

The Nor'Easter

Newsletter of the North East Tribe of the International Comanche Society

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Message From The NE Tribe Chief



Av Shiloh,
Tribe Chief

Dear Fellow Comanche Connoisseurs,

The holiday season has come and gone, and the weather has definitely changed. We had a wonderful autumn. In September, we had a full weekend fly-in to Nantucket. The weather was perfect, and the company was even better. Pete Morse arranged a pleasure-packed weekend of activities for us, and everything seemed to "click". It was perhaps the best fly-in I can remember. In October, our fly-in to Luray was great, with a delicious brunch buffet at the historic Mymslin Inn, combined with great conversation.

Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with our November fly-in to Cambridge-Dorchester, MD, and it was cancelled.

In late October, I flew to Las Vegas to attend the ICS Fall Board Meeting. The meeting was well attended, and many issues were discussed and resolved. Some of the agenda items and discussions included an update on the Australian Horn, the contributions of the Comanche Flyer Foundation, changes to the by-laws and standing rules, ICS budget matters, future ICS Conventions, the upcoming 2014 ICS Convention at Oshkosh, the Comanche Flyer Magazine, and a host of other subjects. It was a long, but productive meeting. In the evening, we joined together to eat and watch (and participate in) a dinner mystery/comedy theater production of "Marriage Can Be Murder". One of the "characters" was our own Dr. Robert Fox (the ICS South Central Tribe Chief) who played the role of... you guessed it... a doctor! It was truly a fun evening!

Unfortunately our final fly-in of the year at KGED Sussex County Airport in Georgetown, DE, had to be cancelled due to the weather. Hopefully the weather will cooperate when we resume monthly fly-ins in March. Ron and Lynn Ward continue to do an amazing job organizing and coordinating ALL of our fly-ins. They have already prepared the 2014 fly-in schedule, which included in this newsletter and on our web page.

I would like to urge all of you to come out and meet your fellow Comanche Flyers at our fly-ins. Feel free to come alone, or bring your friends, family, or fellow pilots. You can sign up using the [Fly-In Registration Form](#) on our ICS-NE web site. I can assure you that you'll truly enjoy the outings, the food, and the camaraderie! It does help to have an idea of who may be there, and to compile an email notification list for last minute updates.

Contact information for ICS-NE, the Fly-In schedule, earlier copies of the Nor'Easter, and other Comanche stuff are all posted on our web page at quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page.

As always, please call or email me with anything you would like to discuss.

Happy Flying,

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ICS-NE Fly-In's for 2014

Fly-Ins are on Saturday, with Sunday as a rain date. Email notices will be sent two weeks in advance. Events listed in red are non-NE events of possible interest to members. Watch your emails for any changes in scheduled dates or locations.

2014 ICS NE Fly-in Schedule					
Date	Apt Id	Name	Location	Restaurant	Program
Jan	--	- no fly-in planned -	--	--	
Feb	--	- no fly-in planned -	--	--	
Mar 15	JGG	Williamsburg-Jamestown	Williamsburg, VA	in FBO	luncheon
<i>April 1-6</i>	<i>LAL</i>	<i>Sun N Fun 2013</i>	<i>Lakeland, FL</i>		<i>Sun N Fun</i>
April 12 (13)	ESN	Easton/Newnam Field Butler Co/K W Scholter	Easton, MD	Sugar Buns Café	luncheon joint luncheon w/NC tribe
May 17 (18)	BTP	Field	Butler, PA	Runway Lounge	
June 21 (22)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	Lil' Red Baron	luncheon
<i>July 12</i>	<i>PYM</i>	<i>Plymouth Municipal</i>	<i>Plymouth, MA</i>		<i>Reg. Town Meeting</i>
July 19 (20)	N89	Joseph Y Resnick Apt.	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby	luncheon
<i>July 25-27</i>	<i>FDL</i>	<i>ICS Convention</i>	<i>Fond Du Lac, WI</i>		<i>ICS Convention</i>
<i>July 29-Aug 4</i>	<i>OSH</i>	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture 2014</i>	<i>Oshkosh, WI</i>	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture 2014</i>	
Aug 16 (17)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown NJ	Sky Manor Restaurant	elections/luncheon
Sept 20 (21)	B06	Basin Harbor	Vergennes, VT	Red Mill	luncheon
<i>Oct 4</i>	<i>FDK</i>	<i>Frederick Muni</i>	<i>Frederick, MD</i>		<i>Home Town Meeting</i>
Oct 18 (19)	LUA	Luray Caverns	Luray, VA	Mimslyn Inn	luncheon
Nov 15 (16)	GED	Sussex County	Georgetown DE	Lighthouse Landing	luncheon
Dec	--	- no fly-in planned -			

