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**2018**

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **2018 SMF Raffle**

Ticket sales began  
February 8  
Drawing June 9, 2018

### **Sun-n-Fun**

April 10—15  
Lakeland, FL

### **Swift National 2018**

June 6-10  
Athens, TN

### **EAA AirVenture**

July 23-29  
Oshkosh

### **Triple Tree**

September 5-9

### **Red River Swift Wing**

Mt. Pleasant, TX  
October 5-6

### **West Coast Swift Natl.**

September 27-30

# *Swift Museum Foundation, Inc.*



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### **Executive Director Report by Scott Anderson**

Happy 2018 to all Swifters! We are off to a great start with our Phase III building going up. The building was delivered as scheduled and erection began the same day. The brutal cold that many of us have been experiencing has slowed down progress some but our contractor is working to have the basic structure up in time for the delivery of the 36' hangar door at the end of this month.

Raffle ticket sales begin on February 8th. The prizes are the same as last year with the Grand Prize being a \$30,000.00 credit towards a new Continental or Lycoming engine or you can take \$20,000.00 in cash if you prefer. There are also four other prizes that will be won. A Stratus 4S, a Garmin Area 660, an ACR Resqlink 406 PLB, and a Brightline Flight bag. All first class prizes. To win you have to play and remember your donation of \$100.00 per ticket is tax deductible and supports your Swift Museum Foundation. Last years winners are listed on [swiftmuseumfoundation.org](http://swiftmuseumfoundation.org). Call or email headquarters to buy your ticket(s). If you would like to help in selling tickets contact headquarters and we will get you set up. Your help is needed and would be appreciated!

Serial number three is "Back in the Air"!!! On February 5th Swifters Chuck Mosely and Ray Brown arrived from Florida to perform the task. It was very interesting to see and assist in getting the airplane suspended from the museum ceiling. The response from visitors and members alike has been "WOW"! Many thanks to Dale Cornell, our building contractor for the no cost use of his 6 ton articulating forklift required to do the job. Not only has Dale done a great job erecting our buildings but his generosity in this project saved Swift a great deal of money. Thanks Dale! Great job to Chuck and Ray. The display adds something special to our museum and your expertise is very much appreciated!

We have received quotes from McFarlane Aviation and AirCorps Aviation on the much needed landing gear actuator arms and cranks. Your Board of Directors and Swift Parts committee are working diligently to create a plan to make these parts available to the membership. It appears that if we can get enough orders, these PMA parts can be had at a very reasonable cost. These are commonly damaged in accidents but are also victim to corrosion causing even new seals to leak in a short time. Anyone with a Swift may want to get a set for later use in the event of unforeseen problems. We will be announcing the plan to order these parts in the next newsletter.

We have the gaskets ordered for the S-152 power pack rebuild kits. We have been out of these gaskets for a while but expect to have them soon in order to complete the kit. McFarlane has informed us that we should have the gaskets within a month. Many thanks to Steve Wilson and Ken Coughlin for their efforts with Dave McFarlane at McFarlane Aviation for getting this done. Great job everyone.

Looks like 2018 will be another banner year in the "World of the Swift"! We are really looking forward to seeing everyone in Athens next June. Put it on your flying season calendar as a must do! Thanks to everyone that supports the SMF. After all, it is your museum and the support system for your Swifts!

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**Red iron is up on  
Phase III with  
good progress  
being made!**



**N85000  
GC-1A  
Serial number 3**

**Historically  
significant**

**The first  
production line  
Swift!**

**Swift Parts Dept. Items Available & Points of Interest**

**LP-1427-SG Bubble Canopy windshield.** New in Smoke gray. Retail \$557.00 Your Price: \$400.00 (one available at this price)

**Scott 3250 Tail wheel** - complete except for wheel and tire. \$1,400.00

**Adel Strut Bushings (16085)** are now in stock.

**Cyclo polisher** - used excellent condition \$225.00

**McCauley Prop DM 7458** 8 bolt currently polished full 74 inch length Asking \$1,500.00

We have also received some **used wings, center-sections, control surfaces and other various airframe** parts. Some are in very good serviceable condition. Others are excellent cores for rebuild. Call Swift Parts for more information 423-744-9696.

