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2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

EAA AirVenture
July 22 — 28
Oshkosh, WI

Swift National 2019
September 11—15
Swift Headquarters
McMinn Co. Airport (MMI)
Athens, TN

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

This month I would like to acknowledge some of our Swift members no longer with us.

Dick and Jeanie Collins of Portola Valley, California were long time, very active members that loved their Swift and their extended Swift family. Many of us knew them well and their enthusiasm was infectious! Their presence at fly-in's across the country is sorely missed by many.

Dick and Jeanie made an extremely generous donation to the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. in their estate planning. That loving act will change the financial wellbeing of the foundation for many years to come. President Jones will go into the details of this donation in his comments later in this newsletter. Also, Gerry Mahoney's comments give even more insight into this wonderful part of our Swift family.

Tom Numelin, another long time member and Swift owner from California, also made very generous donation to SMF in the form of his Swift N80671. Many of you may have known Tom through his polishing supplies business "Perfect Polish".

His beautiful, original, GCIB is now in the caring hands of James Polivka of Washington State. The sale of N80671 was also a way for SMF to increase our endowment fund and will also help carry us into the future.

We recently learned of Tom's passing. While I had not met him personally, he was a very kind man to speak with as we made the plans for his donation.

Mark Holliday made the trip to California to meet with Tom and bring the Swift back to headquarters. Tom never mentioned anything about any health issues to either Mark or me. He only expressed his desire to see the foundation benefit from his donation.

These acts of generosity and kindness by Dick, Jeanie, and Tom show the kind of extraordinary people we have in our organization.

I have heard it said "Friends are the family that you pick for yourself."
Uncommon friends indeed.

Godspeed friends. You will never be forgotten.

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2019 Fund Raising Raffle Report

The 2019 Swift Museum Foundation, In. raffle is in the books and was a success!

The usual methods of online and newsletter advertising was not working well for a positive outcome. Jim "Frog" Jones contacted Steve "Spook" Roth about posting on the Swift Facebook page a daily notice promoting the Raffle. Our newsletter editor Pam Nunley sent out daily email reminders to everyone that is on our email list.

GAME CHANGER!!!

The last ten days before the drawing created a frenzy of activity here at headquarters. Ticket sales increased dramatically. This basically saved the raffle from becoming a less than desirable outcome.

I do want to thank everyone selling tickets out in the field for their efforts that also contributed to the success of the raffle. Top sellers included Sam Swift, Bruce Douglas, and of course "the Frog".

The power of social media was apparent and will be a primary method of selling tickets in the future.

2019 Raffle Winners!

Grand Prize — John Amundsen, Lakeland, FL — \$20,000.00 cash option.
2nd Prize — Todd Bengtson, Tyler, TX — Stratus 3
3rd Prize — Michael Bell, Trinity, TX — Garmin Area GPS
4th Prize — Pete Boronkay, Rockwall, TX — Personal Locator Beacon
5th Prize — Jackie Fussell, Broxton, GA — Brightline Flight Bag

Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to everyone who participated in the raffle that helps to keep our organization strong!

Swift National 2019 Update

As announced, the annual Swift National Fly-in and Convention for Sept 11-15 in Athens, TN.

Many of you will receive this newsletter during the EAA AirVenture event at Oshkosh. We wish everyone a good time and safe travels. We also look forward to seeing everyone here at Headquarters in September. It will be a fun event with lots of great things planned.

The regional fly-in that A.O.P.A. is having in Tullahoma, TN. coincides with our convention on Friday and Saturday. We are planning a fly-out to Tullahoma on Saturday and A.O.P.A. has published in their "Pilot" magazine the intent to have a fly-out to the Swift Museum on Friday. This is a great opportunity for the two organizations to interact and promises to be a special event.

Whether you come by air or ground, don't miss it!

President's Comments by Jim Jones

Who were Dick (11-29-1926 - 8-09-2018) and Jeanie (6-14-1930 - 5-12-2016) Collins? They were



extremely talented, loving, sharing and giving members of the Swift Museum Foundation. Records show they became members of the International Swift Association (later to become Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.) in 1974. Dick and Jeanie further demonstrated their love and commitment to the Swift and the organization by later becoming Life Members of SMF.

They would routinely fly their Swift to Swift National, Sun N Fun, Oshkosh and other points across the U.S. from their home in California. You would always find Dick and Jeanie actively involved in volunteering at Swift National. Jeanie spent many hours helping out in the Swift store and Dick could always be found conducting forums, parking Swifts, setting up, and helping out wherever he was needed. Their activity

was not limited to their time at events. Jeanie was a very talented graphic designer and designed artwork for many of our Swift National shirts, hats, and other Swift store items. Jeanie and Dick were talented, multi-faceted, accomplished, individuals.

Dick and Jeanie's giving spirit continues. They have left "A Gift That Continues Giving" by naming the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. as a recipient of a legacy gift. In May of this year the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. received from the Collins estate a check in the amount of \$236,874.20. When the estate is completely closed there may be an additional \$12,000.00 - \$15,000.00 sent to the SMF.

This extremely generous gift will be added to other monies in the Swift Museum Foundation Endowment Fund. The board of directors is planning to transfer the Endowment Fund into a low to moderate risk investment account. The decision can be made to let the account continue to grow or, if needed, to withdraw a portion of the earnings each year necessary for the operation of Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.

We can all thank Dick and Jeanie for the wonderful memories they helped so many to create. We can thank them for their substantial legacy gift. We can thank them for setting an example for others to consider, in remembering those people and organizations that were special to them. Dick and Jeanie did not have children. However, members of the Swift community became their extended family.