Register for fly-ins at quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm

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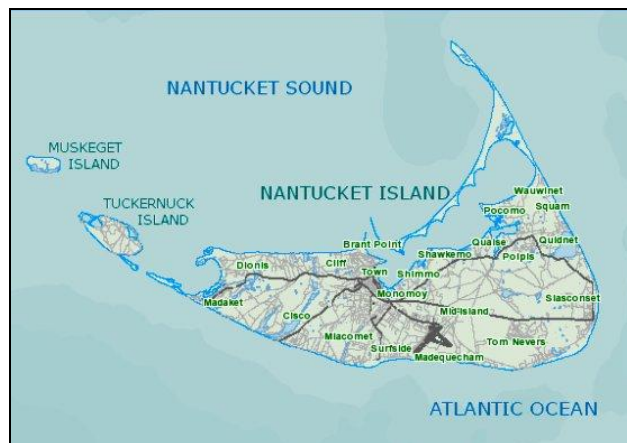
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Nantucket Island weekend in September

ICS-NE hosted a 3-day fly-in weekend on Nantucket Island from Friday, Sept 13, to Sunday, Sept 15, 2013. There was also the option to join us for the day on Saturday.

September is the lovely end of the season time on Nantucket and most shops are still open. We had a number of planned activities as well as free time to explore the shops and sights. The group stayed at the [Nantucket Inn](#), located across the street from the airport. The Inn provides an extensive breakfast buffet each morning, making a great start to the day.

Flying your Comanche to Nantucket (ACK) is not a big problem, but VFR only pilots needed to be aware of the unique local weather patterns. After all, the airport location was chosen to train Navy pilots in handling low visibility operations. Our weekend was no exception, with low clouds and rain on Friday, the arrival day. Two Comanches managed to land using the ILS-24 under a low overcast. The rest arrived early on Saturday, in beautiful weather and in time for the day's activities.



The planned Saturday group activities began at 10 AM with a 1+1/2 hr guided bus tour of Nantucket by [Aras Tours](#). We departed the Nantucket Inn and drove to Sconset on the eastern end of Nantucket. Along the way Ara told us of the history of the buildings we passed, and pointed out the many interesting gardens. After a brief stop to stretch our legs on the bluff overlooking the Atlantic we continued to the Brant Point Lighthouse. This was recently moved back from the bluff to prevent it from toppling into the sea as the island erodes. On the way back to town we stopped to inspect a cranberry bog and learn about its method of harvesting. Then it was slowly through town, past the restored windmill, to the Coast Guard Beach and another chance to stretch our legs before being dropped off in town for the day.



The free time mid-day gave everyone a chance to do some serious browsing among the shops or to visit the [Nantucket Whaling Museum](#). We also found our own places to eat lunch, choosing from the many little pubs and restaurants.

At 4 PM we all met on Straight Wharf for a 1-1/2 hr sail on the [Friendship Sloop Endeavor](#). This was built by Captain Jim 35 years earlier, and is patterned on the small fishing boats of the early 1900's from Friendship, Maine. We happily assisted in setting the sails and ventured out of the harbor into Nantucket Sound. There was a nice breeze from the southwest and the boat seemed very happy to be alive. Captain Jim was happy to answer all questions about the boat and Nantucket in general. I think we were all sorry when we returned to the pier that our time on board was over.



After riding the shuttle van back to the Inn we all went to dinner at [AK Diamonds](#). As always, the food was great and the conversation even better.

On Sunday we each went our own way following goodbyes after the breakfast buffet, some to depart for home and others to continue to explore Nantucket. Everyone expressed their happiness in the weekend's activities and a desire to come back another time.

See you next time on the Grey Lady!

For ICS-NE, Pete Morse, ICS #16012

October at Luray PA

Luray Caverns Airport (KLUA) is located in the picturesque Shenandoah Valley adjacent to the Blue Ridge mountain range, Skyline Drive, and the Luray Caverns, which are well worth a visit.

We met at the FBO ramp, located at the north end of the field. The FBO provided van transportation to the historic Mimslyn Inn around 11:30 for a noon luncheon. The Inn serves a great luncheon buffet each Saturday. The FBO also offered transportation to the Caverns for those who wished to visit them. The Caverns are open until 6pm.

The fly-in to Luray was fun. In attendance were: Bernie and Christina Jane Stumpf, Ron and Lynn Ward, Bill Brooks and his girlfriend Barbara, and my sons Alex and Andre along with their personal pilot Av Shiloh. We had a total of 4 Comanches. Bill made it in VFR but the rest of us, coming from the North and East, had to go IFR. There were clouds and some mountain obscuration on the way in.

At the airport, the line guy personally shuttled us in the airport car to the Mimslyn Inn, some 5 minutes away.

The Inn is an old, very quaint, and upscale hotel. It is meticulously maintained, with a beautiful and elegant lobby. Just outside the lobby is a nifty restaurant where they were serving a delicious, all-you-can-eat buffet meal. We all sat at a large round table and talked about music, movies, news, and other chit-chat.