**NOTE: New Swift Parts Department hours are Tuesday thru Friday 9-5 Eastern.**

**Volunteer help needed**— We are looking for a volunteer who is driving to Sun-n-Fun to take our Swift tent to the fly-in. Call headquarters if you are able to help.

## Sun-n-Fun (April 10-14)

The Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. will be represented in the Type Tent at Sun n' Fun again this year. The Type Tent is easy to find across the taxiway from the FSAACA (antique classic) building. You can meet up with fellow Swifter's there as well as sign up for the dinner at a restaurant to be determined on Thursday night of the event. **John Drago** is again coordinating finding volunteers to work the Swift Table in the Tent and can be contacted on his cell at **(904) 449-6470**. Please contact him if you want a rewarding experience working the table in the Tent for a few hours. Each day one lucky person who is willing to stay in the tent from 9:00am until the Air Show starts will get an armband for that day as a volunteer. If anyone would be interested in working the Swift Table for the duration of the event, individual or husband wife team, he can get you volunteer passes for the week. John is also asking for all Swifter's planning to fly to SNF that can be there before mid day Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> contact him at the above number. If he can get eight (8) or more Swifts to the event we can have a Swift Row in the Antique Classic Area. Contact John for more information if you are flying in.

## Westover 2018 — September 27-30

*Courtesy of the West Coast Newsletter*

The date for Westover 2018 is September 27 (Thurs.) through 30 (Sun.) The fly-in hotel is the **Best Western Amador Inn (209-223-0211)** which should have remodeling finished by fly-in time. There are 20 rooms reserved at \$85.99 a night. Fourteen days prior to the event extra rooms are dropped off the reserved list.

## Board Chairman's Comments by Pick Freeman

When it comes to January, I think of doom, gloom, and cold nasty weather. This January has not been disappointing. A cold wintry storm swept up the coast of South Carolina no less and left 5-6 inches of snow from Jacksonville, FL all the way to New York. This was quite unusual as it hasn't happened like this for about 25 years. Then a week later we had single digit temps that haven't happened for quite a few years. And the next week I got snow out at my hangar. Folks, it's hard to work on a Swift in an unheated hangar in this kind of weather. But who am I to complain when Pat and Vicky Moore are up there in Minnesota probably working in a nice warm heated hangar. Maybe, maybe not.

I fervently hope that if you are not flying your Swift this winter, you have put it to bed properly. You need to look at all the publications that you can find, seek advice and take care of your valuable Swift. I'm quite lucky, because I can go out flying at least once a week and keep the oil in a stable non-corrosive condition. It might be cold and I'll freeze my hiney off, but I try to keep the Swift in good running condition.

As we progress into 2018, my main concern is to continue to preach safety. Last year was tragic for the Swift community, because of the pilots and the Swifts that we lost. Surely they were not intentional, but something was lacking. Was it a lack of knowledge, maintenance, training, or my favorite, a lack of proficiency? We'll never know. I do know that if you take care of this wonderful old plane, it will take care of you and give miles and miles of satisfaction and reliable service. I now know my mortality and I work even harder to maintain my Swift to the best that I can, so that I can continue to fly it, maybe even until 80 years. Then I can join the UFO, the United Flying Octogenarians.

