

## Oswego NY (KFZY) Airport Day August 11, 2018

Comanches flew yesterday to help Oswego County Airport Day where, unlike the rest of the northeast, it was severe clear and the Young Eagles circled the skies. Although thunderstorms and low ceilings kept most of the northeast fleet grounded and postponed the inaugural Mini-Clinics until 8/25 Sky Manor fly-in, Comanches again made the difference for the EAA Young Eagles event.



Ron Ward and twin N11KY next to twins "More Glitter Please" and "I Was Born to Sparkle"

Ron Ward, in his twin N11KY, flew TWO sets of twins yesterday, as part of the "Twins in Twins" event.

Ok it was actually "Oswego County Airport Day" at KFZY in Fulton NY, but as you can see from the dazzling smiles of "Glitter" and "Sparkle" it was a blazing success no matter what you call it!

Once again, as they have done at KGON Airport Day in Groton CT, Parlin Field Airport Day at 2B3 in Newport NH, and KWST in Westerly RI, the Northeast Comanches introduced the thrill of flying to half or more of the Young Eagles present at each of these events.

There was so much traffic around Oswego that two controllers in two different sectors warned us ahead of time about the remarkable number of targets! It was a little hard to believe as we slogged along through hard IFR, but sure enough we blew out of the side of a cloud suddenly, and there we were at Oswego with Lake Ontario sparkling in the background.

A poster for Airport Day August 11-14 at Oswego County Airport. The poster features a yellow biplane flying over a green field. The text on the poster includes: "AIRPORT DAY AUG 11-14", "FREE ADMISSION", a list of activities: "> Airport History & Future!", "> Classic Cars", "> Drone Display", "> Chicken BBQ", "> Helicopter Tours", "> Young Eagles Flights", the Oswego County Airport logo, and contact information: "For event info, contact the airport at (315) 591-9130" and "Pilot information: [airnav.com/airport/KFZY](http://airnav.com/airport/KFZY)".

EAA organizers have called the Northeast Comanches participation "a Godsend" because we are able to handle 3-5 kids, and our generous seat and window sizes mean there is no bad seat in a Piper Comanche!



Field manager Brandon Schwerdt and EAA chapter manager Roger Morton worked with the terrific restaurant staff to feed us a truly fabulous BBQ chicken repast (btw great little airport restaurant open 7 days 7am-2pm) and passed along heartfelt "Thanks for a job well done! "

#### Looking forward:

We are sorry about the weather and have put in a special order for MUCH better weather over the entire Northeast Comanche territory for Sky Manor on August 25, where the focus will be tips, tricks, tales, and practice for practical pilot skills!

To kick things off, lunch will be over Malcolm Dickinson's lecture on "**Five Ways to Fly Your Comanche More Safely**", followed by 3 one-hour mini-clinic blocks. Malcolm is a popular CPPP instructor Comanche-specialist CFII, MEI, ATP with over 20 years of Comanche experience, and for the inaugural year discount will do each in-air practical skill session at \$60. Although KFZY was Saturday only with no rain date due to Airport Day, Sky Manor on August 25 is a regularly scheduled fly-in and so rain dates to August 26. We appreciate if you [register](#) (even if you are not sure you can make it) because we put you on the update and interest list for the event, and give a heads up to the restaurant. If you are interested in a mini-clinic spot just add that in the notes along with your preferred time and we will contact you so you will know your schedule ahead. Remember you may (if pilot is willing) be able to ride along in the back seat to learn by osmosis (it's not bad form to toss a few shekels into the pilot's bag to pick up part of the lesson, but certainly not required).

Pick up great tips, get your questions answered, nail the stuff that's been bugging you. Northeast tribe is pushing back - we will keep our values going up and our insurance rates down!

Although it is no accident that over half of Comanche education weekends were delisted, and who is to say how many more there would have been had educational opportunities been encouraged rather than discouraged, we don't have to accept the increase in accident rates. Like Van's RV, we are taking

matters into our own hands! Van Gruensven's introduction of a culture of training reduced fatalities 75% (doubling the number of aircraft while halving deaths) and increased fleet values, cemented by [Van's 2018 receipt of the Bob Hoover Trophy award by the AOPA Air Safety Institute](#).

See you there at Sky Manor by air! (Motorcycles and jalopies welcome)

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