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2022 Event Schedule

Oshkosh
July 25-31
Oshkosh, WI

Swift National 2022
Sept. 28 — Oct. 2
SMF Headquarters
Athens, TN

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Executive Director's Report

By Scott Anderson

We have recently received some of the long awaited new FAA/PMA approved Adel gear struts being produced for the Foundation by McFarlane Aviation. FAA/PMA approval is required for our new parts since our Swifts are certified aircraft. There were many factors in the delays of getting the new struts made. Delays due to Covid, (of course) the unavailability of the original materials, plus changes in the chroming process since the forties, and the big one..... the FAA would not approve the drawings to produce the struts with the existing A.D. on the strut. This forced the engineers at McFarlane to completely redesign the strut. New materials had to be used and processes changed, but the best part is that the A.D. no longer exists on the new parts.

A stronger strut, better chrome and no A.D. is the result. Great! But all this comes with a cost. They will be more expensive than the struts we had in the past but they will still be much more affordable than some of the other personal aircraft parts prices. Check on Beech, Piper and Cessna struts. We did and we were astounded! The fact that we now have them available is paramount.

Gear struts are not something that you could easily or inexpensively made on your own but they are something that will keep your Swift grounded if your struts need to be replaced. We will also soon be receiving new FAA/PMA approved bronze bushings for the Adel struts.

Next, we are moving ahead with the replacements for the chrome inner tube assembly for the tail wheel shock absorber. These are becoming increasingly scarce. We hope they will be easier to have made since there is no A.D. on them.

Swift has invested heavily in these parts in order to keep supporting your aircraft with the items that are the most difficult for owners to find or fabricate. Our pricing is structured to give members the best deal possible. At the same time, it allows us to provide the parts and funding to keep the shelves stocked as well as work on providing more new parts that Swift owners require to keep their pride and joy in top condition.

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(Executive Director's Report Continued)

All of our drawings are available to members if they desire to have an owner produced part made in the event that we do not have new or salvage parts on hand, to help support their airplanes. Our current focus is on the things that keep an airplane grounded but we are looking at having cosmetic items produced such as rudder caps, belly repair parts, and others. Successful raffles lead to more new parts as profits from the Raffle are placed directly into the Swift Parts Fund. The 2022 Raffle ticket sales begin in June and will be online as they were last year. Here's to another successful Raffle this year!

Thanks to McFarlane Aviation for their hard work in producing these much needed items, and to your Board members and Parts Committee members for their diligence on providing continuing excellence in supporting our 75+ year old aircraft with the high quality parts these special Swifts deserve. Mostly, many thanks to the members of the Swift Museum Foundation for their support and understanding in the past as well as during these changing times we are experiencing.

Swift National Fly-in and Convention Report

By Paul Mercandetti

Swift National 2022

SEPTEMBER 28 — OCTOBER 2

Our rooms at the **Comfort Inn** have been blocked off and like everything else these days, the cost has gone up... but just a little. As usual they have been most cooperative and have done their best to keep it within reason. This year the nightly rate is \$96+ tax. *(This is an increase of about \$7 over last year.)* I will do everything I can to keep the food prices in line as well. Book early and get a room in the block. I don't know what the rate will be outside our block in September but you can be sure it will be higher. You can always cancel if something comes up and you can't make it.

As always, I look forward to your input into making this years gathering a success! Pat Moore has submitted a great idea for our Swift National 2022 t-shirts and hats that will be hard to beat! If you have an idea you would like to send in, do it right away. Competition is fun and brings out the best!

Sandy and I made it to Sun-n-Fun this year. Long time Swifter John Drago did a bang up job for us as well as all the type clubs in the tent by providing us with water, sandwiches, and some adult beverages. Thank you John! The weather was not very cooperative. We arrived on Monday at noon and by Monday night there was a wall across north Florida that severely impacted arrivals. On Thursday despite having a great type club tent we managed to accumulate 2-3 inches of water across the whole tent. The wind was pretty severe but I'm not aware of any losses.

We did miss seeing some of our usual attendees but there was a good showing from Swift. Don Abbott was invited to put his beautiful Swift on display in front of the type club tent (thanks again to John Drago). I always look forward to SnF to start the season off and there was no disappointment this year despite the weather. There is no looking back — on to the next event wherever it may be. Isn't that what we do?

Swift Formation Committee Report

By Paul Mercandetti

At Sun-n-Fun this past week Sandy and I along with Jim Roberts, Don Abbott, and Jerry Kirby attended the FAST Formation Pilots meeting. Like the rest of SNF this year attendance was on the light side due to weather. At least Swift made a good showing. Overall it was a good meeting stressing the importance of making sure our people are aware of the provisions of 8900 in the "Conduct of Airshow Operations During Wavered Airspace". I hope you get the chance to participate in an airshow, it's challenging but fun.

Almost all of our active Formation members have sent in their reports for this year and should have received their cards from me. In the "unlikely" event that I may have made an error and you did not get your card please call, text or message me and we will get it fixed. Please don't forget to notify me if your address changes. And for you last minute hold-outs, DO NOT let yourself go out of currency, send in your reports.

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Swift Parts Item up for Bid

Swift Parts Department has a **\$50.00 McFarlane Aviation Gift Certificate** available to the highest bidder. No minimum bid. Contact Swift Parts.

Updated Membership Directory Available

Many thanks to Steve Roth for providing us with a current Membership Directory prepared for distribution!

If you receive your newsletter electronically, you will find your updated Membership Directory as a separate attachment with your newsletter email. USPS mail recipients, please contact Sue at Headquarters for a copy.

Thanks again Steve!

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Swift Museum Foundation Offering For Sale Super Custom Swift N80555 via Sealed Bid



Serial #58, GC-1A converted to a GC-1B. Past Oshkosh Lindy Award winner. Powered by a 210 HP Continental engine, equipped with a Nagel sliding canopy, sticks, and retractable tailwheel. Smooth skinned, flush riveted, and a recent leather interior installed with Cessna 152 seats.

TTAF: 2095.3 — TTE: 1423.1 — SMOH: 384.3

Garmin 430/WAAS, GNC 250XL, and GTX 335 with ADSB out. Century I wing leveler and HIS installed in a custom panel with full set of EI instruments.

Substantial but repairable damage to airframe due to a take-off accident with a light prop strike. Multiple issues with paperwork on modifications performed to the airframe. Aircraft and records are available for inspection at Swift Headquarters during normal business hours 9-5 EDST M-F. Please schedule an appointment for inspection.

Minimum bid of \$60,000.00 is required. — You must be a current Swift Museum Foundation member to place a bid. — All sealed bids will be opened at 12 p.m. on June 7th. Member with the highest bid will become the next owner of this aircraft.