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## 2022 Event Schedule

**Oshkosh**  
July 25 — 31  
Oshkosh, WI

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**West Coast National**  
Sept. 21 — 23  
Jackson, CA

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**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*

You just never know who might walk through the door... Last week Curt LoPresti and his wife Etta visited the museum on their way to Bowling Green, Kentucky to visit the Corvette Museum and thought it would be a perfect time to visit the Swift Museum and look at the Fury N217LP in its new home here in Athens. Curt and his family donated this special aircraft to us back in 2019. To quote Etta, "It was nice to visit the museum. It was great to see the beautiful Fury again". We all had a good time enjoying the museum and going over fun memories that airplanes create for us.



*"Scott, Thanks for the nice visit. It was great to see the beautiful Fury again. Curt and Etta LoPresti, visiting from Vero Beach, Florida."*

Curt was duly impressed with the museum and the facility as a whole. He was satisfied that the Fury, which had been so much a part of his and his family's life, was in the right place. I invited them to join us here in September for our convention and they were hopeful to be able to do so.

Another very long-time member, Bill Jennings, currently of Dalton, Georgia, also stopped by for a visit while he was in the area. We reminisced about old times and had some laughs about many of them. It was great to see Bill again and we hope to see more of him in the future.

While our Foundation is about the history of the Swift and to provide support to the aircraft and their caretakers, we are also very much about the people and members that make this organization such a unique group.

With Oshkosh on the horizon, if you attend AirVenture, take time to enjoy each other's friendships, as we never know how many times we will be able to get together and add to the memories that we already have. That said we also look forward to seeing many of you in Athens at our annual Swift Convention. 76 years of the Swift...it will be a special one.

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## Welcome Our Newest Members of the Swift Museum Family!

**John Walborn ID**

**Todd Hensley TN**

**Jimmy & Sally Gist TX**

**Mike Garcia CA**

**Evan Pearce IN**

**John McCurdy TX**

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

*By Paul Mercandetti*

Everything is on track for our fall Swift National Fly-in and Convention. It is time to buckle down for a final review of all the work we've done so far in preparation for this year's event. We're checking all the boxes to make sure everything is ready for your arrival and doing our very best to ensure that you have a fantastic event! Please, don't forget to pre-register so we can get a better handle on food ordering. Like the song says: "See you in September!"

As we prepare for Oshkosh EAA AirVenture we are reminded that the Type Club building is always a great place to run into fellow Swifters and other good friends made over the years. We are always excited and looking forward to seeing our Swift family at Oshkosh and everywhere we go.

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## Swift Formation Committee Report

*By Paul Mercandetti*

We will be attending the FAST Executive Committee meeting and the FAST Check Pilot meeting at OSH again this year. I will of course report back to you in next month's newsletter. I know the gas prices may have slowed down your flying activities but please remember to stay current and stay safe.

*Checkspeedgeardown*

## Your Swift Library Awaits

### By Ester Aube

Summer means flying... or fabricating, or maintenance, or restoring, or any number of things that need to get done on your aircraft. Or maybe you're like me and summer means braving the heat to get to airshows and fly-ins. Either way, if you're a member of the Swift Foundation and have a penchant for aircraft mechanics, you'll likely enjoy (or need) what we have to offer on AirCorps Library.

Those of you who are relatively new to the Swift Foundation may not have heard of AirCorps Library and what we do. So, to sum it up quickly - My name is Ester Aube and I manage AirCorps Library or "Library" as I call it for short. Library is a website that offers digital access to aircraft engineering drawings and technical manuals, specifically for vintage and legacy aircraft.

Back in 2017 the Swift Foundation board of directors reached out to me and asked if I could help them digitize the engineering drawings held by the museum, and use the Library website as a way to get this info out to the Swift Foundation members. Of course, I jumped at the chance, and since then, we have made over 4,000 original Swift blueprints, 1,200+ pages of change orders, almost 30 manuals, and much more available via the Library site, and they're only visible to you - Swift Foundation members!

Have you ever needed to fabricate a part for your aircraft, check a dimension, or wondered how exactly an assembly fits together? Well that's where Library comes in! Rather than calling the museum right away, you can use the site to do a little research on your own beforehand. You'll likely find answers, and maybe create more questions, but either way, sifting through the technical data on your own does nothing but improve your knowledge of the aircraft. Even your own (very knowledgeable) Scott Anderson learned quite a bit as he and I initially went through the drawings!

Every drawing on Library is searchable by its part/drawing number. This is helpful if you have a parts catalog in front of you, but sometimes you just want to search for drawings by a keyword, like "aileron" or "piston". And this is where I need to give a shout out to my friend, and Swift owner Albert Hathy. Over the past year or so Al has been adding keywords in the form of what we call "descriptions" to the Swift drawings. A drawing description is essentially the title that describes a part or assembly. Once these "descriptions" are added, each word in the title becomes a new term that you can search to find that drawing! To date, Al has added a description to almost every Swift drawing we have - a huge effort that makes the site better for everyone. Now you can find that drawing related to an "aileron" or "piston" without knowing the part/drawing number. Thanks Al, and everyone else who has added descriptions in past years!

