

Oshkosh 2011 – The Swifts

Trying to describe Oshkosh is like the blind man trying to define an elephant by only touching it. It's too big and although I spend the full week there I still only saw a small part of the elephant. I did see all of the Swifts though and had a great time. I arrived with the Dickers and the Wilsons on Friday afternoon and we promptly set up our campsite. All three of us were camping and the two rows of Swift parking that the Vintage Aircraft Association had given us were excellent. Steve Wilson deserves the credit for this and all of the Swifts that we know about were parked together.



Alan and Janet Dicker's campsite

Friday evening was miserably hot and humid and Saturday evening treated us to a strong storm with level seven winds.



Level 7 wind – (Seven out of ten port-a-pots taken down by the storm-
Note our Swifts in the background)

Oshkosh is about a lot of things and airplanes, although huge, are only a part of it. The fellowship with other aviators, Swifters, and future Swifters keep the week most enjoyable.



Breakfast at the Ultralight Barn



Flight Line



Charlie and Janie surprised us and showed up with his big smile. We were not sure that his back would cooperate and let him attend this year but that did not keep him down. He and Janie made the trip via automobile which was a little easier on Charlie.



Charlie and Janie in front of the Vintage Hangar

Most of the Swifts arrived prior to Sunday evening.



Jim Minor



Karl Bambas and Darlene



Robert Gee



Fern Villeneuve



Ozzie Nelson



Jim Roberts



Peter Kappeler and Marvin Homsley
(Oshkosh Award Winner-Congratulations)



Dee Dalton



David Barker – Flown by Bo
(Oshkosh Award Winner – Congratulations)



Elliott Seguin



Janet and Alan Dicker



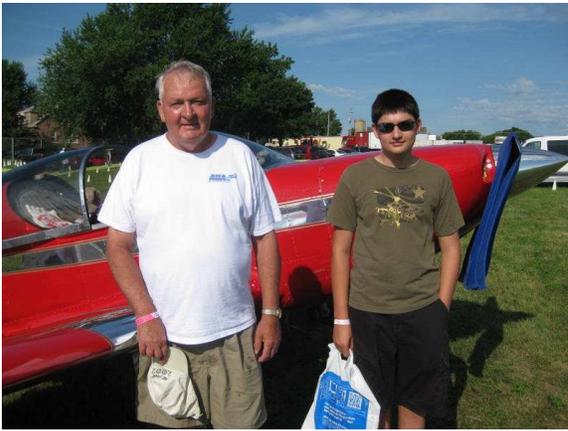
Steve and Barb Wilson



Stan Price



Mark Holliday (Knight Twister)



Jon Breese with one of his grandsons



Swift Parking - Great place

I stopped by "Ole Yeller" one day and noticed how proud she stands.



"If I couldn't be a P-51 I'd rather be a Swift" -- "Ole Yeller" quote I believe I heard.

Oshkosh is a great week and I'm already looking forward to next year. Great airplanes, great fellowship, and lots of tremendous memories. See you next year.

Stan