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2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

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

RRSW Gathering

October 4—5

Pecan Plantation OTX1

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Executive Director Report by Scott Anderson

It's time to get your 2019 Swift Museum Foundation Raffle tickets!

May has been an excellent month in the World of the Swift. N80671, the beautiful GCI-B donated by Tom Numelin has found a new caretaker! James Polivka of Everett, Washington was the high bidder among current members of the organization. He will be traveling to MMI for a proper Swift check out with our Vice Chairman, Paul Mercandetti. Paul has been doing an excellent job of checking out new Swift pilots.

James will be a great caretaker and has the right attitude towards transitioning into the Swift from the other taildraggers that he has been flying. Thanks to James and we wish him the best of luck with his new Swift!

Parts Department News

A correction is in order on last month's announcement on the ADS-B transponders available through Swift Parts. The units are made by Appareo, not Garmin as was mistakenly reported. These are an excellent choice to be your ADS-B solution. Contact Swift Parts for the best prices possible.

The new flat instrument panels are in stock now. They have been going out to members that were on a waiting list. Contact Parts if you need one as there are only a limited number available units.

The #2302 gear actuator arms have been made and are going through the plating process. We had hoped that they would be done sooner, but the manufacturer and the vendors are extremely busy causing this to take longer than was anticipated. I suppose this means that the demand for general aviation parts is strong and G.A. is healthy. Plating is the last step in the process, so we hope to have them soon. Thanks for your patience to all who pre-ordered these parts. We are doing all we can to provide the membership with quality PMA'd parts.

Swift Nationals is just around the corner. Come by air, come by car, or any way you can, but please be there. It's going to be a great event. We look forward to seeing everyone in Kansas soon!

2019 SMF Fund Raising Raffle

You can't win if you don't play! Contact Headquarters and we will help you with getting your tickets to win one of five great prizes. With the ticket price at only \$50.00 per ticket this year why not buy several and really increase your chances of winning! You are supporting your Swift Museum Foundation at the same time so please play and good luck!!!

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2019 Swift National Update by Paul Mercandetti

Final preparations are being made for Swift Nationals in KC. Ron Sipple, our local host, has been busy running around town making sure everything is in order for your arrival. Please bring tie downs just in case we run out of ramp space, There is an additional hotel available if we run out of rooms. The Hampton Inn (855-605-0317) is nearby, it's new but a little more expensive. PLEASE pre-register. It really helps us to do a better job for you especially when it comes time to order food. Also, if you cannot join us in KC this year, don't forget to send in your proxy so your vote will count.

The main hotel is the **Holiday Inn Express & Suites 15475 S. Rodgers Rd, Olathe, KS 66062 —913-948-9000** with a rate of \$119/night breakfast included. The overflow hotel will be the **Candlewood Suites 15490 S. Rodger Rd, Olathe, KS 66062 — 913-768-8888** with a rate of \$94/night...no breakfast. There will be van service from the hotels. Our catering services are in place (I think you will like the food the menu is amazing).

The preferred FBO is **Advanced Aviation (913-768-1500)**, you can book a car through them (still working on fuel pricing).

Swift Formation Report by Paul & Sandy Mercandetti

Formation Ground School Thursday 0900 at Swift Nationals in IXD. If this is your first school please bring proof of insurance as well as your license and medical. For those participating as a refresher course please be prepared, know your hand signals and review your book. Remember, this is a towered airport. I spoke with them and they are anxious and willing to work with us but we need to know what we were doing and look professional. Changes to 8900 are coming into play and we will go over them.

President's Comments by Jim Jones

I hope everyone has their beautiful Swift's washed, waxed, polished, and in safe flying condition ready to depart for KIXD, New Century, KS. Ron Sipple and his host committee have been hard at work preparing Swift National 2019. Even though it is a towered airport they are very small airplane friendly and welcome antique and classic aircraft. There is a Commemorative Air Force hanger on the field and that is where our event will take place.

We have many donated items for the silent auction from David Clark Headset, Appareo ADS-B Transponder, Tempest Fine Wire Sparkplugs, Icom Hand Held Radio, Electronics International Fuel Totalizer, Champion Sparkplugs, Whelen LED Lights, Concorde Batteries, and many more. These items will be used in the silent auction. Come prepared to raise the bid, get a good value and help the Swift Museum Foundation. The 2019 Raffle is underway. If you have not purchased your tickets Swift National will be the place to get them. If you are not attending Swift National 2019 please contact Scott or Cindra at the Swift Museum Foundation to get yours. Be sure to use your sphere of influence to sell tickets to your friends, family and those at your home airport or hometown.