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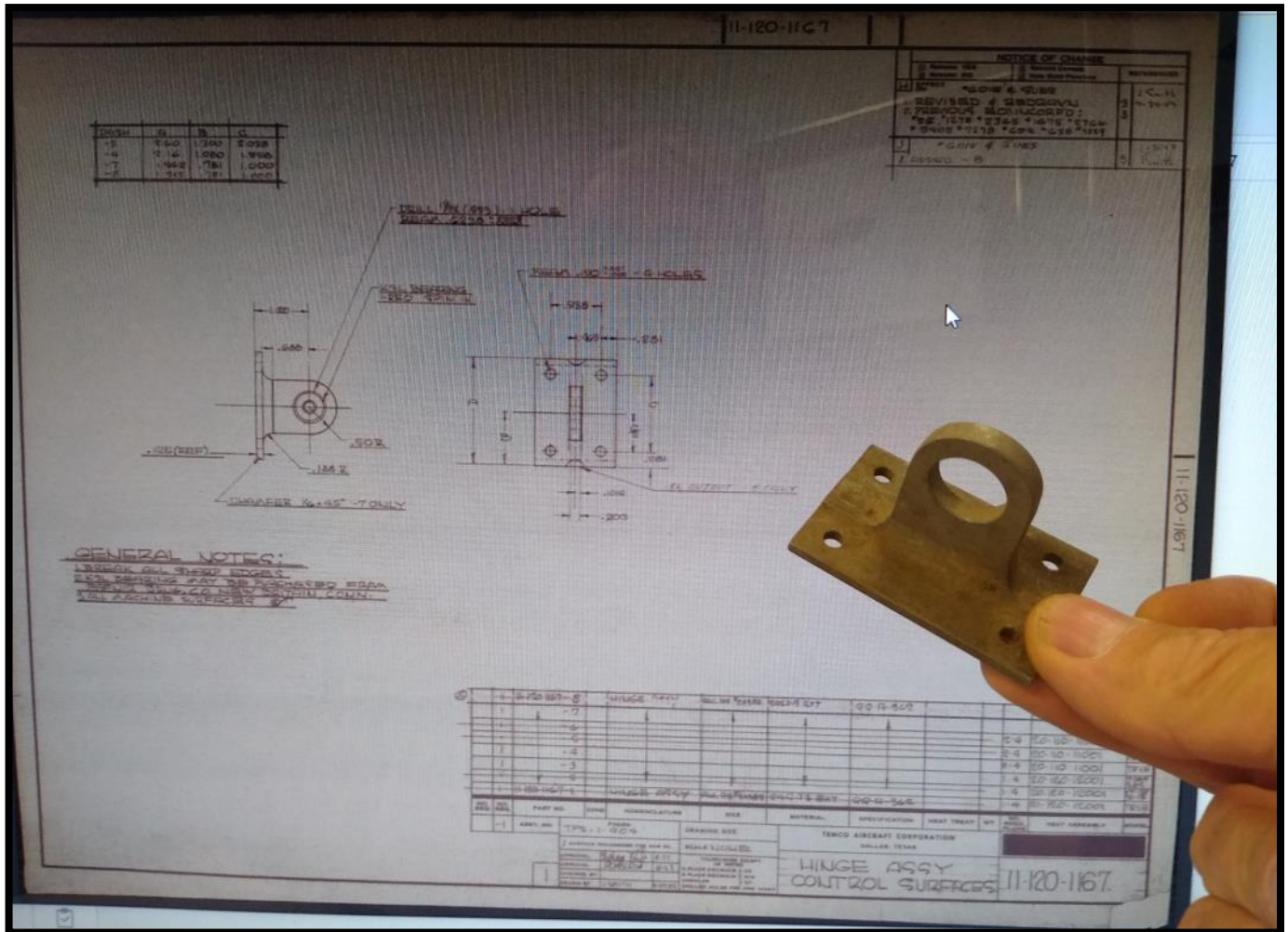
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### Founded by

**Charles E. "Charlie" Nelson**  
1968

So hopefully you're all excited, and want to get looking at what we have on Library right?! Well here's, the skinny: Swift Museum members get a discounted membership rate on Library - you can choose from 2 options - only accessing the Swift materials (\$25 per year), or that info, plus all of the other resources we have available for almost 50 warbirds, engines, propellers, etc. (\$60 per year). You'll also need your Swift member number to sign up. Head to [www.AirCorpsLibrary.com](http://www.AirCorpsLibrary.com) to get started!



There is nothing I like more than helping you Swifters, so if you have any questions about the site, or don't know your member number, feel free to contact me using the info below. I'm also planning on coming back to Swift Nationals this year - I haven't been since 2018, so it's about time. If I don't hear from you in the next few months, I hope to see you in Athens this September!

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*\*official rules available online <https://rafflecreator.com/pages/25154/2022-swift-museum-foundation-fundraiser-raffle>*



**Beautiful sunset formation shot from our 2017 Swift National — Cleburne, Texas**