Dick and Jeanie Collins are no longer physically with us, but they will remain in our hearts forever. We are certainly blessed to have known them. Thank you Dick and Jeanie for your giving spirit and your very generous gift.

Jim 'Frog' Jones, President

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The following comments are from long time Swift member Gerry 'Doc' Mahoney of Diamond Point, WA.

"Frog,

Collins bought the present Swift on September 1964. He overhauled the entire airframe and installed the Lycoming O-360-A1A, as part of the STC he developed. N80772, was a GC-1A, built in June, 1946. It had 754 hours on the airframe at that time. Dick, put 3500 hours on it while he had it. The STC, is STC#SA1680WE, and covers the entire airframe. We have been providing letters to folks to use the Data on their aircraft, primarily the Pitot mast and battery installation. With each have a drawing.

The total time on the airframe is 4296 hours. Dick, and Jeanie, flew it to Anchorage, AK, and Maine. I do not know how many trips to Athens, & Oshkosh. I have not found any Pilot log books in the stuff I have.

Jeanie learned to fly and got her Certificate in Wenatchee, WA. I believe she had her ticket before Dick got his. Dick, was a mechanic, and Instructor, at San Carlos, Airport, before he went to Engineering School in San Francisco, then moved on to Hiller, Helicopters, in Palo Alto, CA. He met Jeanie, at the Palo Alto Airport where she worked for Nystrom, Aviation, which was a Swift, and Navion, Dealer. She was their Navion, Ferry/Delivery pilot. Jeanie's maiden name was Cryor.

Dick, had a GC-1B, earlier, and flew it to visit my family at the Bryce Canyon Airport, in Utah. The field was at 7,800'. He stuffed my sister and I into the Swift and we flew out over the Park. I remember the Swift gobbling up most of the 8,000' runway. That was about 1950. He came back with Jeannie for their Honeymoon about 1952/53? I was in the 5th grade. I became the Red Headed Stepchild about 1959, when I graduated HS, and left Oklahoma City the next day. I went west in search of something, I do not know what, but I seldom left the west coast. Dick, Jeanie, and I, had a lot of good trips with the Swifts over the years.



Bill Shepherd, said Dick and Jeanie were at Kentucky Dam before 1970 with N80772. Probably check records from Kentucky Dam before 1979, I know he was flying it in 1967. I have known Dick since I was 5 years old.

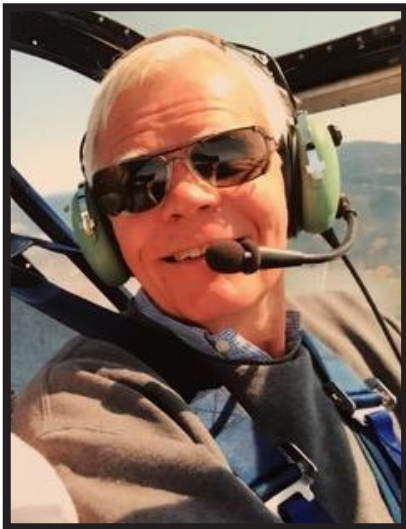
We built the house when I was stationed at Lemoore, CA, and we were off and running with the water ski's, and air-planes. It was a great ride.

Gerry"

In Memory Thomas Numelin

"Thomas Numelin, pilot, skier, adventure seeker, beloved friend, brother and uncle, passed away on Monday morning July 15th at Marin General Hospital after succumbing to pulmonary fibrosis.

Last night, Tom told me to contact you and a few people who would spread the word. This is exactly what he wanted me to say: "Tom Numelin passed tonight. It was not unexpected. email Laura laura_cooper@mac.com for details."



He was a kind and generous man and will be missed. I was his roommate for 16 years, and I am blessed to have known him. Tom's funeral will take place in his hometown of Manistee, Michigan. "

Your SMF Newsletter — We Would Like Your Input

We are always in need of material for the SMF newsletter. If you have a Swift story or maintenance tip to pass along, please send it in.

Chairman Paul Barnett requested “Your First Swift Memory” a couple of months ago. I know almost all of you have a story to tell and we would love to share it! Maybe you’ve taken a fun trip in your Swift or shared your love of flight with someone else... we would love to hear about it.

There is a lot of knowledge out there being stored by you long time Swift owners. You may think everyone knows... but guess what? Not everyone does... Help out our new members and refresh the minds of our not so new members by sharing what you may think is common knowledge.

If you have just completed a restoration project or are in the middle of one, we would love to know about that as well.

Don’t worry about writing something ready to go to print if you’re not comfortable with that. If you would prefer, we can do the finish edit and will work with you to make sure everything is accurate and just the way you intended.

Photos are GREAT! Send them in! If you are sending via email, we just ask that you send each photo in a separate file and include as an attachment. Please DO NOT embed them in your text document. Email to HQ’s at swiftmuseumfoundation@aol.com or mail to 223 County Road 552, Athens, TN 37303.

If its Swift related, send it in. We would love to have your input.

Swift Presence at 2019 EAA AirVenture

Swifts and SMF members are active and enjoying this years EAA AirVenture. Watch for a full report in next months newsletter. *Photo courtesy of Barb Wilson.*





Above is Jim Roberts (Knoxville, TN) beautiful Swift N78012 featured in the Vintage Aircraft Association area at AirVenture 2019 Oshkosh! Congratulations Jim!