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2021 Event Schedule

EAA AirVenture
July 26th — August 1st
Oshkosh, WI

West Coast Swift Nat'l.
Sept. 23 — 26
Jackson, CA

**Swift National
Fly-in & Convention**
Sept. 29 — Oct. 3
Athens, TN

Red River Swift Wing
TBD
Pecan Plantation, TX

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Executive Director Report by Scott Anderson

Fly-in season has officially kicked off! Sun-n-Fun is now in the books. Fly-in Chairman, Paul Mercandetti, and crew were able to attend. Reports on the event are included in this issue.

I want to thank everyone that has participated in sending articles for your newsletter. The diversity of topics really makes for an interesting read.

As the growth of our Foundation continues, we find our membership's ability to find readily available parts, both new and used, to be the greatest need of our members.

The Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. is seeking a person that may be interested in a position here at Headquarters in beautiful East Tennessee. This position is for a person to assist Sue and I with parts sales and removing serviceable parts from donated aircraft and assemblies, providing another source of support for our members Swifts. Ideally, someone with knowledge of the Swift airframe and mechanical systems is desired. This could be a full or part-time position depending on the applicant. When Swift had a "Charlie, Pam and Joe" team in place, daily operations ran very smoothly. We would like to get back to that again to offer the membership the best service possible. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact Headquarters via phone **(423)-745-9547** or email swiftmuseumfoundation@aol.com

Thanks to all for your continued support. Swift is a strong organization and getting even stronger everyday!

Updated Membership Directory

Your new, updated SMF Membership Directory is now available. To those of you receiving this newsletter via email, the directory is attached via an additional Excel format file. For those of you receiving your newsletter by USPS, please contact Headquarters for a copy.

FIRST FLIGHT LOG ENTRIES

Jim Roberts asks those who have their Swift's first logbook, to please pass to him the following: date of first flight, log comments, and test pilot's name, if legible.

Please send this to jimswift46@comcast.net

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"The Globe Beam Magazine"**Chronicles of the Globe Aircraft Corporation in the War Years**

by Jim Roberts

Part 3 – War on the Home Front

Most Swift owners are aware of the sacrifices made on the home front during WWII. They were made by our parents and grandparents who were not called to serve overseas, but who "served" admirably, whether in the military stationed in the US, or as private citizens doing their part for victory.



Globe factory workers fall into the latter group, and the "Globe Beam" magazine chronicles the era they lived in. The pages are full of articles encouraging car-pooling (save gas and rubber), bond drives, blood drives, scrap metal drives, rationing, production efficiency, and the need for security (loose lips sink ships, and down airplanes). A message in the January 1943 magazine encouraging production depicts Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo as bowling pins. The pins are being struck down by a bowling ball labeled "MORE PRODUCTION."

Here are some other examples of War Messages presented to Globe workers:

**Another plea in April 1943 for
"MORE PRODUCTION."**



A message to workers from
"Uncle Sam."



This photo from the September 1943 issue promotes what we call today "OP-SEC", or Operational Security. Globe employees are cautioned — "Don't be a Rumor-Mongrel."



This drawing printed in May 1943 shows the role everyone played in defeating the "AXIS MENACE."

Next month we will look at the role played by women at Globe Aircraft.

Until then, "Blue Skies!"

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Swift National Fly-in and Convention by Paul Mercandetti

Have you made your hotel reservation yet? Before you know it the Swift National Convention on **September 29 through October 3rd** will be here before you know it.

You can call the **Comfort Inn at 423-252-8030**. Also, don't forget to pre-register with Swift. Please do this as soon as possible so we can get a more accurate food count. This is our biggest problem area. We are still looking for suggestions for celebrating **75 years of the Swift**. Don't leave it up to me... not one of my strong points. I don't mind doing the leg work but I want and need your ideas.