Next on our Swift Adventures is Oshkosh AirVenture 2019. According to Steve Wilson Swift Parking should be the same as it has for the past several years. Upon landing be sure to show the VAC sign. When you get to the vintage area show the Swift sign. The Swift Forum will be Tuesday July 23rd at 11:00 AM in the Type Club Building located in the vintage area next to the Red Barn and behind the Bill & Myrt Rose Pavilion. The Swift dinner has once again been arranged by Barbara Wilson and will be at Primo's on Tuesday evening, Happy Hour 5:30 PM and dinner 6:00 PM.

Chairman's Comments by Paul Barnett

√ Sun-N-Fun, √ Huntsville, TX Fly-In, √ Georgetown, SC SSAG Fly-In.....the check-marks continue, ARE YOU READY TO Checkout Kansas City? Kansas City is home to many of our favorite celebrities; Robert Altman - M*A*S*H, Sylvia Brown - Bud's Keeper, Walt Disney - Magic Kingdom, Jean Harlow - "The Original Blonde Bombshell", Allan Melvin - Archie Bunker's Place, and several others.

Paul Mercandetti, Ron Sipple and a host of others have worked tirelessly to make every effort possible so that each and every one in attendance will have an incredibly enjoyable experience. A large percentage of past convention attendees have requested that the Swift National Convention be hosted "On The Road" every-other-year in order that we may experience various parts of the country....our wonderful flying machines coupled with the Best -Of-The-Best People. I eagerly ask that you participate....invite a friend to attend; Swift ownership IS NOT required to be a Swifter. Let's all check "Gear Down" and plan on making the 2019 Swift National Convention The Best Ever!!

Earliest Swift Memory – What's Yours?

My earliest Swift Memory dates back to about 1974; my father would typically spend Saturday and/or Sunday afternoon at the airport washing or tinkering on his 1961 P-35 Bonanza (N1560Z) followed by a quick flight around the patch with my often requested "Carrier Landing". As an inquiring minded 4 year old boy not easily amused with assisting my father in his hangar duty efforts, I would find myself exploring the surrounding hangars with great interest. The furthest set of T-Hangars from the entrance to the airport offered some of the greatest treasures; the structure was of aged creosote poles, rusty corrugated tin roofing and siding. With all my might, I would pry the sliding door open and gaze into the dark and gloomy hangar only to see what will forever be, "The Little Red Sport Plane".

I would ask my father about "The Little Red Sport Plane" and he would tell me about the two brothers who owned the airplane, The Miller Twins, Ed and Fred Miller; both served their country for 4 years to the day in the United States Army followed by obtaining their Electrical Engineering Degree, never having married or lived separately; both worked for Boeing, Vought and LTV. The Miller Twins bought their Swift in the early 60's, trading their Taylorcraft BC-12D for something that would better serve their commute from Grand Prairie, TX to Brookhaven, MS to visit their parents. In Grand Prairie, The Miller Twins worked for Vought Corporation which later became Ling-Temco-Vought (LTV).

By the mid-70's, The Miller Twins would commute from Grand Prairie, TX to Brookhaven, MS in their 1959 Cessna 182-B; during their frequent visits to Brookhaven, there would be an old car or truck parked in front of the hangar with the two elderly bald headed men (of which I have not a problem with elderly or balding) going to and from the vehicle with tools, cleaning materials and other various items as they tended to the needs of the inactive Little Red Sport Plane. The annual inspection would be performed by local mechanic, Bob Deaton and flown around the patch, Fred in the left seat and Ed in the right seat with the gear always down, then tucked back into the hangar.

Ed and Fred's adventures were thrilling and exciting, there is no doubt to anyone who knew of the Miller Twins, a single cell was split.....they dressed alike, spoke alike and even placed their pens in the shirt pocket with the same order. I have the privilege of being the caretaker of their beloved 1946 Globe Swift – N78251to this day; the leather wrapped headsets still hang inside the cockpit....Not To Be Forgotten!!

Submit your earliest Swift Memory Today!!

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