

The Nor'Easter

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Message From The Tribe Chief



Pete Morse, Tribe Chief

This will be my final message as (now ex) Tribe Chief. It has been a great pleasure getting to know the many members of ICS as a whole, and of the Northeast Tribe in particular.

The fly-in for October is a return to Arnold Palmer Field in Latrobe, PA. Last year we had to scratch because of weather. You will receive the notice soon. Hopefully some of the NC Tribe will join us. In November we are going to Shenandoah Valley Reg. in Staunton, VA. This is a new destination in the spectacular Shenandoah Valley. Then in December we are back to Sussex Co. in Georgetown, DE - always a popular fly-in destination.

Please remember to go to my quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page to register for each fly-in you plan to attend. It does help to have an idea on who may be there, and to compile a notification email list for last minute updates. As before, the contact information for ICS-NE, the 2012 Fly-In schedule, earlier copies of the Nor'Easter, and other Comanche stuff is posted on the web page (use the link above).

Contact your Tribe officers at the addresses or phone numbers listed below for any questions or comments.

Pete Morse, Nor'Easter Editor

ICS-NE Fly-In's for 2011-12

Fly-Ins are 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
Jan	--	- no fly-in planned -	--	--
Feb 25 (26)	JGG	Williamsburg/Jamestown	Williamsburg VA	Charlie's w/SE Tribe
Mar 17 (18)	MTV	Blue Ridge	Martinsville, VA	Runway Café w/SE
April 14+15	MTN	Martin State	Baltimore, MD	Holiday Inn - Inner Harbor
May 19 (20)	FDK	Frederick	Frederick MD	Airway's Inn w/AOPA
June 16 (17)	N89	Resnick Apt.	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby
July 14 (15)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	Lil' Red Baron
Aug 11 (12)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown NJ	Sky Manor Restaurant
Oct 13 (14)	LBE	Arnold Palmer Reg.	Latrobe PA	DeNunzio's Italian w/NC
Nov 10 (11)	SHD	Shenandoah Valley Reg.	Staunton VA	(under construction)
Dec 1 (2)	GED	Sussex+ Co.	Georgetown DE	Lighthouse Landing

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

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Ellenville NY fly-in in June

Ellenville got scratched last year due to weather and low ceilings. This year the weather was perfect.

Dwight Coombe was the perfect host, welcoming quite a few Comanches as can be seen in the photos below. We walked to a nearby Italian restaurant for good food and fun socializing.



You never know what you may find in some of the hangars at an airfield. It might not be too long before the two young lads in the pedal Mustang will be looking for their own Comanche. Of such is the future of ICS!

Newport NH Fly-In in July

Our July fly-in at Parlin Field in Newport, NH, was well attended. As always the food at the Lil' Red Barron was excellent and the reception by the airport manager outstanding.

The Recycled Pilots group, local Parlin pilots, and the local FAAST Team representative ran a Wings seminar – “Getting the Most From Your Aircraft” - in our honor after lunch. Pilots were asked to bring their POH's and weight and balance information. Then, using the weather conditions prevailing for the day, we calculated exactly how much runway would be required to take off and land at Parlin. The exercise was quite revealing. Then, on departure, we could test our results by observing the marked lengths along side the runway. Luckily it was on the honor system!

We will go back to Newport in the years to come.



Sky Manor fly-in in August

The election fly-in to Sky Manor, NY had to be postponed due to the weather. As it turned out, more than a dozen Comanches showed up that Sunday. We actually ran out of parking spaces on the ramp! The airport managers were faced with a family health emergency, so Ron and Lynn Ward, fly-in coordinators par excellence, got pizza delivered.



This was the official election meeting. The proposed slate was elected unanimously, and the results can be seen in the Tribe contact list at the top of this newsletter. Thank you one and all for participating in the annual Tribe elections. Final discussions for the 2012 Convention were conducted, and most of us felt that we were ready for Baltimore. Only a few loose ends to tie up.



