

# The Nor'Easter

Newsletter of the North East Tribe of the International Comanche Society

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## Message From The NE Tribe Chief



CJ Stumpf,  
Tribe Chief/ Rep

Congratulations to the NorthEast Tribe on an amazing flying season this year, marked by some of our largest turnouts ever (assisted by a couple of honorary Mooneys, Bonanzas, and at PYM this weekend, a GlasAir Sportsman flown in last week from Seattle, WA – that's how much fun we are.) Our last Fly-in will be Nov 14 at Georgetown, DE (KGED) – hope to see many of you there. If you have any fly-in suggestions for next year please send them to Ron and Lynn Ward at [ronandlynn33@gmail.com](mailto:ronandlynn33@gmail.com).

On to new news:

First, two of our fly-ins had a NEW feature: a seminar: "Gear Maintenance" (thanks Dwight Coombs) and "Formation Flying" (thanks David Turner). Please email fly-in coordinators Ron and Lynn Ward if you would like to see more, or have one to give! I'd love to convene a lunch discussion of "Panel Upgrades on a Budget" - let me know if you'd be interested at [cjstumpf@gmail.com](mailto:cjstumpf@gmail.com)

The ICS Fall Board Meeting was held last week in Nashville TN. A few things for NE Tribe members to consider:

- 1) NEW ZEALAND: The 2016 Annual Convention will be held next March in Queensland, New Zealand, concurrent with the 5<sup>th</sup> largest air show in the world. New Zealand is truly one of the most beautiful places in the world, and the Australians and Kiwis are awesome hosts. While there you can try bungee jumping. ☺ The website is [ics2016.com](http://ics2016.com). Hope to see you down under!
- 2) CUBA COMANCHES: ICS President and past NE Chief, Av Shiloh, is coordinating an educational trip to Cuba in May 2016. Email [Av.Shiloh@verizon.net](mailto:Av.Shiloh@verizon.net) if you are interested. All of the tricky international stuff is being arranged by professionals, so it will just be fun. Total cost for the entire trip is expected to be approximately \$2900 per person, double occupancy, and there are only 20 spaces.
- 3) INSTRUCTORS: develop a new objective process for listing Comanche instructors.
- 4) BUDGET: we are running our first deficit in many years due to some extraordinary expenses, mainly a completely revamped website. Increased dues were considered but instead we are putting the option to donate an extra \$25 on the renewal page. Please consider doing this if you can.

The Comanche Flyer has some new features:

- 1) MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: New president Av Shiloh has begun a series highlighting various members. The second feature article covers Northeast Tribe past president Bernie Stumpf. If you have a member whose story you'd like to see, particularly someone outside our region, please email [cjstumpf@gmail.com](mailto:cjstumpf@gmail.com).

- 2) UPGRADE MADNESS: Av Shiloh provided a fascinating article in the past *Comanche Flyer* on the panel evolution of his Flagship Turbo Comanche 260TC. The response has been “MORE,” so if you have upgraded your panel and would be willing to share your photos, design process, and decision making, we would love to feature YOUR airplane and its panel as part of the series. This will be a real service to hundreds of members who are facing the same questions you did.

-CJ Stumpf, NE Tribe Chief

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### ***ICS-NE 2015 Final Fly-In***

Fly-Ins are held on Saturday, with Sunday as a rain date. Email notices will be sent two weeks in advance. Watch your emails for any changes in scheduled dates or locations.

Date	Apt Id	Name	Location	Restaurant	Program
Nov 14 (15)	<a href="#">GED</a>	Sussex Co	Georgetown DE	Arena's at the Airport (FBO)	luncheon
<a href="#">Dec</a>	--	- no fly-in planned -	--	--	

Click on the Airport Id for a link to the AOPA Airports page for that airport.  
Register for fly-ins at [quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE\\_FlyIn\\_RegForm](http://quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm)

Below is a general description of the final fly-in location of 2015, along with some of the attractions nearby. Click on the airport identifier for a link to the AOPA Airports page for further information.

- November 12, Georgetown DE. Once again we return to Sussex County ([GED](#)), a popular location near the Atlantic coast. Arena's at the Airport restaurant is in the FBO. While at GED, visit the Delaware Aviation Museum. Bring your ideas for next year's fly-ins.

Watch your email for details, then plan to attend and bring your family and friends!

### ***2015 ICS-NE Ballot and Survey Results***

Last August, 23 ICS-NE members cast electronic votes in the 2015-16 ICS-NE elections and responded to a number of survey questions.

Elected unanimously were Chief CJ Stumpf, Assistant Chief Ron Ward, Treasurer Chris Jorheim, and Scribe Pete Morse.

