

The Nor'Easter

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Message From The NE Tribe Chief



CJ Stumpf,
Tribe Chief/ Rep

Dear Fellow Comanche Nor'easters:

Welcome to another great year ahead for our Northeast Tribe.

First, I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor of being your Tribe Chief for the coming year. In this message I'll try to outline how I hope to build on the excellent work that the current and previous officers have accomplished.

One key element that has kept our organization vibrant are the incredible and fun fly-ins that Ron and Lynn Ward arrange. Our next fly-in is Sept. 20 at Basin Harbor, VT (B06). I'd like to personally invite you to come and meet your fellow Comanche enthusiasts. You can extend your visit here; this is an awesome place for either a romantic weekend (think spa, candlelight dinner, and sailing amid incredible

Vermont foliage), or a family weekend (think cabin on the lake - and available day care!). We would love to meet as many of you as we possibly can! Please do sign up if you plan to attend any fly-in at http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm.htm. Even if last-minute changes prevent you from attending, please sign up. It helps the hosts know what to expect. But most of all... just come!

We try to pick locations that will be fun for you, your kids, partners, and friends. If you have any great destinations to propose, please email or call your tireless Fly-in Coordinators Ron and Lynn Ward.

We do have a couple of issues:

First, we need to focus on the Comanche image. We know our Comanches are fantastic, but google "Comanche safety" and the first hit is 1997 <http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/1997/November/1/Piper-Comanche-Safety-Review>. The next is Joe's review of the first. Both are well worth reading, but we need to bring other news up as well (for example, see Pete's article on the RTW80 mission in this newsletter!) and we need to train.

We can increase our use of social media. The younger generations use technology to make decisions communicate, organize, socialize. We can do the same in order to make our tribe and our knowledge base easier to find for those newer generations of owners and potential owners.

Second, our tribe is slowly shrinking, as is our fleet (and as is GA). We need to recruit and train new Comanche pilots. At 50, I shouldn't be one of our younger members, yet I am. Too many of our beautiful Comanches are lost to "ramp rot" when some of us lose our medicals.

I'll also be reaching out for your help in setting up Young Eagles flights and similar programs at your airport. Addressing these two issues will help keep our fleet healthy, introduce pilots to the joy of flying Comanches competently, and, in turn, keep our aircraft demand and values up. These types of activities are essential to the survival of the amazing birds we are privileged to fly.

And that brings us to training. The next CPPP training is coming up in Leesburg, VA on Oct 11 and 12, 2014. Please sign up for this top-notch training that includes ground, maintenance, and flight instruction!

See the information near the end of this *Nor'Easter*.

Feel free to email any responses or ideas to me personally at cjstumpf@gmail.com.

Finally, come to Basin Harbor on September 20 for a beautiful flight, a great time for you and yours, and the chance to talk flying. I'll see you there. Enjoy your Comanches!

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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/Neumann	Easton, MD	Suger Buns Café	Luncheon joint luncheon w/NC tribe
May 17 (18)	LBE	Arnold Palmer Airport	LaTrobe, PA	Denunzio's Italian	
June 21 (22)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	Lil' Red Baron	Luncheon
<i>July 12</i>	<i>PYM</i>	<i>Plymouth Muni</i>	<i>Plymouth, MA</i>		<i>AOPA Regional Town Meeting</i>
July 19 (20)	N89	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>
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>AOPA Home Town Meeting</i>
<i>Oct 10-12</i>	<i>JYO</i>	<i>Leesburg Exec</i>	<i>Leesburg, VA</i>		<i>CPPP weekend</i>
Oct 18 (19)	LUA	Luray Caverns	Luray, VA	Mimslyn Inn	Luncheon
Nov 15 (16)	GED	Sussex Co	Georgetown DE	Lighthouse Landing	Luncheon
Dec	--	- no fly-in planned -			

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

ICS-NE website links:

- ICS-NE main page: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page.htm
- Documents page: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_DocLinks.htm
- Fly-in sign-up form: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm.htm

ICS-NE Tribe Elections

The election of 2014-15 ICS Northeast Tribe Officers was held at the August 16 Sky Manor fly-in. There were 9 voting members in attendance and 13 votes cast via the website ballot form. All votes were for the presented slate, with no other nominations. Av Shiloh moved that the Scribe record one ballot for the slate. This motion was seconded by Bernie Stumpf and passed by voice vote of the attending members. The elected officers for 2014-15 are pictured below.



CJ Stumpf
Tribe Chief/ Rep



Ron Ward
Asst. Tribe Chief



Chris Jorheim
Treasurer



Pete Morse
Scribe

Ron and Lynn Ward will continue as Fly-in Coordinators and Peter Morse as Website Host. Contact information for each officer is listed above.

Peter Morse, ICS-NE Scribe

Special Presentation at Convention Awards Dinner

**Round the world in 80 days by single engine aircraft to raise \$500,000
for Canada's SickKids & Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance**



For those who missed the Convention Awards Dinner, on the final evening we enjoyed a special presentation by two Comanche 180 pilots. Dave McElroy, from Scotland, and Chris Elgar, from Toronto, were about to complete traveling around the world in 80 days in their PA24-180. The purpose was to raise money through donations for the SickKid's program in Toronto and for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance. Dave, who flew the entire route, told us about the journey, with all its joys and challenges, and then he and Chris answered questions from the audience. If you want to know more about their project, go to the website at FlyRTW80.com.



Dave McElroy and Chris Elgar



C-FYHU on approach

Following the Convention they made it back to Toronto exactly 80 days after starting FlyRTW80. The press was there to meet them, along with many from Sick Kids Hospital, their North American Charity. After a week and another 100-hour inspection Dave flew over the North Atlantic to Scotland finishing the other RTW for Scottish Air Ambulance in 80 days also.

