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2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

~~!!Cancelled!!~~

~~Sun-n-Fun
Lakeland, FL
May 5 — 10~~

~~!!Cancelled!!~~

~~Red River Swift Wing
San Marcos, TX
June 25 — 28~~

~~!!!Cancelled!!!~~

~~Diamond Point
Swift Gathering
Sequim, WA
July 10 — 12~~

~~!!!Cancelled!!!~~

~~AirVenture 2020
Oshkosh, WI
July 20 — 26~~

Swift National
Athens, TN
Oct. 7 — 10
TBD

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Executive Director Report by Scott Anderson

This month the Swift Board of Directors and its officers hope that all of our Foundation members and their families are doing well during the Covid-19 pandemic. While most of our social aviation activities have been postponed or cancelled for 2020, we at headquarters are busy helping members with maintenance items and upgrades that are being performed while we have a little extra time on our hands.

Parts Department; We have some donated items that are for sale that may be of interest to you. A **King KLX 135A GPS/Comm, KT 76A transponder, Hypervox intercom and an AmeriKing ELT** along with other assorted parts and pieces that are available. We also have various airframe items such as a complete set of **new Cleveland brakes, original gear doors, tailwheel parts and some spinners.** We also have **used cowlings, original and fiberglass** and a very hard to find **center section main spar with an undrilled lower cap** that may suit your needs for your Swift. (See several photos on pages 4 & 6)

If you're looking for parts for your airplane you may be surprised at what we have in our salvage inventory. We will be receiving more Swift airframe parts soon so check with us at Headquarters first. We may be able to help and offer you a great deal.

Donated items are a great way to support your organization and help keep members Swifts in top shape. If you have any good parts that you would like to donate, just call or email us and tell us what you have. We may be able to give you a donation letter that will help you with your taxes.

Be sure to read Board Chairman Paul Barnett's article in this issue concerning the 2020 Raffle. A very important announcement is being made.

Special Note: Auto Renewal for your membership dues is now available! Contact Sue at Headquarters and she will get you set up.

Your Board of Directors will be holding a meeting on June 12th. Among the topics are PMA parts that we are working to get for our new parts inventory and our National Convention scheduled for October. We will keep everyone updated on these important subjects. In the meantime, stay safe, fly if you can, and remember, "Bluer skies ahead!"

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Paul Mercandetti
Sam Swift
Scott Anderson

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Sam Swift

Finance

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Formation

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Building

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Paul Barnett

IT/Web

Tracy Rhodes
Jim Jones

Aging Aircraft

Steve Wilson
Ken Coughlin
Dave Carpenter

Board Chairman's Comments *by Paul Barnett*

It's Memorial Day, I sit at my desk and reflect on many different facets of life. First, I'm forever grateful to the Men and Women who have served and sacrificed their lives as well as giving up precious family time throughout the years just so You and I can enjoy the Freedom of our Great Nation and also give thanks for our members around the globe that have been afforded the opportunity to enjoy and share the love of Swift as a result of our Independence and Freedom.

Secondly, I'm so very thankful that in a time of such uncertainty and global concern for the COVID-19 Pandemic that has truly taken our world by storm, we continue to maintain health and safety. I know we have members who have been personally impacted by the horrible virus and it's my prayer the loss of life will be minimal. I sincerely believe we will all pull closer together and be even more thankful for the opportunity to share and socialize in the days to come.

Lastly, I cherish the wonderful memories of enjoying this very weekend, Memorial Day Weekend with my Swift Family throughout the years. As with all things in life, we find ourselves constantly adapting to change. Our leadership from previous years changed the timing of our National Convention to a later date in order to accommodate the family gatherings of so many for Memorial Day lending the way for an early June reunion of our Swift Family. As we have been stricken by growing weather concerns, the current administration polled the membership and feel that a Fall time of year National Convention will better accommodate the majority of our membership in the foreseeable future, it's safe that all are in anticipation of a wonderful turnout. We remain optimistic our 2020 National Convention will be a glowing success this year, especially given the confinement we've all been faced with in recent months.

!! RAFFLE UPDATE !!

I have one note of regret to mention at this time; on May 8th, your Board of Directors conducted a teleconference to discuss what was certain to be our most well received and largest Raffle ever for the Swift Museum Foundation. Great strides have been achieved in an effort to conduct online ticket sales for the 2020 Raffle and we have been anxious to start ticket sales on June 13th; however, your Board of Directors discussed the Risk vs. Reward and have come to the conclusion that in light of the Social Distancing, Economic Impact, and for lack of better words, Pandemic Hangover, **WE HAVE CANCELLED THE 2020 RAFFLE**. The financial exposure/risk of not selling enough tickets, even with the ease of Online Ticket Sales is too much for our organization to bare at this time. Many will be relieved while at the same time, many will be saddened to learn of the news; we remain hopeful for STRONG Live and Silent Auctions during our 2020 National Convention. Please keep in mind, we depend heavily on Fund Raising to maintain an adequate level of parts and supplies to maintain our wonderful flying machines.

