation dollars. The 2019 Raffle will offer a Grand Prize \$30,000 Engine Credit from the world renowned Ly-Con Aircraft Engines along with other great aviation prizes.....You Must Be In It To Win It!!

I am honored to serve as your Chairman of The Board of Directors for our Swift Museum Foundation; my role and the role of fellow Board Members pales in comparison to the duties required of and delivered by our Executive Director, Scott Anderson and also the continual effort and accomplishments achieved by our President, Jim "Frog" Jones. Please take a moment to reach out to Scott, Frog and Cindra; while their value to our organization will never be matched monetarily, a simple gesture of thanks goes an awful long way.

We were founded on volunteerism; please give consideration to lending a hand, a little time goes a long way with regards to achieving our goals and continuing what our Forefathers started over 50 years ago.

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Swift Drawing and Manual Update

Since the October newsletter, many of you have taken advantage of the opportunity to view the drawings and manuals that were scanned during the past year, now available through the AirCorps Library website. I've had the pleasure of talking with a number of Swifters about the site, and answering questions - it's great that the members of the SMF are so involved! One of the prevailing questions I have been answering is regarding the serial number folders. Uploading the 3,760 different files is no small task, and I am still working

on getting all this information available. I know that many of you are excited to see this information on your specific airframe, but I do ask that you remain patient with me, as I upload them in chronological order. This will make them easier to find going forward, will keep things organized, and ensure that I don't miss one by mistake!

As I mentioned in my previous article, over the past several months we have been working toward adding the capability for SMF members to purchase downloads of Swift drawings and manuals. I am excited to announce that this feature is up and running! Now you are able to login and download a drawing or manual directly to your computer to use anytime you wish, or have it printed in any format you choose. You will notice a new yellow "Purchase Download" button next to each manual and serial number folder (see image 1). To purchase a drawing download, simply open the drawing and choose Download under the "Buy" icon in the yellow header (see image 2). Clicking these buttons will allow you to place that document or drawing in your cart for purchase. To access your cart, simply click the green shopping cart icon in the upper right corner of the screen. Once purchased, a document or drawing can be found under the "My Downloads" area of your account. Remember, ALL dollars from these purchases go directly back to the SMF, so you are getting the information you need, all while supporting the organization!

