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**2021**

**EVENT**

**SCHEDULE**

**To be  
Determined.**

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## Executive Director Report

by Scott Anderson

Your Swift Museum Foundation Board of Directors held a meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2020. This of course would have been the meeting held during Swift National 2020. Even with the Covid 19 cancellation of the event, the Board elected to meet as planned with most members attending in person with the remaining members attending by teleconference. I am pleased to report no health issues by anyone at the meeting have been related to me since that time.

BOD member John Johnson's term ended at this meeting and the Board would like to thank John for his service and valuable input during his term. We wish the best of luck to John in his many aviation interests that he is involved in. Keep up the good work!

We would like to welcome back to the Board, Jim Roberts of Knoxville ,TN. Jim is a long time member of Swift, actively involved in formation and fly-in activities, volunteer work sessions at Headquarters, and is always willing to get involved with helping keep our organization improving and moving ahead. We look forward to working with Jim in 2021. Thanks for your personal involvement Jim!

Speaking of personal involvement, I will ask again for help with content to your newsletter. Especially in this year of event cancellations, we need good content to keep your newsletter going out with interesting articles. Personal interest stories relating to the "World of Swift", articles or just great photos that we can share with the other members would be greatly appreciated. Get involved! It's your newsletter!

Swift National 2021 has been scheduled for Sept.29—Oct.3 2021 at our Headquarters in Athens. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

## Membership Directory

**Special Note:** Your new and updated Membership Directory is now available. For those of you receiving your newsletter via email can download the Excel file. For those receiving via mail, you may contact Headquarters for a copy. Many thanks to Steve Roth for keeping this available to us!

**SMF Committees****Executive**

Paul Barnett  
Paul Mercandetti  
Sam Swift  
Scott Anderson

**Nominating**

Paul Barnett  
Pick Freeman  
Scott Anderson

**Audit**

Paul Barnett  
Paul Mercandetti  
Sam Swift

**Finance**

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**Fund Raising**

Jim "Frog" Jones

**Newsletter**

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**Nat'l Convention/Fly-in**

Paul Mercandetti  
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Steve Wilson  
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Steve Roth

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**Building**

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Scott Anderson  
Paul Barnett

**IT/Web**

Tracy Rhodes  
Jim Jones

**Aging Aircraft**

Steve Wilson  
Ken Coughlin  
Dave Carpenter

**President's Comments**

*By Jim "Frog" Jones*

The Swift Museum Foundation needs your help. The help needed is articles for the newsletter. These articles can be on specific maintenance issues you may have experienced and how they were addressed and repaired, stories on where you have flown your Swift, how you became interested in the Swift, or anything you think may of interest to members of the Swift Museum Foundation. I here from many members that the newsletter lacks content, is not interesting or needs be improved upon. I say to those that voice these complaints to please write an article for newsletter and submit it.

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. As of September the SMF had received donations totaling \$3,850.00. The donations received as October is \$4,450.00. Let what we can do to keep this growing. It is drawing close to the end of year when many people start planning for yearend taxes by making donations to their favorite 501©3. We hope you consider the SMF one of your favorites and make a donation. These donations can be made by check, credit card, stock transfer or donation from an IRA in the form of a Qualified Charitable Distribution, QCD. Another way of making a donation is by purchasing one of original factory bricks for yourself or a friend or purchasing replica bricks that will be displayed on the walkway and around the original flag pole base. Special thanks go to those making the donations.

The following is a current list of donors.

Nick Trouleman,  
Bill Tilley  
Weston & Ann Liu  
Warren Ross  
Todd Bengtson  
Robert Webster  
Jim Jones  
Jerry Kirby

Blake Leeper  
Bruce Douglas  
Jim Clevenger  
Daniel Cammack  
Richard Kaczmarek  
Hammond Oldham  
Peter Boronkay,  
James (JP) Roberts

JP tells me the JP means, 'Junior Pilot', 'Jet Pilot' or I would say 'Just Pilot' and damn good instructor. JP is not a Swift owner yet, he has traveled around the country to look at several but they did not meet his requirement. His other airplane love is a Stearman which he bought early this year. He still has interest in a stock Swift and has room in the hangar.

That is my newsletter article for the month, now it is your turn to submit a story, article, adventure or thoughts how the SMF can bring better value to the newsletter and organization. Fly Often & Fly Safe.

## Swift Formation Committee Report

By Paul Mercandetti

Last week we held our first virtual Check Pilots meeting. I am happy to report that all six of our check pilots were in attendance, it was nice to see their smiling faces. They are: Sandy Mercandetti, Paul Mercandetti (Chairman), Jim Roberts (Vice Chairman), Don Abbott, Stan Price, and Gerry Hampton.

As this was our first meeting there was a lot of ground to cover. This is an important step in keeping our committee in tune with FAST and maintaining a level of standardization throughout the Swift and Fast community. We want to tailor our program to the needs of the Swift and the level of the participants. That is why our briefings are so important. If you are a Lead it is incumbent on you to prepare and conduct a thorough brief and very important a debrief. Remember, the debriefing is a constructive critique done in private as an educational tool. Everyone must be on the same page. Due to the fact that some of us are not flying as much as usual this year we must make sure we all remember our signals and procedures. Things happen fast at 120 mph.

We are truly blessed to have a wonderful group of people so dedicated to their airplanes and their flying skills. We have had a great run since the programs inception and this was, in no small part, due to the dedication of the pilots who started the program like Mike Kennedy, Steve Whitenberger, Sandy Mercandetti, and numerous others. I am very proud to be part of the Swift community and Formation Committee. Also, it is so very gratifying to go to another part of the country and be able to fly in a formation with a group of almost strangers be they Swifters, RV's or CJ's and feel comfortable and accepted because of the common bond and training that we share.



It makes me smile when I hear from you that you have been training and trying to keep current in this Covid environment. Keep those cards and letters coming boys and girls. ....Check Speed, Gear Down.

*At left is a memory photo from our 2017 Swift National Convention in Cleburne, TX.*

*This is another fine example of the work done by our Swift Formation Committee!*

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1968



**Paul Barnett's very original 85 HP Swift  
What a beauty!**