The N. Walter Cox Award has been established in recognition of the qualities of N. Walter Cox and his service to the MTT Society prior to his untimely death in 1988. It is given aperiodically to a Society Volunteer whose efforts on behalf of MTT-S best exemplify his spirit and dedication.

This year’s recipient is Mr. Chuck Swift. The citation reads: “FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE, GIVEN IN A SPIRIT OF SELFLESS DEDICATION AND COOPERATION.”

Mr. Chuck Swift was nominated by his Chapter and there was overwhelming support from the membership. His service to his Chapter is only surpassed by his service to MTT-S. We all remember the 1989 IMS and his production of “The One Penny Opera,” in which he played the leading role as well. When he travels across the US on his motorcycle to attend the International Microwave Symposium, many of us feel envious and wish we had the courage to enjoy life as he does.

Mr. Chuck Swift was born in Detroit in 1927, and according to him, has attended more MTT Chapter meetings than any other member. Chuck has been involved with the MTT for over 30 years. During that time, Chapter Chairmen and officers have come and gone, having given service for a few years and then discontinued their active participation. Through all this, Chuck has remained active, participating in meetings, providing financial and logistical support, and above all, providing life and energy with his unique personal style and enthusiasm. To use the words of another fan of Chuck’s: “... I can’t imagine anyone who better fits the description of one who has given exemplary service to the Society in a spirit of selfless dedication and cooperation.”

He is President of C.W. Swift, Associates, Van Nuys, California.