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## 2021 Event Schedule

**Red River Swift Wing**  
TBD  
Pecan Plantation, TX

# Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.



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## Swift National 2021 Recap by Paul Mercandetti

**The Swift —75 years young and still going strong!** We celebrated with gusto and had a great time at this years Swift National Fly-in and Convention. As usual, the weather is not always cooperative. Some folks had to bow out at the last minute or leave early as a result of weather either here or there. However, we still had a good turnout with about 120 in attendance overall. It's hard to count aircraft with so many coming and going but I can safely say we hit the 40 mark.

We had several forums throughout the week including Safety, Maintenance, Formation Ground School and training, Radar Speed Run, and a ladies outing. The fly-out on Saturday was cancelled due to fog but there was lots of "just plain fun" flying enjoyed.

The food truck people that we have used in the past sold their truck and the replacement truck cancelled for lack of employees two weeks before the convention. Luckily our evening caterer was able to step up and supply us with lunches as well as dinner... and, as usual, they were great! We are very lucky to have found a quality vendor.

Our hat and shirt vendor did a great job for us as well. The T-shirts came out great. We have a few on hand if you would like to order one. Please contact Sue at Headquarters with your order.

Your Board of Directors met on Wednesday and the Annual Business meeting convened on Saturday. A date will be set for Swift National 2022 at the next Board of Directors meeting. Please let your Board members know your thoughts on a desired date range for the convention or any other matter of importance concerning the organization.

Although the overall count was less than we had hoped for, it was still a great milestone event! We can look forward to this little airplane being around for another 75 years and attracting great people and the continued quality caregivers it has for the last 75 years.

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Dave Carpenter

## Congratulations to all our Swift National 2021 Award Winners!

**Grand Champion Original — N3849K — Jeff & Donna Smith**

**Reserve Grand Champion Original — N80471 — Danny Pitts**

**Grand Champion Modified — N3876K — Steve & Barb Wilson**

**Reserve Grand Champion Modified — N3729K — Steve Roth**

**Grand Champion Custom — N2362B — Jerry P. Lee**

**Reserve Grand Champion Custom — N767DK — Don Abbott**

**Charlie Nelson Memorial Award — Norman Fox**

**Gloria Warden Memorial Award — Jim "Frog" Jones**

**Most Original — N3849K — Jeff & Donna Smith**

**Best Interior — N767DK — Don Abbott**

**Best Polish — N3849K — Jeff & Donna Smith**

**Best Panel — N3876K — Steve Wilson**

**Best Paint — N3824K — Jim "Frog" Jones**

**Ladies Choice — N2319B — Nelini Faulkner**

**Greatest Distance by Swift — N619JM — Roger Weber**

**Greatest Distance by Auto — Larry Nelson**

**President's Award — Sue Luth**

### Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. 2021 Raffle Winners

**Grand Prize — \$30K Engine Credit or \$20K Cash — John Lock, FL**

**Second Prize — Stratus 3 — Bryan, Berry Jones, Dana Drake, GA**

**Third Prize — Garmin Aera 660 — Steve Howard, MO**

**Fourth Prize — ACR Resqlink 400 — Heather Day, MS**

**Fifth Prize — Briteline Flight Bag — Ian Wayman, CO**

***Congratulations to all our Raffle prize winners!  
Many thanks to ALL who participated for your continued support.***

## Swift Formation Committee Report

by Paul Mercandetti

A great time was had by all! — We had several new members sign up for formation training and many current members continuing training for Wing or Lead positions.

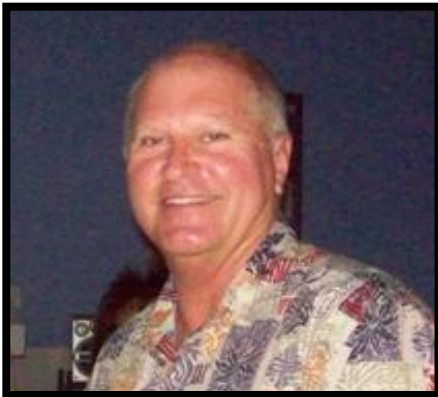
Many thanks to our Lead Pilots and Safety Pilots for stepping up to the plate and conducting the training necessary to bring new pilots into the program and to keep the program alive and well. It would not be possible without the group effort.

The Memorial Flight on Friday is always a very meaningful experience for me and this year was no different. It is especially gratifying to see how well our young pilots have progressed in the program.

I would like to commend Ben Wilson for his leadership in our mass formation on Saturday when Sandy developed engine problems on the runway and was forced out. Without hesitation I moved Ben into her Lead slot and he instantly took charge and changed up the program, realigning the formation passes to accommodate the remaining aircraft. Formation training really does make a pilot a better pilot.

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### In Memory of Perry Sisson



We are saddened to report the passing of a dear friend and former Swift owner, Perry Sisson of North Ft. Myers, Florida on August 10th.

Perry was the son of long time Swifter Clayton Sisson and grew up in the world of the Swift. He carried on his father's passion for the Swift and the Swift organization for many years and was the proud owner of his award winning Swift N3323K.

Perry's laughter, broad smile, and larger than life personality will always be remembered and missed by everyone who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Carolyn, the entire family, and his many friends.

Godspeed dear friend.



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# “Swift National 2021 Memories”

Photos by Steve Doremus



## More Great Swift National 2021 Memories All Photos by Steve Doremus





Until next time... thanks to all attendees for making this yet another great Swift National! Many thanks to Steve Doremus for all the great photos! You may view the complete album including videos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cstevendoremus/albums/72157719961629206>