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Executive Director Report by Scott Anderson

Just when you think all the Swifts ever made have been accounted for, more hidden treasures turn up. I received an email recently with photos attached of two GC-1B's hanging in a barn in Oregon. They are stated to be serial number 1090 and 1123, N80685 and N80930 respectively.

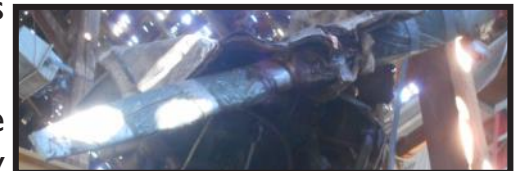
They appear to be clean, solid, airframes and intact. How complete they are is unknown. Excellent prospects for original restorations it seems. I have been fortunate to be involved in restorations of this type. While it is time and dollar consuming, there is a great satisfaction in saving a Swift from being lost to aviation forever. We have the contact information if anyone is interested in these Swifts. Just let us know here at HQ's and we will pass it along to you.



These are not the only "barn finds" that I have heard of recently. Charter member Mark Holiday just purchased a very nice, complete GC-1B that he tells me should be relatively easy to get back to airworthy status. If anyone can get that done, Mark can.

Finding very original Swifts that have not been modified beyond returning them to their as built condition is getting more and more difficult. As a long time Swift member and owner myself, I have gone from the extremely modified bird, which I still very much admire, to an appreciation of the Swift as it was designed and built in 1946. Both are fantastic airplanes and the diversity of the fleet is something that makes our fly-in gatherings so interesting.

We all look forward to the time when we can get back together and enjoy the variety of the Swifts and their caretakers again soon.



Peek in hangars and barns in your travels...You never know what you'll find.

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President's Comments

By Jim "Frog" Jones

I hope everyone is making the necessary adjustments to go about living with the pandemic affecting everything we do. The year 2020 will be remembered as the year that most all of the significant aviation events were cancelled. For many of us that has meant flying our beautiful Swifts less this year than in past years, as there were not fly-ins to attend. A couple of months ago it was mentioned in the newsletter that revenue for the Swift Museum would be reduced due to cancelling Swift National 2020. A request was made for members to consider making a donation to the SMF based on not having to spend money on attending Sun-n-Fun, Oshkosh, or Swift National 2020. Thus far the SMF has received donations totaling \$3,850.00. A special thank you goes to those making those donations. The following is the current list of donors.

Nick Trouleman, Blake Leeper, Bill Tilley, Bruce Douglas, Weston & Ann Liu, Jim Clevenger, Warren Ross, Daniel Cammack, Todd Bengtson, Richard Kaczmarek, Robert Webster, Hammond Oldham, and Jim Jones.

Please consider adding your name to the list of donors by making a donation to your Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.

Fly Often & Fly Safe

Jim 'Frog' Jones

Swift National Convention Report

By Paul Mercandetti

As we all know the 2020 convention has been cancelled and all vendors and hotels have been cancelled as well. If you have made a hotel reservation outside of our Swift block of rooms I will have no way of knowing it and you will have to cancel it yourself.

It is time to start thinking about Swift National 2021. I propose that we stay with a fall time frame due to the continued effects of the Wuhan flu. We do not know how long it will be a problem for us. By putting it off until later in the year I think we will have a better chance of making our event happen. Also, the main reason we moved it to the fall was because of weather. As always, if you have any input for me or the Board please let us know soon as the BOD is scheduled to meet October 6 and will most likely chose a date at that time.

Swift Formation Committee Report

By Paul Mercandetti

It seems that all flying, as well as formation flying, has slowed down a bit. I don't know if it is because of the hot summer weather or the fires and smoke out west or the hurricanes in the south or people getting caught up in the staying at home Covid thing but I suspect it is some of all of the above. I know I suddenly found myself going on to my sixth week of not flying for one reason then another before I got off my butt and dragged my bird out of the hangar and got with the program again. I must say that anytime I take a break from flying for any

length of time It takes me a while to get my “stuff” together to where I’m comfortable again. If this happens to you, please, please slow down and be methodical until you are back in the groove again. No Statistics please. If you are conducting a formation flight, make sure you do a thorough briefing and make sure everyone is on the same page. We have been very fortunate due to your due diligence that our track record is so good. Let’s make sure we keep it that way. Get out there and have some fun and keep me posted with a quick text on what you are doing.