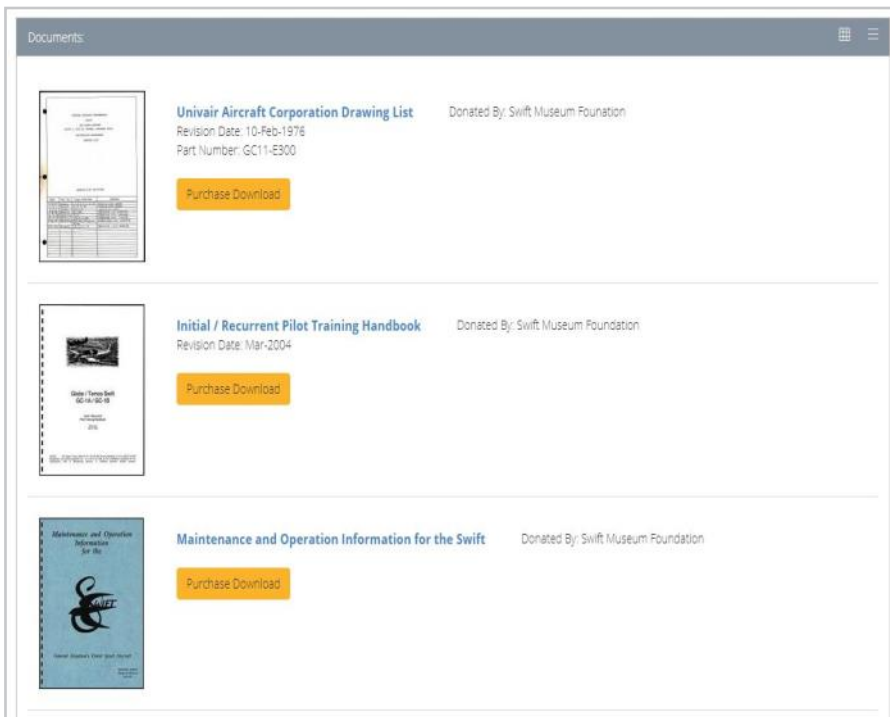


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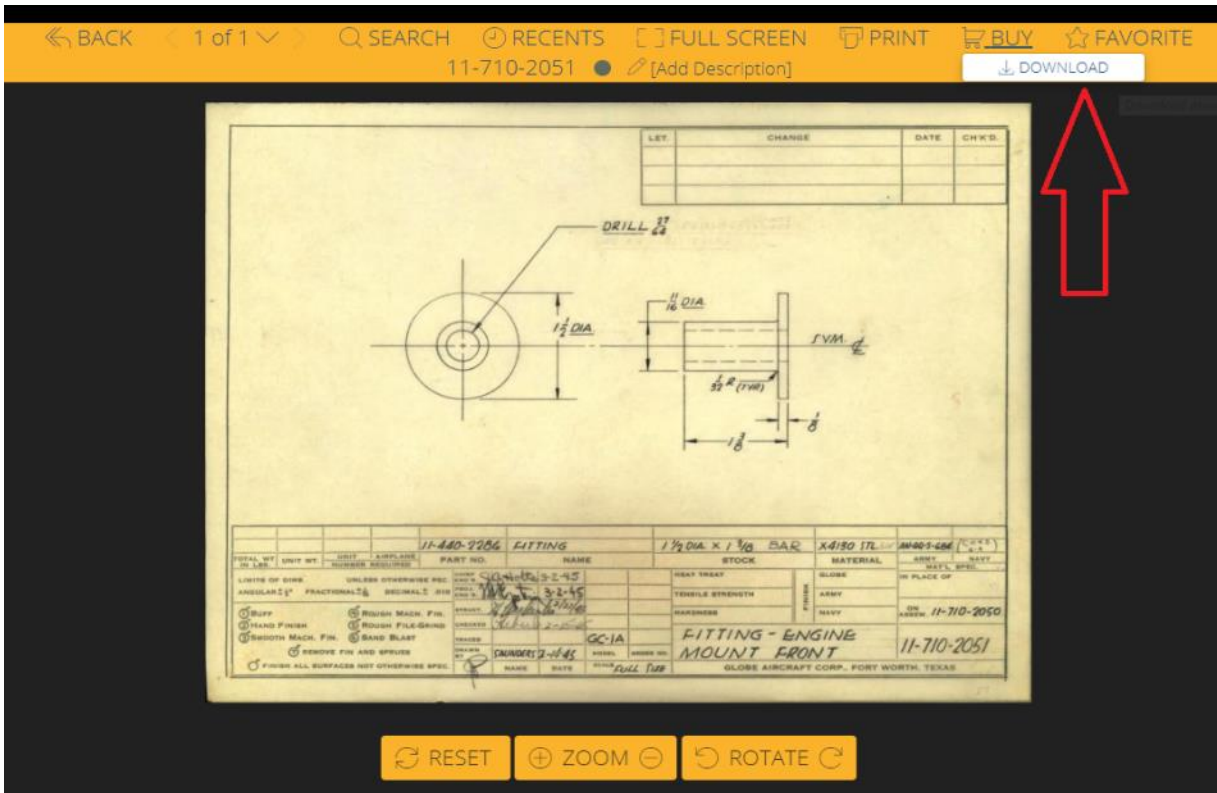


Image 2

For those of you who have not signed up, it is a great deal - for just \$25 per year you can view and purchase any Swift drawing or manual on the website, or for \$50 per year you have the same capability, but also have access to the drawings and manuals for the 20 other World War II era vintage and legacy airframes that we have available!

I have made some changes to the sign up process to make it easier for type club members. Now, simply click the "Join Now" button on our regular website: www.aircorpslibrary.com and click the Swift logo (as seen below) on the sign up page - this will take you to a specific Swift page that will prompt you to enter your information, including your member number.



