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2021 Event Schedule

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's Report by Scott Anderson

By the time you receive this newsletter the official start of Fall begins and the **Swift National 2021 Fly-in & Convention** is upon us! If the Oshkosh and Sun-n-Fun attendance is any indication, we anticipate a great turnout. This year is the **75th Anniversary of the Certification of the Swift** making this our "Diamond" Anniversary. This is major milestone that you don't want to miss! And....You're 'gonna love the event shirts and hats!

The fly-in committee and staff have been working hard to prepare for a very special event this year. We have plenty of activities planned such as fly-outs, forums, and special people coming to speak to the membership about some very interesting topics.

We are having our "**Silent Auction**" again this year with some incredible items for you to bid on. Friday evening, after dinner, there will be another "**Live Auction**" with Paul Barnett as our Auctioneer.... always a fun time!

We have also spoken to the McMinn County Sheriff's Office about having an Officer come out to the airport with a radar gun so that we can have a "speed run" event like we have in years past. It has been many years since we've done this and it has always proved to be a lot of fun. So, get your bird "tuned up" and join in the fun!

Transponder checks will be available too, so get signed up for that if you need one. This will be offered at an excellent rate. Don't miss out! Details are listed later in this newsletter.

The **2021 Fund Raising Raffle drawing** and **Awards Presentation** will be held during the **Banquet** on Saturday evening after dinner. Join us in the excitement and, who knows, you just may be our next Grand Prize Winner! Awards will be presented for our Champion Swifts in several different categories. So...come join us for all the fun. You may have noticed I've used the word "fun" several times in this report.

After missing our 2020 Convention, I'd say we're all ready to see each other again and have some FUN! We're looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Be There!!!

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Swift National Fly-in and Convention

by Paul Mercandetti

This is it! We are on track to have a great get together! This week we've been busy checking with all our vendors to make sure everything is ready for you.

Scott and I were walking the parking areas today. They're not perfect, but in pretty good shape, considering all the rain we've been having. A word of caution. We now have taxi lights all over the place. This will impact the way we'll be placing aircraft around the perimeter and with the expected turnout parking may be a little different this year. We'll attempt to always have someone to assist placement. Please follow the ground guide, we can always adjust later.

Our hotel block is full but they will continue to accommodate as many as they can at the block rate. There is another hotel across the street if you need it (Fairfield Inn 423-507-0870). We have a van that will make trips as needed. If you want a rental car try **Enterprise** as our old agency is not renting anymore. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

TRANSPONDER AND PITOT-STATIC CHECKS AT SWIFT NATIONAL 2021

On Friday, members can get transponder and pitot-static checks done between 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

Charge for a transponder VFR certification is \$85 for mode C or \$100 for Mode S. Please allow **30 minutes for this service**.

Transponder plus pitot-static IFR certification is \$275 for Mode C or \$300 for Mode S. Allow **about 2 hours for this service**.

Please bring your aircraft logbook if possible. Otherwise you will receive a sticker. LOGBOOK IS PREFERRED.

Times are weather-dependent, and Saturday is the backup day. The Swift Museum Foundation will receive \$10 per aircraft, so it's a win for all!

If you plan to take advantage of this service please notify Jim Roberts at jimswift46@comcast.net

Swift Formation Committee Report

by Paul Mercandetti

We are once again having a Formation Ground School. It will be Thursday 0900. Please download the manual off the flyfast.org website and come prepared. We have several new members who have shown an interest and there will be a lot of training going on. I know most of us do not fly in wavered airspace even though we are carded but it is a hoot if you get the chance to do it. Stay current. Don't get caught out of currency and miss out. More importantly, it hones your flying skills and makes you a better pilot. Checkspeedgeardown

Swift Raffle Chairman's Report

By Paul Barnett

~ Help Wanted ~



swiftraffle.com

We're just over a week away from our Drawing Date....You must be "In It To Win It"

With **ONLY 791** Tickets of the 2,500 Available Tickets having sold thus far, it's time for each member to **HELP** by reaching out to Friends & Family Members. Selling tickets to support OUR Swift Museum Foundation could not be any easier; while the process is easy, it's going to take YOU in order to make the 2021 Raffle a success.

How Can You Help?

- Send a text to your Phone Contacts with swiftraffle.com in the text....all they have to do is CLICK & Enter
- Post the Digital Flyer and QR Code on Social Media
- Talk to friends, do not assume they know we have tickets available For Sale
- Call Swift Headquarters 423-745-9547 for Printed Flyers to post in your local businesses and FBO's
- Send the Digital Flyer and QR Code to contacts within your phone

For those who wish to purchase tickets with Cash or Check, Ticket Information and Payment may be sent to Swift Headquarters, the appropriate information will be entered and ticket information will be emailed....don't forget to provide your email address with payment.

I do hope that each one of us is actively engaged in promoting Ticket Sales for the 2021 Raffle Campaign! This is by far the greatest source of income for our museum that can directly result in Parts On The Shelves for our beloved Swift.

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Above are the two Swifts mentioned in last month's (Aug. '21) newsletter. They are offered for sale by SMF to the membership. They are here at Headquarters and will be available for inspection during Swift National. Both will be reasonably priced. Definitely worth a look.