It really is amazing that they flew 59 legs, landed in 29 countries and overflow many more with zero mechanical issues and only one (yes one!) day of weather delay in the whole trip. Incredible!

Anyone wishing to support Dave and Chris in their FlyRWT80 fund raising effort can click these links:

- <https://www.sickkidsdonations.com/registrant/Donate>
- <https://www.justgiving.com/thescottishaviationcharity/donate>

Ellenville NY in July

On July 19 the ramp at [Resnick Airport](#) (N89) in Ellenville, NY was filled with Comanches. Once again the entire Comanche fleet was represented, from 180 to 400 plus a twin. Four aircraft flew in together from Norwood, Ma. It was great to meet Comanche drivers who had not attended fly-ins recently.



Dwight Coombe was a perfect host, greeting each arriving aircraft and then escorting the gathered throng to a great Italian restaurant nearby. There we caught up with the backgrounds of the other pilots and made new friends. We also compared notes on flying to the ICS Convention the following week.



On departure it was a really fun to listen on the New York ATC frequency as each now-familiar voice checked in with “Comanche xyz climbing out of Resnick for...” The controller must have had a quiet smile too.

Sky Manor NJ in August

Aug 16, [Sky Manor](#) (N40) in Pittstown, NJ, is always a very popular destination in central New Jersey. The weather was perfect and 16 people flew or drove to enjoy the great food and participate in the annual ICS-NE elections.



As a special treat, Bob Cretney, our ICS President, flew his twincos all the way from Texas to attend his first ICS-NE fly-in. Bob talked to us about plans for updating the ICS website, for electronic distribution of the monthly *Comanche Flyer*, and other programs to benefit the ICS membership. He also asked Peter Morse to head a team to produce a monthly ICS email newsletter to be sent to all members, as has been done in the recent past.



Av Shiloh, the outgoing Tribe Chief, thanked everyone for making his tenure so enjoyable. The past year has seen a rebirth of interest in Tribe activities and many ideas for further growth.

Christina “CJ” Stumpf, the newly elected Tribe Chief and Board Representative, thanked everyone for their support, and outlined a few programs she would like to see the Tribe involved with. One is for members to get together with local EAA chapters to foster Young Eagle Flights using our fine aircraft. This would introduce Comanches to the pilot community as well as encouraging young future pilots to think about learning to fly. CJ made it clear that the Tribe will move forward best when all the members participate at some level, and encouraged everyone to feel free to contact her with ideas.

After some more tire kicking and fuel tank filling, we all departed for our homes, again savoring the Comanche comradery of the day.



Basin Harbor Resort VT in September

Sept 20, [Basin Harbor Resort](#) (B06) in Vergennes, VT. As usual the fly-in will be held on Saturday, with Sunday as the weather alternate. This is new location for us. Basin Harbor is a golf resort with a top quality restaurant and a turf runway, located on Lake Champlain just south of Burlington. The timing should be about right for the Fall leaf peeping season. Please be sure to register for this fly-in, as we will need to update people on the state of the turf runway. With too much rain it can become unusable, in which case we will move the fly-in to [Burlington, VT](#) (KBVT), 24 nm to the north. Registered members will be emailed the latest information. Watch your email box for details.



Future Fly-In Highlights

For your consideration, here are a few of the highlights for the remainder of the year. Click on the airport names for information from the AOPA website.

- Oct 4, [Frederick Muni](#) (KFDK) at AOPA headquarters. This is the AOPA open house, and FDK sits right smack in the middle of our ICS-NE membership. Come and see what your dues pay for. Be sure to check on the status of P-40, particularly if you are arriving from the northwest.

- Oct 10-12, Leesburg Executive (KJYO) at Leesburg, VA. Comanche Pilot Proficiency Program training (CPPP) being offered. For information go to [the ICS website](#). The Leesburg location also requires [DC SFRA training](#), found on the FAASafety website.
- Oct 18, [Luray Caverns Airport](#) (KLUA) in Luray, VA. We return here for dinner at the Mimslyn Inn. The FBO can also provide transportation to the nearby Luray Caverns for the adventurous. This tour is worth it for those who admire natural beauty.
- Nov 15, [Sussex County](#) (KGED) in Georgetown, DE. This, our final 2014 fly-in, is one of our most popular destinations. Its central location for the southern membership and the fine food bring a flock of Comanches each year.

Please, if you are even thinking of attending a fly-in, please [register on the ICS-NE website](#). We need to know your interest and to be able to update you on any factors involved. If you have a suggestion for a 2015 fly-in contact Ron and Lynn Ward at ronandlynn33@gmail.com or call them at 585-223-2177. Thank you!

Technical Issues

If you have any Comanche related technical questions contact

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Special request to support an ICS-NE member' efforts

Good afternoon fellow ICS-NE members,

I am preparing to run in the Marine Corps Marathon on October 26th in Washington, DC. The organization I'm raising money for is FORCE, Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered. They present information on hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. If you get the first type, chances are 60% the second will come. The unfortunate problem is there is NO diagnostic test for ovarian cancer. You may, and probably should, question my sanity to run 26.2 miles for a third time and not get paid. Gee, that almost sounds like owning an airplane. Lots of time, energy, and sweat involved but only personal satisfaction attained. Here's the link to my web page: <http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/robert-klein-69%20%20%20/MCM2014>

Please see my page for more details. If you can post this information at your local church, club, airport, or other place of gathering, FORCE would benefit. All I've received so far are sore knees, exhaustion, and a feeling that I've done something really dumb for the third time. I guess I don't learn very quickly.

Thanks for your help.

Robert Klein, ICS 12041