An on the subject of flying, I am the proud owner of the new Basic Med medical. I do take a few medications, but nothing that requires a special waiver. I'm a little more critical of my body when I go out to fly the Swift, but nothing I can't handle. Anyway, stay level in the turns and the blue side up. Pick

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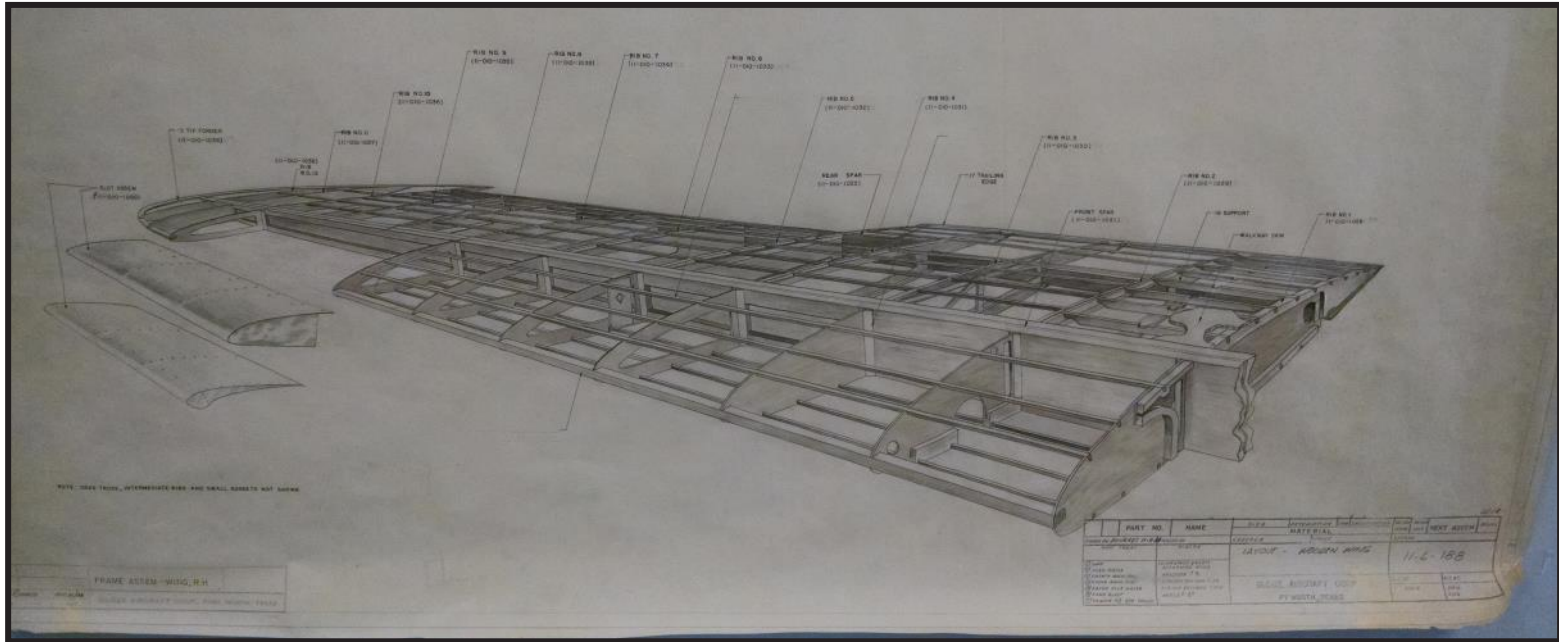


## Our Hidden Treasures — by Ken Coughlin

### Part number 11-L-188 Swift Wooden Wing Drawing

During the recent digitization of our technical data with AirCorps Library, here at Swift Headquarters, a number of surprises were uncovered, one of which we thought the membership would be interested in learning about.

This print of the first wing concept of the GC-1 was found. This wooden outer wing panel is not a model of the original Swift wing, it's the real thing. Dated 10/03/41, this drawing gives insight into just how much thought John Kennedy and his crew of engineers and technicians must have put into developing and bringing into fruition the magnificent flying machine we all enjoy so much today!