Of course, I am available to answer any questions about the sign-up process, what materials are contained in the Swift area, how to use the website, and anything else! Feel free to email me at: estera@aircorpsaviation.com, or give me a call at the shop: 218-444-4478. Our normal hours of operation are: 9am-5pm Monday through Thursday, and 8am-Noon on Fridays (Central time).

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In Memory of Ray Brown by Chuck Mosely

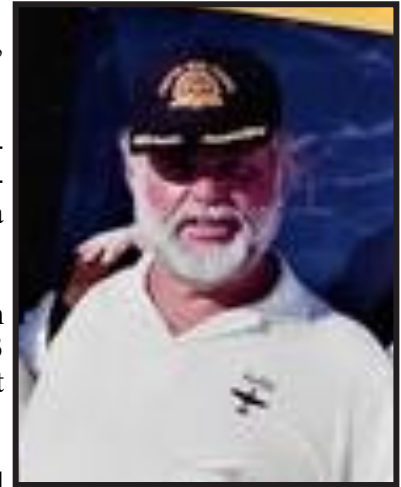
We are saddened to report the passing of long time Swifter Ray Brown of Loves Landing, Wiersdale, Florida. Ray passed away on 29 December 2018.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran, a Law Enforcement Officer, a real estate broker, and aircraft relocation team member. In addition to being a member of the Swift Museum Foundation and previous board member, Ray was a Lifetime member of EAA, NRA, as well a member of the Quiet Birdman, and AOPA.

Ray and his wife Judy were establishing member residents of Loves Landing Aviation Community (97 FX) in central Florida. Ray owned his Swift NC3756K for over 43 years and was widely recognized as the resident expert on all subjects related to our Swift aircraft, configuration, modifications, parts, and service of our prized aircraft.

In addition to being a pilot and owner of Swift aircraft, Ray was also an FAA Licensed A&P and IA as well as holder of multiple STC's for the Swift.

Over the years, Ray has been deeply involved in the restoration and modification of numerous Swift project aircraft. He also owned one of the largest collections of Swift parts known to exist. Ray's adept influence within our Swift community will be sorely missed. Editors note: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judy and the entire Brown family.



Just another wild idea in the Swift world.....



Martin VanPelt's (FL) late model Corvette engine installation (2005).

Your help is needed.

If you have plans to attend Sun-n-Fun this year and will be driving either through or close to Athens (MMI), we need your help. SMF is looking for someone who can pick up and transport the Swift hospitality tent to Sun-n-Fun and return it to Athens on the way back through. Please contact Scott Anderson at Headquarters if you are able to help.

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If you shop amazon.com, as many of us do, you can support your SMF with every purchase you make! All you need to do is sign in to amazon through smile.amazon.com and Amazon will make a small donation for each and every purchase you make and its absolutely free to you! Your cart, items, and total shopping experience is exactly the same. You will be asked to choose your charity and Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. is listed already. So, shop and help your Swift Museum Foundation at the same time!

For Sale

This award winning Swift is for sale, serious buyers only. This would be the one for current Swift owners who want to move from stock Swift to Super Swift. This Swift is owned by Jim 'Frog' Jones who can be contacted by email jimfrogjones@swiftmuseumfoundation.org or cellphone 770 527-9036. Purchaser must be willing to agree to a checkout in accordance with the Swift Museum Foundation Initial/Recurrent Pilot Training Handbook with a Swift Check Pilot. This handbook is available at the Swift Museum Foundation. The current annual date is March 2018 and will be going through another annual in March of this year. Price is \$85,000.00

- 1946 GC-1B
- Winner of Numerous Awards, Best Panel(2), Best Interior(2), Best Classic, Ladies Choice, Outstanding Swift Oshkosh 2017
- Continental IO-360, 210HP, 1109 Hours Since Major
- McCauley Propeller, 472 Hours Since New
- Total Time On Airframe 2929 Hours
- Lischer Sticks
- Nagal Canopy
- ELI Landing Gear
- Scott 3200 Tailwheel
- Gross Weight Increase, 1970 pounds
- Auxiliary Fuel Tanks In Wing, Total 52 Gallons, Andair Fuel Selector
- Fuel Totalizer
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