2012 Baltimore Convention in Review

The weather was perfect for the 2012 Baltimore Convention - bright sunny days with the temperatures in the low 80's and nights cooling to the lower 70's. The gentle breezes made exploring Baltimore on foot very pleasant, and the clear skies were perfect for flying.

A number of ICS members took the suggestion to come early and spend time enjoying the sights of Baltimore. The Inner Harbor area has undergone a major facelift in the past few years, and offers many fine attractions. The free transportation on the Charm City Circulator bus routes makes everything within easy reach.



Seminar attendance



NASA presentation



Berlin Airlift pilot

About sixty people attended the full Convention, a decline over the past years. Again the ICS Convention was held responsible for unfilled hotel room nights. The total did swell to over eighty-five for the weekend

events. There was lively participation in scheduled meetings and good attendance for the various seminars. Of special interest were the speakers from NASA who spoke on topics ranging from the Joint Polar Satellite System, source of weather image and analysis, to current exploration projects of the Mars Rover. Another popular presentation was by a pilot, Fred Hall, telling of his experiences in flying the Berlin Airlift in the late 1940's.

On Thursday evening the various Tribes made good use of the many fine restaurants in downtown Baltimore. The host NE Tribe chose one of the many establishments in Little Italy.



in Little Italy

ICS-member seminars on insurance and maintenance were well attended, with quality cooperation from the vendors present. Other topics covered were the Comanche Pilot Proficiency Program (CPPP) and problems with aging aircraft, both in the form of an open discussion, and drawing on the expertise of our ICS President, Zach Grant.

The vendors were quite active, talking to a number of the attendees. Curt LoPresti has again offered his 50% discount deal to ICS members for the rest of September (see the Comanche Flyer website for details)

The Friday evening dinner and General Membership Meeting proved very successful. Convention attendees enjoyed a fine buffet dinner followed by the meeting. Most people stayed to find out what ICS has been doing and to participate in the open question and answer portion.

An introductory presentation for next years Convention was given at the General Membership meeting by the Northwest Tribe. The plan is for three days of meetings and seminars "on land" followed by a weeklong Alaska Cruise. Check in the coming issues of the *Comanche Flyer* and on the website for details and registration information.



General Membership Meeting

The Convention provided van transportation to and from Martin State Airport each day of the Convention. This was especially important for the strong turn out for Airport Day on Saturday. Members got to inspect the many aircraft that flew in, and especially the seven entries in the Flagship competition.



At Martin State Airport



Tire kickin'



Flagship row

This year we offered a Pilot Companion ground school as an alternative to Airport Day activities, with twenty-five people signing up to attend. The course covered the process of a flight, from initial planning to ground and flight operations, explaining what is going on in the mind of the pilot. While the pace, at times, was like drinking from a fire hose, many attendees felt encouraged to take an active part in future flights with their pilots.

The final Convention activity, a dinner and 3-hour cruise on the *Spirit of Baltimore*, was very popular. The dinner buffet was excellent and relaxed atmosphere provided plenty of time to get better acquainted. Photos from the Convention, including Airport Day, were on display in a running slide show during dinner.

The Flagship awards were presented at the close of dinner, with the following results.



Best Single - PA-24-260 N143VP
Charlie and Patti Littwin (SE)



Best Twin - PA-30 N11KY
Ron and Lynn Ward (NE)



Flagship - PA-30 N8818Y
Alan and Kate Burrows (EU)

Thank you to one and all that made this Convention a reality. Baltimore certainly lived up to its name as the Charm City.

Pete Morse, ICS-NE Chief (retired)

Technical Issues

Check the ICS website for information about the new Tail Horn AD (AD 2012-17-06) affecting the PA-24, PA-24-250 and PA-24-260 Comanches. Both the AD and a clarification letter for ICS President Zach Grant are posted there. An e-blast from ICS regarding this was sent out on Sept. 18 to all members.

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.