Survey responses were as follows:

- Fly-ins: too many 0 not enough 1 just right 22
- Like to see: weekend stays 6 other destinations 7 more workshops 7 with flying event 8

Fly-in Suggestions:

- Owls Head Museum in Rockport ME
- With events: Oshkosh, Sun 'n Fun, air shows (Reading, Greenwood Lake, Sussex)

- Plan more family oriented events
- Add appropriate skill challenge ie IFR flight with safety pilot, spot landing challenge
- Fly-in at Minuteman Airport (6B6) Stow MA
- Set up formation flight training

Talents: pilot training 4 mechanical advice 1 legal questions 1 fly-in/event host 1

#### Talent Details:

name	ICS#	talent
• Av Shiloh	#16025	pilot training, CPPP CFI
• Pete Morse	#16012	host fly-ins for New England sites
• Malcolm Dickinson	#12166	pilot training, CPPP CFI
• Tom Henry	#12397	mechanical advice
• Steven Davis	#15346	pilot training
• Frank Dorrin	#17201	pilot training single/multi 880hrs PA30, Dash-8 pilot
• Eric Sachs	#7158	pilot training 37yrs exp, former Asst. Tribe Chief, attorney, lectured @Harrisburg Convention

#### Survey Comments:

- Enjoy the newsletter, keep up the good work
- Nice newsletter
- Enjoy NE Tribe events, will encourage other local pilot/owners to join ICS

### *August fly-in at Flying W*

After some weather worry earlier in the week, Saturday, August 22, turned out perfect for flying. Twenty Comanche people showed up in 10 aircraft for our annual ICS-NE Election fly-in. The airport staff was happy to let us handle our own parking, and the restaurant set up a long table for our excellent lunch. Many thanks to Ron and Lynn Ward for making the arrangements.

After the meal we met in the gazebo for the actual election and for words from CJ Stumpf, our newly elected Tribe Chief, and Av Shiloh, our ICS President. CJ spoke of her desired agenda for the year: gathering information about the Comanche safety record, education members to the common problems with the Comanche landing gear, an emphasis on pilot training (CPPP) and future Young Eagles flights in cooperation with the Parlin NH EAA pilots. Av reinforced CJ's comments on safety and training, mentioned a few other projects being worked on by ICS, and encouraged all members to take the once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Convention next March in New Zealand.



Flying W ramp



Comanche flight line





CJ "herding cats"



Av Shiloh at the meeting



great food enjoyed by all



Flying W resort

## *September fly-in at Lancaster PA*

Lancaster ([LNS](#)) is in eastern Pennsylvania, north of the ADIZ and west of Philadelphia. It has all the benefits of a towered airport in the heart of Amish country. September 19 started out with fog over most of the northeast, causing delays in departure for most of those attending. Eventually sixteen people arrived in 10 Comanches to enjoy a great lunch at Fiorentino's Bar & Grill, located in the terminal building.





As always there was a lot of information exchanged among the pilots, both on the ramp and over lunch. Following lunch Av Shiloh, ICS President, talked about changes happening in the *Comanche Flyer* magazine and on the ICS website to provide more informational items for members. Av also talked about the proposed ICS flying vacation to Cuba and the Caymans in May. Watch for details. Pete Morse talked about the October fly-in at Plymouth MA. We are going to try to get a speaker on formation flying from a local flight school. Tribe Chief CJ Stumpf talked about her work on Comanche safety and new membership.

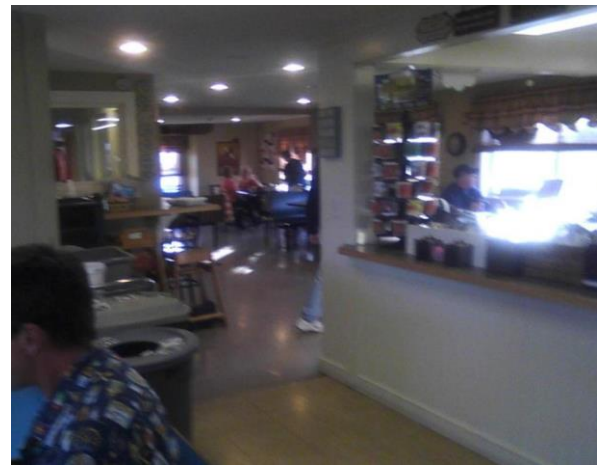


## *October Fly-in at Plymouth MA*

On October 17<sup>th</sup> nine Comanches and three “other” aircraft braved the cool temperatures and gusty winds to fly to Plymouth MA on Cape Cod Bay just south of the Boston Class B airspace. Plymouth is a very busy GA airport with flight schools for fixed and rotor wing pilots, jet traffic, and many local aircraft owners. As a result we ended up in parking slots scattered all over the ramp.







Dave Turner and his Swift



After a great lunch at Plane Janes we were treated to a discussion on Formation Flight lasting over an hour. David Turner, a Globe Swift formation pilot, talked about the philosophy behind formation flight, and many of the specific procedures and signals used. He stressed that absolute precision is the goal, achieved only through training and thorough preparation. There is no room for ego in a formation – the wingman flies as if his aircraft is welded to the lead, mirroring his every move. This is also just about the most fun you can have in an airplane. From the lively talk around the table it would appear that the Comanche drivers agree, and are very interested in trying this out. Next Spring anyone?

## *Technical Issues*

If you have any Comanche related technical questions contact the ICS Maintenance Resource Advisors

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ICS-NE website links for your convenience:

- ICS-NE main page: [http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE\\_page.htm](http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page.htm)
- Documents page: [http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE\\_DocLinks.htm](http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_DocLinks.htm)
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