Financial gifts are encouraged and welcomed, I'm pleased to share that the Estate of Fern Villeneuve has contacted me with wonderful information that Fern's final wishes for his Swift will result in it being donated to the Swift Museum Foundation. Fern's legacy will never be forgotten; I'm confident, the manner with which we continue to guide and operate our museum, we can expect future donations as the hands of time continue to turn. I thank each of you for affording me the opportunity to serve you in the capacity as Chairman; I'm incredibly excited about the future of the Swift Museum Foundation.

Swift Formation Committee "SFC"

by Paul Mercandetti

I am happy to report that several members have contacted me with their recent formation activities, and some have sent me videos of their flights. All this despite the reduced flying activity, due to the Covid 19 virus. In Nashville, Don Abbott and Jerry Kirby got together with four RV friends and did a fly-by in support of three friends receiving chemotherapy.

Sacha Botbal, Bud Wrightington, Simon Green, and Chris Reiff have been "mask on" briefing and beating up the sky over Long Island Sound. And not to be outdone, on the west coast, Mark Plaskon and Jim Robison were able to buzz the west parallels at SFO. You don't get to do that every day when there is no Covid. I'm sure there is much more formation flying happening but the point is, it can be done, and it is happening all over this great land of ours. Until we meet again, stay safe (on the ground and in the air) and stay current.

Swift National 2020 Convention Committee

By Paul Mercandetti

We are still looking forward with caution to our October convention. There is a Board meeting scheduled for June and we will discuss in great detail the possibility of going forward with plans or not. As always, your input is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to send me an email (mercandettipaul@gmail.com) with your thoughts, one way or the other. This is your club not just mine... your thoughts matter. Remember, just because we're making plans doesn't mean we cannot modify or cancel them as needed. My only real concern is being able to give ample notice to you and our vendors.

I am also looking for any type of content that would be of interest in the form of activities or forums. Again, your input is important and welcome. I'm hoping we can pull this off in October. We will definitely keep you informed of all the details as they become available.

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1968

In Memory of Bill Whelchel

We are sad to learn of the passing of Bill Whelchel. Bill was one of the original founders of the Northern California Swift Wing and one of the early members of SMF (then the International Swift Assoc.) He lived in Mountain View California for many years. Bill passed away May 14th at his home in Costa Rica after suffering complications from a hip replacement the previous day. Bill was quite a character and a great friend. He owned Swift S/N 3726 before moving to Costa Rica. Many thanks to Gerry Hampton and Bill Gass for sharing this information with us.

For Sale

MT electrically controllable pitch propeller for 145 H.P. Continental installations.

This is the propeller that Steve Wilson and Ken Coughlin worked on getting an STC for. It is still possible to acquire an STC or possibly a field approval for installation on your Swift. Complete with electric controller, spinner, and bulkhead. This composite propeller provides improved take-off and climb performance like a constant speed prop does. If you are interested, please contact headquarters for details (423-745-9547 or 423-744-9696).

Photos below as mentioned on page 1. — Contact Swift Parts for more details.



King KLX 135A GPS/Comm



Oil Filter Adapter



AmeriKing ELT



Center Section Main Spar with an undrilled Lower Cap

Unique Super Swift for Sale
1946 Globe GC 1B Serial No. 1119
Priced to sell at \$65,000



Airframe TTSN: Approx. 4000 hrs.
Engine: Left Hand turning Lycoming LIO-360 CI E6, 200hp.
Engine TTSN: 2753 STOH: 1302
Prop: TTSN: 2753 TSOH: 105

Owned and flown by professional mechanic, A&P/ IA for 51 years.

Equipment and Features:

ELI Air Oil Landing Gear
1970 lb. Gross Weight
Concord Sealed Battery
Nagle sliding bubble canopy
C 150 Seats
Cleveland wheels and brakes
Electric Trim
15 gallon aux fuel tank, total 39 gals.
Chuck Lischer Control Sticks
Alpha Systems AOA
Merlyn Products aft battery access door

Avionics:

Narco Mk 12D with localizer and Glideslope
Bendix KMD 150 GPS with Moving map display
King KT 76 Transponder
Electronics International EGT/CHT, all cylinders
iFly720 GPS Tablet
Swiftronics Digital Flow meter/totalizer

To be sold with fresh annual inspection

Located in Camas, Wa. near Portland, OR.
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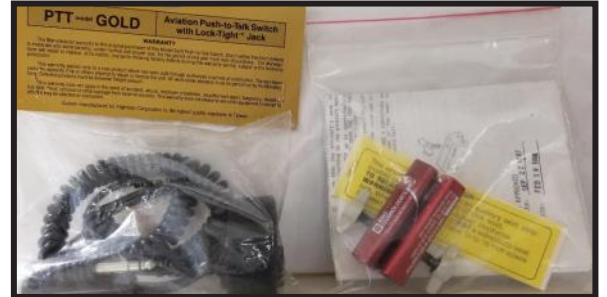
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