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## 2025 Event Schedule

### EAA AirVenture

July 21—27  
Oshkosh, WI

### 2025 Nat'l Championship

Air Races  
September 10—14  
Roswell, NM

### West Coast Swift Wing

September 18—20  
Jackson, CA

### Triple Tree

September 22—28  
Woodruff, SC

### Swift National 2025

October 1—5  
Athens, TN

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

# Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.



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## Executive Director Report

By Scott Anderson

A couple of weeks ago we had a gentleman visit the Museum for a specific reason....

Eric Seymour was thrilled to see N2460B again! His grandfather had purchased this Swift brand new and it had been a part of Eric's childhood memories of his beloved grandfather. N2460B was built in 1951 and is particularly special as it was the very last Swift built. Normally



we do not allow visitors to touch or sit in any of the Museum aircraft but in this case, I made an exception. The emotions flowed as Eric felt the presence of his grandfather and recalled flying with him in this very Swift. We spent some time touring the Museum, giving Eric a chance to learn about the history of the Swift and why his grandfather chose one to be his own special airplane.



Eric left that day with great fulfillment as a part of his family's past was revisited. He promised to return, bringing more of his family back to visit the Museum to see how N2460B, by now being displayed for many to enjoy, has become an important piece of Swift history.

Jim Montague and Mark Holliday restored N2460B years ago to its current pristine and very original condition. They understood how important 60B is to our history and did a beautiful restoration together. The Swift Museum Foundation was extremely fortunate to acquire this Swift as a very significant part of our collection.

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**SMF Committees****Executive**

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Sam Swift  
Scott Anderson

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**Fund Raising**

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**Newsletter**

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**National Convention**

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Steve Roth

**Formation**

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Jim Roberts

**Building**

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Scott Anderson  
Paul Barnett

**IT/Web**

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**Aging Aircraft**

Steve Wilson  
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Dave Carpenter

There have been other family members with a connection to Museum aircraft visit and reconnect to the airplanes that were important in their lives. Family of previous caretakers of Serial #2 and Serial #3 have come to see these aircraft in person to feel the connection to their pasts once again. The excitement in their eyes is undeniable and is exciting for us to see as well. Every one of our Museum airplanes has a story. It's amazing to witness what a lasting impact they each have had on some very special people.

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## Swift National 2025 Fly-in & Convention

### By Paul Mercandetti

## Swift National 2025 — October 1—5, 2025

Start making your plans to be with us for a great time of flying, food, fun, and fellowship! Rooms are available at the **Comfort Inn Athens, TN 423-252-8030**. Tell them you are with **Swift Museum** for the discounted rate of \$110 - \$129 per night depending on the type of room you prefer.

We're looking to finalize our food truck choices. Please let us know if there are specific types of food you prefer. Whether it be lunch or dinner, we welcome your preferences and will try to make it happen if available. We're working on Logo ideas for this year. Send us your ideas. Text me— [508-654-2671](tel:508-654-2671).

We took a break to attend Sun-n-Fun earlier this month. Good times with Good friends! We had 29 seated for our Swift Dinner on Thursday night at the Bone Fish Grill. I love going to Sun-n-Fun and Oshkosh and seeing Swift friends. It's also great to see old friends from the past, old army buddies, airlines guys I worked with, fraternity brothers from college. Aviation— a great way to connect.

One of the great things about volunteering at the Type Club Tent is meeting new friends that stop by to talk about the Swift or just airplanes in general. Even if it's just for an hour or two, it helps us out and gives you the opportunity to connect with more friends!

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## Swift Formation Committee

### By Paul Mercandetti

There was no Board of Directors or Check Pilot meeting at Sun-n-Fun due to the recent meetings at NWOC in February. No news is good news.

Jim Roberts and I participated in a Missing Man Formation for a friend who passed away recently. We had 2 Cirrus friends join us to make a 4 ship. Also, we flew out to Nashville to join up with fellow Pterodactyls Jerry Kirby and Don Abbott who put together a 6 ship Swift and RV flight for a fly-by for a local airport new ramp opening. Any excuse is a good excuse to put together a multi ship flight and blow some smoke.

I think I have all your cards sent out. If you haven't received yours and you sent in your dues and proficiency report, call or text me. *Checkspeedgeardownlandingchecklist*

## Presidents Comments

By Jim "Frog" Jones

Sun-N-Fun 2025 is now at our Six O'clock and we start thinking and planning for AirVenture 2025. This was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of me attending Sun-N-Fun and in the same Swift as the first one in 1975. I may have missed 8 or 10 during that time period. I saw, and had a conversation with, Stan Wood, former member of the SMF, who I first met at Sun-N-Fun in 1975.