### In Memory of our friend David Turner

In true Swift fashion a flight of four paid tribute to our dear departed Swifter, Dave Turner of Massachusetts. Dave, a long time Swifter, was suffering with a very rare incurable form of lung cancer. After undergoing the normal cancer regime he told me the cure was worse than the cancer and the worst of all it wasn't working. Despite the intense pain, Dave was almost always his jovial self never wanting anyone to know of his illness. Sandy and I visited with him last August and I took him up in my Swift and let him fly for what was to be his last flight but it was fellow long time Swifter Bud Wrightington who would regularly visit and fly him to help keep his spirits up.

Dave loved to fly. He got his instrument rating in his Swift and was very active in the formation program. He was a Wingman and was working towards his lead card when he became ill. He and Buddy would fly formations together often and I was proud to be part of that Yankee flight team when I was based up there in Plymouth and again when he and Buddy would come down to Athens for Swift Nationals and we would put the team together again. I can still picture his face always smiling with that little Irish grin.

Several weeks had passed after Dave lost his battle with cancer when I was contacted by Buddy and an energetic new Swifter, Sacha Botbol. I was honored to be asked to join them in a memorial missing man formation at a luncheon in Dave's honor. Dave's companion Sandy Love and his two daughters Tammy and Debbie asked that we do a fly by for them and of course we jumped at the chance. A call to another local New England Swifter, David DeVries and we now had four Swifts as I was going to fly Dave's airplane. Unfortunately, Dave's airplane would not be in annual in time so we turned to a friend of ours with a Piper Comanche. With the wheels in the well and at six hundred feet it was as close a match as we could get on short notice. I jumped in with David DeVries to lead the formation and though we had never formally met it was as though we were old friends just getting back together again. We were able to get together early enough to put up a practice flight so as to not embarrass ourselves and after a great luncheon gathering at a restaurant/pub on a narrow and short airfield, 1B6 Hopedale Industrial Airpark, everyone stepped outside to watch as we loaded up and did our flyby, missing man with Taps being played, rejoin, and break to landing. Not a dry eye in the crowd. Dave would have been proud. Fair winds and God speed my friend. *Paul and Sandy Mercandetti*

## Welcome New and Reinstated Members (Feb. 2017 to Feb. 2018)

Trip Kelleher — Carmel, IN  
 Dana Gibbs — Arlington, TX  
 Frank Novac — Newburyport, MA  
 Jim Larsen — Santa Rosa, CA  
 Francois Aulagner — Paris, France  
 Peter & Catherine Burrous — Mt. Pleasant, SC  
 Steve Newman — Portland, OR  
 Bill Rogers — Mokilteo, WA  
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 Andre Caillouet — Houma, LA  
 David Miller — Monument, CO  
 Larry Harris — Alabaster, AL.  
 William P. Desautelle — Washington Crossing, PA  
 John & Linda Haynes — Knoxville, TN  
 Jim Hark — Waterloo, IA  
 Dennis Davies — Mile Ranch, BC, Canada  
 Ben Strange — Victoria, Australia  
 Enrico Hohner — Bavaria, Germany  
 Mason Chrisman — Mt. Pleasant, SC  
 John Tabone — Dee Why, NSW, Australia  
 Paul Dean Hinton — Port Ludlow, WA  
 William Doyle — Visalia, CA  
 Clinton Lovell — Greenwood, LA  
 Colin Harrington — Locust Grove, GA  
 Tom Drybrough — Pitt Meadows, BC, Canada  
 Ian Wyman — Peyton, CO  
 John Larsen — Adrian, MI  
 Benoit Noel — France  
 Janice Grosshans — Hudson, CO  
 Larry Smith — The Woodlands, TX  
 Nilini Faulkner — Ann Arbor, MI  
 Dan Caine — Whispering Pines, NC  
 Harley Howell III — Sandpoint, ID  
 John Pace — Bothell, WA  
 Lou Manyak — Inglis, Florida  
 Alan Kettunen — Geneva, OH  
 Stanley Markus — Oconomowoc, WI  
 Guy (Randy) Craig — New Castle, IN  
 Chad Lester — Lincoln University, PA  
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