Sandy and I just got back from Sun-N- Fun and we had a great time. Not as busy as in the past but it does give us a good indication that we are getting back to normal. Thanks to all who helped out at the type club tent so Sandy and I could get around a little. Special thanks to John Drago for getting us a good spot in the tent and providing sandwiches and water for the people manning the tent.

I was able to put my airplane on display in front of the type club tent on Wednesday and it gave us a lot of exposure for the Swift. Lots of people stopped by to inquire about the Swift and the Swift Museum Foundation. If this event was any indication of what the rest of the year will be we are in for a good summer. Looking forward to seeing you in September if not sooner.

Formation Committee Report by Paul Mercandetti

Just another reminder to get your Proficiency Report and Formation committee dues in so I can mail you your FAST Card. I've sent out 21 cards so far. Please don't let yourself get out of currency. Get out there and have fun and practice, practice, practice. *Checkspeedgeardown (checkspeerflaps)*

West Coast Swift National Fly-in Submitted by Brad Stahl

The West Coast Swift Fly-in will be held at the Westover Airport in Jackson CA. The dates are scheduled for September 23 — 26, 2021.

Hotel accommodations have been secured with **Best Western Amador Inn** with a Swift Fly-in discount. In the past Best Western has provided a shuttle van for transportation to and from the airport. We will also have transportation provided in private vehicles.

Best Western — 200 Highway 49 — Jackson, CA 95642 — (209) 223-0211

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President's Comments by Jim "Frog" Jones

Sun-n-Fun is at Six O'clock position with Oshkosh at our 12. There were six Swifts at Sun-n-Fun flown in by Paul & Sandy Mercandetti, Jim Roberts, Ani Taddeo, Steven Smith, a Swift member from WI J. P. Roberts and me. Bill Shepherd and Gerry Mahoney attended by airline. Richard & Wendy Kaczmarek, and Jerry & Holly Bauerle attended as well.

Special thanks go out to John Drago for arranging for the table in the Type Club Tent and other benefits. The total airplane turnout was higher than I expected. The vendors said traffic in the booths was very busy. The vendors I talked with wanted to know when Swift National is planned for, it appears they will continue to support our fundraising efforts.

Ani Taddeo and Steven Smith had an interesting experience. Ani's grandfather was one of the original Blue Angles. Perhaps she will be a member of the all girl's Swift Formation Team. Here is their story about Sun N Fun....

"So, everyone get your insulin shots ready because this post may give you diabeetus...."

We spent the past 4 days at Sun-n-Fun in Lakeland. It was an absolutely amazing opportunity to finally meet so many colleagues and friends face-to-face, as well as meet new ones, all of whom share our amazing passion for aviation. The camaraderie and fellowship of aviators is second-to-none.

Our trip started with an equally amazing opportunity. As some of you may know, Ani and I are caretakers for an absolutely GORGEOUS Globe Swift (named, Grace by the way) which is owned by a gentleman, now friend, in Brazil. He has asked us to fly it and keep her going while it awaits export. Ani had already committed to taking Mike (her Swift) and the owner of Grace asked if I would fly it to Sun-n-Fun so "she can play with the other airplanes" (❤️❤️). Of course I obliged. So early Thursday morning we launched from FXE in a two-ship formation. The arrival was uneventful. Almost immediately people began coming from the far reaches of the venue to check out our "pair" of Globe Swifts.

It is impossible to wrap all of the experiences and wonderful moments we shared at the event, however, I suppose it is certainly worth sharing one important one.

We were allowed to get a private tour of the new Fat Albert. As many may know, Ani's grandfather was one of the original Blue Angels back in 1946, so needless to say, this was a special moment for her. I took it as an opportunity to make the moment even more special. I couldn't think of a better place and a better time to ask her to take my hand in marriage.... it was perfect.

I cannot begin to thank Joel Edwards enough for helping me set this whole thing up, as well as capturing the moment. And a huge thanks to Chris for giving us the incredible tour of Fat Albert!"

We hope to have parking information at Oshkosh in next month's newsletter.