In Memory

Keith Brandt

Swift member Keith Brandt of Burt, Iowa passed away July 26th after a significant stroke. He was the caretaker of Swift N80613 for many years. In the words of his family, “How he loved his Swift years!” Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Dave Richards

We were notified by Swift Member Bill Weaver of the passing of a special friend of Swift, Commander Dave Richards of Jackson (Sutter Creek), California. Dave was a great friend to Swift and to the West Coast Swift fly-in. He will be greatly missed. Below is his full obituary. Thank you Bill for sharing.

Commander Tilden David "Dave" Richards

On the morning of August 28th, 2020, Naval Commander Tilden David "Dave" Richards passed away peacefully in his home while watching his favorite TV show FOX News, just shy of his 84th birthday. The oldest of three siblings, he was born on September 6, 1936 to parents Marea Fontenrose Richards and Herbert Tilden Richards. Known to friends and family as Dave, Richards served his country for over thirty years during the Vietnam War, protecting his three most beloved things: his country, his family and flying.



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He is remembered for his patriotism, running Cubi Point at Subic Bay in the Philippines, and being the first ever pilot to launch a Tomahawk Cruise Missile from an aircraft, and establishing the corridor from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California to Salt Lake City.

Upon retiring as a U.S. Navy Commander and Jet Carrier Pilot, "Commander Scambie" continued his lifetime involvement with his love for aviation in Amador County and across the United States. A celebrated Experimental Test Pilot, Dave managed Amador County's Westover Field Airport for 15 years, co-established the West Coast Swift Fly-In, International President for the American Bonanza Society, received the esteemed Wright Brothers Award and was a skilled A&P (Airframe and Powerplant) mechanic through the FAA, and a flight instructor for multiple successful pilots.

A fourth-generation Amador County native, Commander Richards was widely known for his community contributions as Past President/Secretary of the Jackson Lions Club, Past President of the Mother Lode Shrine Club, Past President of the Italian Benevolent Society, Past President of the Amador County Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Amador County Historical Society, Native Sons of Sutter Creek and Jackson Parlors, Mule Creek Prison Citizen Advisory Board, a Mason through the Henry Clay Lodge, HNW Quiet Birdman, member of the Jackson Elks Lodge, and American Legion Post #108.

Richards is survived by his extensive family, loving wife Mary, his son David Jr. and his husband Loren, Auntie Sheila Wakita and husband Bill, brother Tony and his wife Cherryl, stepson Thomas Priddy and wife Patricia, and grandchildren Liam and Morgen. And always in his heart, his late wife Susan.

There will be a visitation viewing at Daneri's Mortuary on September 17th between 4-7 PM.

A public ceremony is to be held on Saturday, the 19th of September, 2020 at 9:00 AM to honor Dave's life at one of his favorite places, in his hangar at Westover Field in Sutter Creek. Attendees are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing while attending. Friends are asked to toast to Commander Richards, "Raise a glass, first one tonight."

When a plane flies over, we will always know that Commander Richards is smiling down on his family, friends, and community. Forever in our logbooks, in the sky and in our hearts.

Commander Dave Richards will be interred in his family plot in the Sutter Creek City Cemetery. Condolences, cards and flowers may be sent by visiting danerimortuary.com and signing the guest book.

The Article and photos below were found on Facebook. Thought to be somewhere in South America.

Bibliografía : Melilla 75 años de historia – Juan Maruri

File footage, something that today would be impossible to repeat...

On August 25, 1947, the locomotion parade along our main Avenue, July 18, was organized in the city of Montevideo.

That day old and the most modern motor vehicles paraded, also four aircraft, a Castibert used by Lt. Juan Manuel Boiso launches July 18, 1916 to perform the Crossing of the Rio de la Plata between the city of Bs As and Montevideo.

The other three more modern and in flight order had taken off from Melilla Airfield and landed on the straight stretch of the rambla in front of the Golf Club.

Pilots upon landing followed their march on Avenue. Blvr Artigas to the Obelisco then from there they took Avda. July 18th going behind the Castaibert that was towed by a car.

The other three aircraft were:

2) Ryan Navion license plate CX-AJB (Continental 185 hp engine) piloted by Mr. Ernesto Deal Smith.

3) Globe Swift GC-1 B license plate CX-AIT (Continental engine 125 hp).

4) Beechcraft Bonanza 35 license plate CX-AJM (Continental 185 hp engine) commanded by Raúl Clermont and Victor Liford Pike, the latter representative of the Beechcraft in Uruguay with signature Pike & Cia.

Of these three aircraft I can tell you that the AJB would have been sold to Argentina in 1950, the AIT after being abandoned years sold to Brazil where it was restored to fly, the AJM would be restoring it in our country after several years of abandonment at Adami Airport.

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