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2022 Event Schedule

Oshkosh
July 25-31
Oshkosh, WI

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

Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.



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Executive Director's Report

By Scott Anderson

Your SMF Board of Directors met on June 8th for the Spring meeting. Many thanks to the members that were able to attend in person and to those unable to be here that took the time to call in.

I am pleased to report that the Foundation is doing well and making progress on important topics such as new parts, National Convention prep, and future expansion.

Our web-site is undergoing some changes as we are working to make it a better platform for members to enjoy and participate in. We're very excited about the possibilities, and we hope the new ideas being brought to the site will advance our organization even more.

The **2022 Raffle** is underway with tickets available online at swiftraffle.com. Be sure to get yours now! If you need assistance with your ticket purchases, you can contact Headquarters and we will be happy to help. Five great prizes again this year so odds of winning one are great. Good luck!!!

The **2022 Swift National Convention Pre-Registration forms** are going out with this newsletter. These forms are very important to our convention planning so please fill yours out and get them back to us as soon as possible. **Proxy** forms for the annual Business meeting are also included with this newsletter. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, please sign and return your Proxy with your Pre-registration forms. Thanks to all and we hope you are able to join us in September for the Fly-In!

Welcome Our Newest Members of the Swift Museum Family!

Adam Bratcher — TN

Jim Hostler — WA

Paul Jackson — AZ

Mark S. Hopkins — TN

John Lanier — NC

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2022 Swift National Fly-in and Convention SEPTEMBER 28 — OCTOBER 2

By Paul Mercandetti

We are on track to having everything in place for our convention this fall. Remember the dates, **September 28 - October 2**.

Hotel reservations are to be made directly with the local **Comfort Inn — Athens, TN 423-252-8030** ask for the "Swift Convention rate" \$96. +tax. As always, we ask you to pre-register to help us in our planning.

There is still time to help us finalize the logo for this year's event so let us know your thoughts.

As summer is in full swing here in Tennessee things in the Fly-in department have slowed down a bit but will pick back up again as we get closer to September. Our aim is to keep you informed and make the best possible decisions for the membership as a whole.

Swift Formation Committee Report

By Paul Mercandetti

It looks like our formation pilots are having fun this year. Here in Tennessee we have been busy flitting about from one Saturday morning breakfast to another.

Jerry Kirby has come up with a plan for our older Tennessee pilots. Not to be out done by the Washington State "Burrito Brothers", we have our own group here in Tennessee known as the "Tennessee Pterodactyls". This past Memorial Day we put up three different 4-ship Missing Man formation displays for various veterans groups in the Nashville area. It was so well received we were given gifts of candy and fuel money. So far, the Pterodactyls consist of Jerry Kirby, Don Abbott, Jim Roberts and yours truly Paul Mercandetti.

I know of some newer Swifters that will be attending the Swift National and the formation clinic this year. It's gratifying to see the level of interest that our members display when it comes to improving their flying skills. Formation flying is one great way to do this. I know the price of avgas is going up but please do your best to get out there and have some fun.

Checkspeedgeardown

P.S. I've been chided about my sign off. *Checkspeedgeardown*. I have done a great many of new owner check-outs and have been amazed at how many pilots, regardless of their previous experience, have unknowingly displayed little regard for the appropriate speed for gear and flap extension or retraction. How many times have you popped a circuit breaker while retracting the gear because your speed was too high? The numbers are there for a reason. This is especially easy to do when distracted as in a formation flight. Pay attention and have mercy on your little bird.

Chairman Report

By Paul S. Barnett

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are half-way through 2022, where has the time gone? The pace with which the clock is spinning is such that we find ourselves in a frenzy with more and more commitments and activities pulling at our coat tails demanding our time and attention.

The Raffle is off and rolling as of June 3rd, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of spreading the word about the raffle; it WILL NOT BE A SUCCESS if solely dependent on the efforts of just a few people. We have already consumed 13% of the available ticket selling days and ONLY sold 5% of the available tickets thus far. This is by far the lowest hanging fruit in terms of putting dollars in our bank account; with each and every member's help, we can raise \$125,000 with a net addition to our financial position of nearly \$100,000; that being said, the address is **swiftraffle.com**

Fuel is Up, Flying is Down....we must continue to encourage the caretakers of our precious Swifts to remain current and proficient whereby we can minimize the incident/accident rate; let's keep our proficiency up and our insurance premiums down.

SMF Accepting Reasonable Closed Bid Offers — N80555

Your SMF Board of Directors are accepting "Reasonable Closed Bid Offers" for the purchase of **Swift N80555, Serial #58**.