*Longtime member Charlie Sidenstricker's Memorial Service is May 22nd at Mt. Pleasant, SC at 11:AM. There are plans for a Missing Man Formation if there are enough Swifts there. There will also be a Military Honor Guard and bugler. Cindi has plans for a Low Country Boil. For planning purposes, please let me or Cindi know if you will be attending.

Fly Often and Fly Safe.

Jim "Frog" Jones

Sun-n-Fun 2021 Lakeland, FL



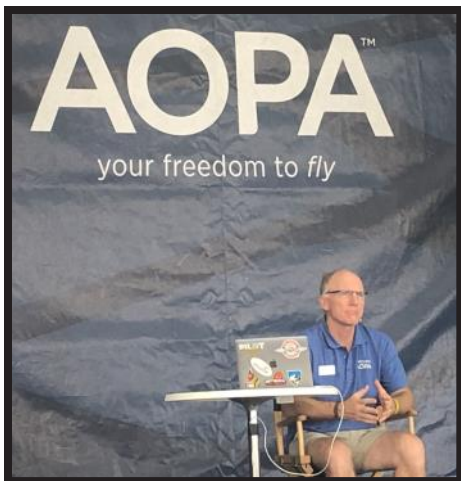
Gerry Mahoney — Pat & Vicky Moore — Sandy & Paul Mercandetti



John Leary
Loves Landing



J. P. Roberts along side Frog Jones' NC3824K



Richard McSpadden
AOPA Air Safety Instructor



Swift N78012 — Jim Roberts



A picture perfect proposal

**In the cargo hold of the
Navy Blue Angles
“Fat Albert”**

**Congratulations
Ani and Steven!**

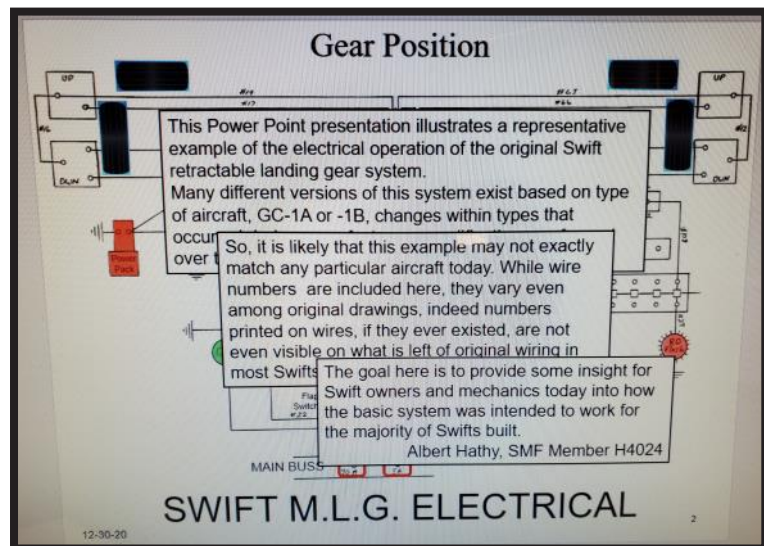
**Landing Gear Power Point CD
by Al Hathy**

Swift Member Al Hathy has created a power point presentation that we have burned to a CD.

This presentation illustrates a representative example of the electrical operation of the original Swift retractable landing gear system.

Al has given SMF permission to offer copies to the membership for \$25.00 each. Please contact HQ's.

To the right is an example of one page of the gear operation portion of the disc.



Nagel Canopy Molds — Howard Means Cowling Molds Up for Bid

A donation was made to the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. recently of the Jack Nagel canopy frame molds and the Howard Means cowling molds.

These molds appear to be in excellent condition. However, there is **NO paperwork or any STC's** included.

Your Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors has elected to offer these molds to the membership for sale to the highest bidder.

We will be **accepting bids through June 21st**. A set reserve must be met due to expenses that SMF has incurred in obtaining these items.

Please contact Headquarters with any questions or to place your bid.
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