

Swifts at Oshkosh 2013

This has to be my best Oshkosh ever. The temperatures were cool, rain was a non-issue, and the Swifts showed up. We saw 20 Swifts total and may have missed one or two that came in after Monday and were sent to South 40 parking. Steve Wilson did a great job lining up out “Type Club” parking and Bo Mabry took care of the Swift Forum. We had a booth at the Type Club Hangar that was manned by volunteers all week. We had great participation from everyone. When we registered we were introduced to “Flo.”



Apparently Progressive Insurance was a major sponsor so we all got our registration bags with “Flo” to keep us company.

The Wilson's and I arrived Saturday morning and the first two nights were pretty chilly. Low was in the high 40's on the first night, 50's and 60's for the rest of the week which made for outstanding camping. I did see a few interesting thoughts on how to keep warm such as canopy covers used for blankets, sleeping bags brought out during the airshow for comfort, and stories of folks sleeping with their clothes on. I thought it was great.



Keeping warm was a bit of a problem for the first couple of days

I missed several Swifts that I did not get pictures of but here is a list of the ones I captured.



Early light line. We later filled the front row and had a good start on the second row.



Butch and Carlene Mayes



Blake Uhl



Stan Price



Steve and Barb Wilson



Mission Aviation Fellowship Swift



The Naumanns



Jim Steier (Custom Class C Winner)



Ben and Lisa Wilson



Jim Roberts



Flea Carpenter



John Herbert



Jerry and Holly Bauerle



"Frog" Jones



Jim Minor (Outstanding Swift Award)



N2431B John Renwick



N3887K Mike Cosner

(I might have messed up the names on these two. Lots of new faces for me this year.)



Deveaux Romain (Swift headed to France)



Robert Gee

I missed Georgen Aviation's all Red Swift somehow and at least one other snuck in to the south 40.

Bo took charge of the Swift Forum and it was not only well attended but had a great deal of useful information for new Swift owners or those looking to purchase a Swift.



Barb Wilson took charge of our evening Swift supper and we tried a new restaurant called “Kodiak Jack’s” which was a short drive from the airport. The attendance was fantastic and the word on the street is that we will go back again next year.



Barb made reservations for 35 and we had to add a table for extras. Great group and good food.



Great atmosphere



“Opie” with the “Grizzly One”. No fear



Barb with the three “necessities of KOSH”
Coffee, the morning paper, and a good roll of T.P.
(Story behind this – has a happy ending – pun intended)



Swifters enjoying a wonderful meal

The Type Club Hangar Swift table was staffed with Swifters all week. We are representing our airplane to the Vintage community and it is being noticed.



Volunteers- Omaha crowd John and Jim



Frog, Steve, Stan, Jerry, and Flea



Terry Bloom



Henry Ford – Looking good

The fellowship on the flight line is always special. Mark Holiday stopped by and is looking great.



John and Mark



Jim Roberts

Oshkosh 2013 is over but I'm already getting excited about next year. The Swifters are very active with the KOSH experience and we had a fantastic time.



That's it for 2013 KOSH.

Stan



P.S. Flo says "See you next year Swifters"