The opening bid date is 6/22/2022. The airframe, engine and propeller have sustained damage as the result of a take-off accident.

Unfortunately, an investigation into the aircraft's modifications over the years was launched by a third party thereby resulting in the FAA grounding the aircraft due to limited supporting documentation for the flush riveting and the currently installed auxiliary fuel tanks in the wings. At the time of the accident and currently, the aircraft has a Continental I.O.-360 with 384 hours SMOH, a Hartzell propeller, Nagel bubble canopy, sticks and a retractable tail-wheel. Inspection of the aircraft will be available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Swift Museum Foundation Headquarters on the McMinn County Airport KMMI. Please contact Headquarters for an appointment time if you wish to inspect the aircraft.

All offers will be considered on 7/22/2022; if the highest offer is not acceptable to your SMF Board of Directors, consideration will be given to explore other options.

If a successful bid is selected on **7/22/2022**, a written "Hold Harmless" agreement releasing the SMF from any past or future liabilities with regards to the purchase of N80555 and its related parts will be signed and notarized by the purchaser.



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Parking & Type Club Tent Information for Oshkosh 2022

By Steve Wilson

Nothing has changed with the Classic Airplane parking at Oshkosh this year. Vintage will park arrivals on a first come, first served basis. If Swifters choose to park together (not necessarily with other Swifters arriving at a different time) they should arrive at the same time, land on the same runway, exit together, and taxi in line as a group. There is no guarantee that it will work, but it is certainly worth a try for those so inclined.

As for the Type Club building, SMF will have a table. It will have a sign-up sheet for those inclined to man the table during the event. Anyone wanting to use the assigned table area for charging phones and generally getting together may certainly do so. No merchandise will be sold and no money will change hands. Visitors interested in joining the organization, or obtaining merchandise can do so by contacting SMF directly. Information for doing so, will be available at the table.

There will be a Swift forum on Tuesday 7/26, sometime late morning. Please refer to the forum guide when you arrive for the time. As far as I know at this time, the forum will take place in the Type Club building. There will be a dinner at Primos Tuesday evening as it has been in the past few years. The number of guests attending will be taken at the forum (BE THERE), and transportation arranged at that time. Plan for it. Both events attract lots of folks.

We hope to see you there! If you have questions call me. My info is in the SMF membership list.

FYI—The following information is from EAA EAA - Vintage Aircraft Association

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is fast approaching, and we're looking forward to welcoming well over 1,000 pilots and their airplanes to parking in Vintage! A few guidelines to keep in mind:

- To qualify for parking in Vintage, your aircraft must have been constructed prior to December 31, 1970
- Parking east of Wittman Road is first come, first served. If you want to park as a group of two or more air planes, you must arrive together.
- Staking out and reserving aircraft parking or camping spots east of Wittman Road is prohibited. Stakes, tie-downs, banners, ribbons, ropes, and credentials will be removed if an aircraft is not occupying that space. Exceptions include aircraft temporarily at Aircraft Repair or Showcase Display.

Thank you for your cooperation!

New Membership Directory Available/Attached

Your new Membership Directory is available as of 6-20-2022. If you are receiving your newsletter via email it will be included as an additional attachment. If you're a mail recipient, please contact Headquarters.

Take a few moments to look it over. There may be Swift owners/members in your area that you are unaware of. Reach out, get to know them. Camaraderie is part of what makes this organization so unique. It's a proven fact... life long friendships have been formed around this special bird.

THE SWIFT MUSEUM FOUNDATION, INC.



IT'S RAFFLE TIME!



Make a \$50.00 DONATION to The Swift Museum Foundation, INC. for a chance to win one of these fantastic prizes!

ONLY 2,500 tickets available to be sold.

Winner will be announced October 1, 2022



GRAND PRIZE

\$30,000 ENGINE CREDIT

OR \$20,000 IN CASH

<p>2nd Prize</p>  <p>Value \$749</p> <p>STRATUS by APPAREO</p>	<p>3rd Prize</p>  <p>Value \$749</p> <p>GARMIN Aera 660</p>	<p>4th Prize</p>  <p>Value \$499</p> <p>Apple iPad Mini</p>	<p>5th Prize</p>  <p>Value \$213</p> <p>B BrightLine Bags®</p>
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**official rules available online <https://rafflecreator.com/pages/25154/2022-swift-museum-foundation-fundraiser-raffle>*



Nice shot of N58KB and Will “Buddy” Kientz taken during Swift National 2021.

Photo courtesy of Steve Doremus