Before we knew it, it was time to go. The line guy came to pick us up, which he did in two trips. We all departed for home within minutes of each other.

I was able to fly home VFR without much fuss.

As I said, it was fun!!!

Best,
Av Shilo



November and December fly-ins

The weather turned against us again. A forecast of marginal to IFR conditions on Saturday, and lower ceilings on Sunday, forced us to cancel the Nov. 16 fly-in to Cambridge DE. December 14 at Georgetown brought snow and rain for the east coast, again causing us to cancel. Spring is coming!

AOPA Town Meetings announced

For the first time in its 75-year history, AOPA will meet its members where they fly and share the joy of flight at a series of one-day regional fly-ins. Throughout 2014, these fly-in events will be held at six of our nation's friendliest airports.

AOPA Fly-Ins will have something for everyone. Spend a Saturday with AOPA participating in aviation activities, exploring exhibits and seminars, enjoying a couple of meals, and building relationships. With free admission for members, these fly-ins will feature activities designed to bring you and your association together around our common love of flying. Bring your family along and make a weekend of enjoying the rich surroundings of great GA airports and their local communities.

Learning:

Join AOPA for useful educational experience, with clinics, safety briefings, seminars, and discussions sure to improve your flying and safety. Some of aviation's best experts will be on hand to help us all grow in our knowledge of flight.

Exhibits:

Aviation product exhibitors—a major feature at AOPA Summits—will also be a part of our the AOPA Fly-Ins, giving pilots a chance to see, test, and buy new products and technologies. Display aircraft will also be on site from manufacturers and dealers to help you select your next aircraft!

Mark Baker and AOPA Leaders:

Meet the president and CEO of AOPA, Mark Baker, as well as other key leaders from AOPA. Ask important questions at a pancake breakfast and Pilot Town Hall, or just mingle with your AOPA staff to share ideas, learn more about your association, and tell us what you care most about in aviation.

Flying fun:

Meet fellow AOPA members and see their aircraft, go for a ride with one another, take a flight in a warbird or other special aircraft, and enjoy a weekend in the air. For friends or family who are not pilots, enjoy a “learn to fly” area and maybe even take a “first flight” with an instructor!

Food:

Enjoy two great meals with AOPA at your Fly-In. A pancake breakfast awaits the early birds who arrive in the morning, and a free lunch for every AOPA member will gather us around the center of the event—with live entertainment, a chance to mingle with other pilots, and just plain good food.

Meetings in the Northeast Area

Plymouth Municipal Airport (PYM) — July 12, 2014:

On the shore of Massachusetts, there could hardly be a more historically significant place to visit. Renowned as the first home of those who founded this great country, Plymouth is a quintessential New England town with historic homes, rich history—and great seafood.

AOPA is also bringing back its fly-in to Frederick, Maryland.

On Oct. 4, 2014, fly in or drive in to the Frederick Municipal Airport (FDK) and AOPA headquarters for “AOPA Homecoming.” This homecoming will be extra special as we celebrate AOPA’s 75th anniversary. Members are invited to come “home” and take part in a great party to celebrate 75 years of preserving and advancing general aviation.

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Technical Issues

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Subject: Update on the Australian Stabilator Horn,

The STC for the PA 24 & PA30/39 has been approved. Additionally, an AMOC for the PA 24 & PA30/39 has also been issued. This is great news! Information is being added daily under "Current News" on the ICS Home Page. Click here for the [Home Page](#). All documents can be found under "[Current News](#)" and or "[Tech / Mechanics Corner](#)."

The new Australian Stabilator Horn is now available and approved for use on U.S. registered PA-24's (180, 250, 260, and 400) per STC# SA04016AT. (There is also another STC for the twins. Remember, though, AD2012-17-06 does not apply to the twins and the 400's). There is also an associated Alternative Method Of Compliance (AMOC) that allows this horn to be a terminating action to the inspection/replacement times that are stated in paragraphs (f) and (g) of AD 2012-17-06. This is very good news for our fleet.

The Australian Horn can be ordered directly from the Australian Tribe at: sales@comancheflyer.com.au. We are in the process of creating an order form for the ICS website

*Respectfully,
Airworthiness Committee
Dave Fitzgerald, Cliff Wilewski*

Go to http://www.comancheflyer.com.au/techmain_airframe.php for information about ordering the Australian tailhorn replacement part and installation kit directly. The price is less than \$1150 US. It is also available in the US from [Johnston Aircraft Service](#) in California. \$855 plus shipping for parts, \$275 plus shipping for installation kit.

If you have any Comanche related technical question contact Dave Gitelman, ICS-NE Tribe Technical Director. Contact Information: H: 585-381-4785, C: 585-317-8446. Please, no calls before 9:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m.