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2024 Event Schedule

**West Coast Swift Wing
40th Anniversary
Sept. 19 — 22
Jackson, CA**

If your Swift group is planning an event this year please let us know so we can include it in the event schedule.

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Executive Director Report

By Scott Anderson

Time is running out to purchase your Swift Museum Foundation 2024 Raffle tickets! The drawing will be held on **September 21, 2024**. You have a great chance at winning one of five great prizes all while supporting the SMF that is here to support you and your Swift! This raffle is a vital fundraiser to help us continue giving the membership new parts and technical information. This helps to keep your Swifts flying, safe, and looking their best. We appreciate all of you who participate in this event and for your membership in one of the greatest type clubs ever to exist.

If you need assistance in getting your tickets, please contact us at Headquarters and we'll be glad to help. Please join in this very important event. Winners will be announced soon after the drawing is conducted.

Thank you all and GOOD LUCK!!!

T35/Swift Formation Committee Report

By Paul Mercandetti

I haven't received any reports this year for participating in a "Formation in Waivered Airspace". If you would like to share yours with me or the group, please do. The "Tennessee Pterodactyls" (Jim Roberts, Jerry Kirby, Don Abbott, & myself) and a couple of our RV friends have done several events, although not in waivered airspace, over the summer. The most recent was the 5 ship (3 Swifts, 2 RV's) opening ceremony for the Dayton, Tennessee airshow. This was a little tricky because the airport remained open. We had to beg for a little airtime from other inbound aircraft to conduct our fly-bys and still meet our time on target for the National Anthem. Other aircraft are almost always accommodating and it all worked out well for us. We've been squawking "Lead 1203" and the rest "Standby". It has been working with no complaints from ATC. Just remind your flight to squawk 1200-on for their next solo flight.

From FAST: There was an online Board of Directors meeting in August and we were able to get some pending issues resolved. These were changes to the governing manuals and will be published on the FAST website.

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Fly-In / Convention Report

By Paul Mercandetti

At this time there is but one thing left to say: swiftraffle.com

Fall is here and it's time for the last big Swift event of the season... The 40th annual gathering of the **West Coast Swift Wing in Westover, California!** Sandy and I will be heading west on Tuesday to join up with several other diehard Swifters (about 10 in all) and make the pilgrimage to California. There, we will greet our gracious hosts and dear friends at Westover... Looking for "40 Swifts for the 40th".

Topping off this great event will be the **2024 Swift Raffle Drawing**. Sooo, if you haven't already purchased your tickets, now is the time to do so. The price is low enough for you to purchase several tickets and increase your chances of winning. Our raffle is designed to appeal to everyone, not just Swifters. If you don't need an engine, surely you could use some cash. Spread the word— time is short, swiftraffle.com. We would love to have a sellout this year. This fundraiser plays a big part in funding your Parts Department. These parts keep YOUR airplane flying. We need your help. Tell one, tell all!

As always, we continue to solicit your input for the 2025 Swift National Fly-in & Convention in September of next year at Swift Museum Foundation headquarters.

My Design for Swift Jacks

Submitted by Bob Zambelli

I am in the process of rebuilding the landing gear actuators on my Globe Swift (serial number 11) and of course it was necessary to jack up the aircraft in order to remove and service the assemblies.

The photos show what I designed and built, with a total expenditure of around \$100.00 for the pair. Total lift is 8.25 inches and 1,800 pounds.

I was not about to spend around one thousand dollars on a pair of jacks that I would be using only once, as I am planning to sell the Swift.



Get your 2024 Swift Raffle Tickets Today!!!
Support YOUR Organization — 5 Great Chances to WIN!

ONLY 2,500 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!



**2024 SWIFT MUSEUM FOUNDATION
FUNDRAISER RAFFLE**

GRAND PRIZE
\$30,000 ENGINE CREDIT
OR \$20,000 IN CASH



\$50 Donation for a Chance to win!

Purchase Tickets:
SwiftRaffle.com
or by phone 423-745-9547

Drawing will be held September 21, 2024 @10pm EDT

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Employees and Board Members of the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc., their spouse and legal dependents are prohibited from purchasing tickets and are not eligible to win any prize. This includes individuals for whom an Employee or Board Member is the current legal guardian or individuals who they are not legally related to but who reside within an Employee or Board Member (step relationships are also included) household.

****YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN****



HELP SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE & MAYBE WIN BIG!

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Swift in Austria, Part II

By Jim Roberts

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about two Swifts in museums; One in the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, and the other in Salzburg, Austria. The Austrian Swift came to my attention when our niece, Kelly, texted a photo to my wife, Carolyn. Kelly and her family were on vacation when she spotted the Swift in the Hangar 7 museum at the Salzburg airport. Obviously, her flights as a young girl in our Swift left Kelly with a keen eye for beautiful airplanes, and her photo of the Swift led to a trans-Atlantic connection with the plane's owner.

After the newsletter was published in August, I was happy to receive an email from Christopher Gross. Christopher's message follows:

I just saw your Article in the newest Swift Newsletter about Swifts in Museums. I am the owner of N3866K in Salzburg! It is still in flyable condition and will be doing a small flying display at Airpower 2024, the biggest airshow in Austria. It wasn't flying much in the last year due to some gremlins in the static system which is suboptimal when coupled with the complicated airspaces in Europe, but that should be fixed soon!

We are sharing the ownership with one of the pilots from the flying bulls, that's why it's parked in Hangar 7 but not part of the Flying Bulls fleet. Enclosed are some pictures of the Swift in Austria.

I went online to check out AIRPOWER24 (www.airpower.gv.at) and was amazed at the scope of the event. Held on 6-7 September, the show drew over 250,000 spectators, and 200 civil and military aircraft from 20 nations. What a great showcase for the Swift! Thank you Christopher for sharing the story of your Swift, and for being such a wonderful ambassador for our aircraft.



Here's Kelly's photo that started it all, plus some great pictures from Christopher. Enjoy!

Kelly and her daughter, Sarah, with the Austrian Swift.



Have Some Swift Fun!

Submitted by Bryce Ulmer

Hey, its almost pumpkin time! How about some Pump-kin pictures with a little Punkin' head!

This is our daughter Chandelle in 1995. The other pumpkin I carved probably in 1994.

