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# Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.



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## Executive Director's Report

By Scott Anderson

As we say goodbye to 2021, we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year!

Through the highs and lows of the year, the Foundation remains strong with new members continuing to join our ranks. We welcome them to the family and look forward to an in-person meeting during some of the flying events that 2022 will bring.

New members and past members alike have heard the call to remember the SMF with any donation you are able to give. Each and every one, large or small, helps in continuing to build your organization.

Many thanks to all of you who donated this year. It is the backbone of our financial stability that allows us to continue supporting our Swifts.

We pray that any of our members or their families affected by the recent tornadoes will be able to resume life soon and with a minimum of hardship.

We wish for everyone to remain healthy and have a safe and prosperous year ahead. Happy Holidays to our Swift family from your Board of Directors and the staff here at Headquarters!

## Great Swift YouTube Video

Thanks to Jim "Frog" Jones for sharing the link to this great YouTube video. You will definitely enjoy this one!

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## Holiday Schedule

Please note:  
We will close  
December 24th  
and reopen  
January 3rd

*Best wishes for  
a very*

*Merry Christmas*

*and a*

*Happy,  
Swift Filled,  
New Year!*

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**Audit**

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**Finance**

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**Fund Raising**

Jim "Frog" Jones

**Newsletter**

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

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Ken Coughlin  
Steve Roth

**Formation**

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**Aging Aircraft**

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Dave Carpenter

**President's Comments**

*By Jim "Frog" Jones*

This is the time of year to consider gifts to organizations important to us. The Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. is a 501c3 charitable organization. As a 501c3, it is gifts and fundraising that support the everyday operations and sustainability of the Foundation. Please consider donating to the SMF this calendar year. Donations can be made via CC, Check, IRA distribution, or stock donation. As always, your support is greatly appreciated, and we sincerely Thank You.

The Swift community has experienced several incidents in the past several months causing considerable damage to the Swifts involved. All have been during the takeoff or landing phase of the flight. Please remember to do whatever it takes to keep the nose on the centerline and don't stop flying the Swift until the wheels are chocked.

There are several Swifts on the market if you are selling your Swift please insist the buyer get checked out with a Swift Check Pilot. If you are buying a Swift please make sure you get a copy of the Recurrent Training/Checkout Manual available from Swift Parts.

Wishing all a Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.

**Swift National Fly-in and Convention Report**

*By Paul Mercandetti*

Now would be the time to step up to the plate and offer to host the 2022 Annual Fly-in and Convention.

In the past there has been much discussion about moving the convention around the country to accommodate more members. However, in order to do so, we must have someone willing to host the event. If you think this is something you would like to do here are some of our primary needs. 1) Adequate hotel accommodations, 2) Catering options, 3) Gathering/meeting areas, and 4) An airport location that will tolerate a lot of flying activity (with neighbors who will put up with the noise).

Your Board of Directors will be meeting soon to set the date so let your thoughts be known to your representatives. Our recent experience has shown that early fall is the best time weather wise. I did have a couple of requests to place the date before or after the Triple Tree event (Sept 19-25) if we are to have it in Athens. What do you think? Send me a text with your thoughts. We are here to do your bidding...but please be reasonable. I learned a long time ago that you can't please everyone but we can at least try.

## Swift Formation Committee Report

By Paul Mercandetti

A brand new year ahead. As we move forward out of the COVID era I expect you will be doing more flying. So, get out there and have some fun. Find some flying buddies and log some time.

Don't forget, it's time to send in your SFC dues and Proficiency Reports. This is necessary so that I can get your 2022 formation cards back out to you. PLEASE do not let your proficiency lapse!

I can't tell you how impressed people are when they ride along and see how well we do with so little verbal communication. So, keep practicing those hand signals. Make the Swift community and FAST proud...stay proficient and don't forget the all important briefings.



Two really nice 2018 formation shots courtesy of AOPA



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*Editor's note:* This issue is the beginning of our 54th year (yes, you read that correctly). During the past 53 years we have seen worldwide, lifelong friendships and bonds created around the love for and dedication to a beautiful, wonderful, little aircraft...the Swift! With the passage of these years we've had to say goodbye to many friends who have "gone west". Even though these goodbyes are difficult we remain thankful for these friendships and the one constant that brought us together... The Swift.

### **In Memory Gerald "Jerry" Poats**



We are saddened to report the passing of long time Swifter and friend Jerry Poats on November 17th. He and his late wife Cecilia were the proud caretakers of their beautiful original Swift N80741.

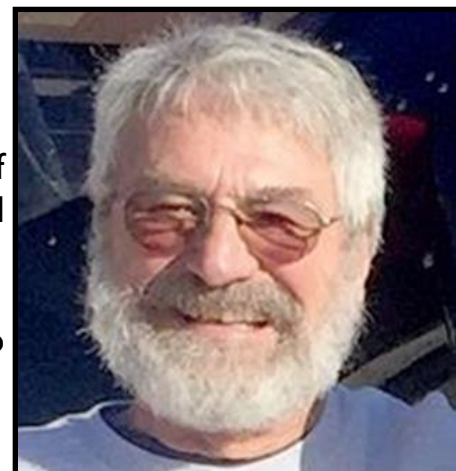
After their retirement Jerry and Cecilia moved to Athens, Tennessee in 1986 and were extremely active and helpful here at Swift Headquarters. Many of you will remember Jerry and his second wife Betty Jo attending Swift National and other Swift gatherings in recent years. Jerry continued his support for the Swift and SMF long after the sale of N80741. In addition to being an excellent Swift caretaker and mechanic, he was an extraordinary machinist and auto body specialist.

Jerry will be missed by all of us here at Swift Headquarters and by his many friends. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vickie, his entire family, and many friends. Godspeed dear friend.

### **In Memory Dennis Hoffman**

We are saddened to report the passing of Swifter Dennis Hoffman of Stillwater, Minnesota. Dennis and his wife Nanette were the proud caretakers of Swift N2410B for many years.

Dennis will certainly be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Nanette, his entire family, and many friends..



### **In Memory Roberta Jean Barnett**

Special prayers for comfort are extended to our Board of Directors Chairman, Paul Barnett and his family at the loss of his mother, Roberta Jean Barnett, on November 19th. Mrs. Barnett was an extraordinary lady loved and cherished by all. Sending much love to the entire Barnett family.



Here are some photos by **Don Thomson** of Salem, OR. You may recognize some of these Swifts and Swift friends from days gone by. Thank you for the memories Don!





**Many thanks to Miguel “Ozzie” Nelson for submitting this photo taken on Christmas day of 2020. In the background is Frontier Air Park (WN53), the private airstrip where he resides.**