Fellow Swift owner and friend Paul Visscher and I arrived in Swift 3924K on Tuesday from Madison, Ga. Other members from Madison and SMF members Daniel McDevitt and J.P. Roberts arrived Tuesday evening in a Piper Geronimo. There were about 8 Swifts in attendance. Gary Moore and Dan Pendergast arrived in Gary's beautifully polished Super Swift from Denver, CO. Daniel Probst in his Swift from Tampa North, Jack Albright and Amber Roland from Richmond, IN, Evan Pearce from West Lafayette, IN, Swift N5616T (no name at this time) Paul and Sandy Mercandetti in Swift N84799 and Jim Roberts Swift N78012 from Knoxville, TN, Colin and Haley Harrington, Swift N80654, Locust Grove, GA.

A very Special Thank You to Paul and Sandy Mercandetti for arranging the Type Club Tent and manning it, as well as arranging the Swift Dinner on Thursday evening at Bone Fish Grill. The farthest away was Ernie and Jeanne Hanson from Sequim, WA. It was wonderful to see old fiends, not so old friends and make new young friends. There were several new, young, Swift owners in their twenties! This is very encouraging and exciting for the sustainability of the Swift Museum Foundation.



Sun-N-Fun 2025

Swift Dinner  
with two of our  
youngest Swift  
owners—Jack  
Albright and Evan  
Pearce —faces of  
our future!

Visits were made to vendors to thank them for the support of our Swift National silent auctions and door prizes. The ones I visited will continue to support our efforts this year. I also met the new President of Vintage Aircraft Association; we will have discussions in the near future about Vintage Parking at Oshkosh. During our visit I invited him to attend Swift National 2025 in October.

*Note: Please give thought to supporting the SMF with the purchase of Factory Bricks or Replica Bricks.*

Fly often, fly safe!

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## Sun-n-Fun 2025

*By Jim Roberts*

I can't improve on Jim "Frog" Jones' report on Sun 'n Fun, but that won't stop me from adding a few notes. First, I heartily second Frog's thanks to Paul and Sandy Mercandetti for arranging a great dinner Thursday night, and coordinating the Swift presence at the Vintage Aircraft Type Clubs tent.

Without their efforts, our experience would have been sorely lacking. And as Frog noted, it was wonderful to see a lot of young faces at the dinner, and among the Swifts parked on site. I feel encouraged that our little birds have a long and bright future ahead!

For future arrival planning at Lakeland, BE SURE TO OBSERVE THE AIRSHOW NOTAM TIMES. Paul, Sandy, and I arrived on Tuesday from Tennessee just short of the arrival cutoff for the airshow TFR. The TFR started at 1:00 PM, and no arrivals were accepted over Lake Parker after 12:40. Due to en-route weather delays, we were about 10 minutes late to be accepted on the arrival, and we diverted to Plant City airport, just west of Lakeland.

Once parked, we decided to call it a day and take an Uber car to Lakeland to pick up our rental car at the airport. The next morning we flew uneventfully from Plant City to Lakeland, and were able to join our fellow Swifters on the Sun 'n Fun grounds. Lesson learned: Always have a plan B.

As Frog noted, we had at least 8 Swifts on site. I took as many Swift photos as possible, and apologize if I missed your plane. Hope you enjoy the Photos!



*Daniel Probst's  
beautiful recent  
restoration.*

*Jim Jones celebrated 50 years  
of coming to Sun "n Fun.*



*The Mercandetti (Left) and  
Roberts Swifts at the  
Type Club Tent*





**Jack Albright, from Richmond Indiana, is all smiles camping with his Swift N80986.**

**Evan Pearce arrived from Indiana in his polished bird.**



**Gary Moore's Super Swift won "Outstanding Classic" at Sun 'n Fun.**

**Line crew provided outstanding service. Fuel was \$23.95 a gallon, but well worth it!**





## More Sun-n-Fun Photos — *Courtesy of Sparky Barnes*







**Left—**  
**Boris & Irina with**  
**Mark Holliday.**



**Right —**  
**Bruce & Carlene**  
**Mayes post Sun-n-Fun**  
**Museum visit.**

### Swift Dinner Photos—Courtesy of Jim “Frog” Jones





***Nashville area event for a local  
New Airport Ramp opening.***

***6-Ship Swift and RV  
Formation Flight comprised of  
Swifts Paul Mercandetti,  
Jim Roberts, Jerry Kirby, and  
Don Abbott with 2 RV friends.***

*Photo courtesy of Paul Mercandetti*