

The Nor'Easter

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Message From The Tribe Chief



Pete Morse, Tribe Chief

Key to the continued survival of the ICS Northeast Tribe is timely and effective communication. To this end we have this quarterly newsletter and other specific emails such as fly-in announcements. While email is quick and easy, and can reach the whole membership with a few keystrokes, it is often a one-way street. We, the officers, need to hear from you, the members, as to how we are doing and any ideas you may have. For those who do not wish to “commit” to an email there are phone numbers too. See the list below.

I have posted ICS-NE information on my personal website - QuietCornerBands.org – as a sort of bulletin board. You will find this year’s list of fly-ins with a link to a response form, links to past issues of the Nor’Easter, and other tidbits of interest. I encourage you to use these pages to keep up to date on NE Tribe activities. Please use the fly-in response form to provide information for each event you will attend. This will assist in planning. At some point I hope to move it all to the ICS website. Use this link to go to www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page.htm, or cut and paste to your browser. I suggest saving it to your favorites too.

The 2011 elections will be held in August: The current officers are listed below. We still need a nominee (or volunteer) for Tribe Scribe, and would like to add a Fly-In Coordinator. It is time to get some new people involved in the operations of our tribe, particularly with the 2012 Convention coming up. If you have any nominations, please forward them to me, along with a short supporting statement, to the email address below. And yes, you may nominate yourself.

Pete Morse, NE Tribe Chief
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ICS-NE Fly-In's

The Fly-In schedule for 2011, as in the past, has monthly one-day luncheon fly-ins scheduled for Saturdays, with the following Sunday as a rain date. Email notices will be sent two weeks in advance. The list is a mixture of old favorites and new places. This year we are asking an RSVP for each event to help in final arrangements at the destination. Go to the web link (quietcornerbands.org/Forms/2010_FlyIn_RegForm), choose the fly-in from the drop-down list, and let us know your intentions.

Dwight Coombe is hosting the June 11 fly-in at Resnic Airport (N89) in Ellenville, NY. This is a new location for us near the Hudson Valley. Please plan to attend. As Dwight says, Ellenville is “very Comanche friendly.”

Another new destination is the Orange Airport in central Massachusetts in July. We are trying to put together a pre-Oshkosh formation flight workshop there. Watch your email for more details on these events.

If you are attending Oshkosh please plan to stop by at the ICS tent, and sign up to volunteer there too. We also encourage all to attend the ICS Convention this year in Savanna GA (Aug 30 - Sept 4). Convention details and registration information are available in the *Comanche Flyer* and on the ICS website.

Pete Morse, ICS-NE Tribe Chief

ICS-NE Fly-In's for 2011

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 26 (27)	JGG	Williamsburg/Jamestown	Williamsburg VA	(in FBO)
Mar 19 (20)	ESN	Easton/Newnam	Easton MD	Sugar Buns Café
April 16 (17)	FDK	Frederick Muni.	Frederick MD	Airway's Inn
May 21-22	W05+W73	Gettysburg Reg./Mid-Atlantic Soaring	Gettysburg PA	Dobbin House
June 11 (12)	N89	Resnick Apt.	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby
July 16 (17)	ORE	Orange	Orange, MA	White Cloud Rest.
(July 25-31	OSH	Oshkosh AirVenture 2011	Oshkosh WI)	
Aug 13 (14)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown NJ	Sky Manor Restaurant
(Aug 30-Sept 4	SAV	ICS Convention	Savannah GA)	
Sept 10 (11)	LBE	Arnold Palmer Reg.	Latrobe PA	DeNunzio's Italian
Oct 15 (16)	MRB	Eastern WV Reg./Shepherd	Martinsburg WV	pizza in Jeff's hangar
Nov 12 (13)	33N	Delaware Airpark	Dover DE	
Dec 3 (4)	GED	Sussex Co.	Georgetown DE	Lighthouse Landing

Fly-In at Gettysburg in May - Pete Morse

In May twelve people flew (or drove) to Gettysburg PA for the weekend. There we were able to take part in two unique opportunities.

On Saturday, twelve of us toured the Gettysburg Battlefields on horseback! Seeing the landscape from the same vantage point as the commanding Civil War officers was very different. Our guide was well versed in the history of the battle. As we rode across the battlefield from the Northern line position to the Southern line, she described the campaign from the perspective of the North. As we retraced our path, she described the events from the perspective of the South. This was a very effective method. And most of us were still able to walk after we dismounted!



On Saturday evening we had dinner at the Dobbin House. This historic building was a stop on the famous Underground Railroad. The menu was extensive and everything was quite good. Lots of great talk around the table.



On Sunday we drove to the nearby Fairfield PA airport (W73) to meet with instructors from the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Club. Four of us had the opportunity to pilot a glider. This was a great experience in true flying and to understand the entire process of soaring – preflight, tow, gliding and power-off landing.

The weekend presented weather challenges, but those attending would go back in a heartbeat. Enjoy the pictures below. To see many more pictures, go to the ICS-NE page [on my web site](#) and click on the presentations.



September 12 - 16, 2012 Convention planning update

Our 2012 ICS Convention will be in Baltimore, MD. Below is the tentative schedule, as brainstormed at the Gettysburg fly-in. This, of course, is subject to modification as time progresses.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Wed Sept 12	Setup time	Arrivals Registration Vendor Setup	Welcome Reception at Hotel
Thurs Sept 13	Registration Vendor Displays Morning Seminars Old Board Meeting	Afternoon Activities (Aquarium, Camden Yard Tour, Riverfront Shopping, Science Museum)	"Tribe Night" dinners
Fri Sept 14	Registration Vendor Displays Morning Seminars	New Board Meeting Vendor Display	"Aquarium By Night" Buffet Dinner
Sat Sept 15	Registration General Meeting	Airport Day Pilot Companion Seminar	<i>Spirit of Baltimore</i> River Cruise and Awards Dinner
Sun Sept 16	Departures	Clean up!	

The convention will center on the Baltimore Riverfront, with housing at the Holiday Inn. A final proposal for room rates and convention space is being written as we speak. The room cost for attendees will be in the \$140/night range plus tax. There is a charge for overnight parking, but those who fly in will not have to worry about that. We are also getting a proposal for on-call van transportation during the convention.

We are planning an opening reception on Wednesday evening. Thursday evening is open for Tribe dinners, Friday evening is a dinner social atop Baltimore's National Aquarium, and Saturday evening is a river cruise on the *Spirit of Baltimore* for the final awards banquet.

Seminars could include discussions on legal matters, Comanche care and maintenance, specific topics related to Comanche inspections, as well as presentations by various vendors. We also are working on providing a Pilot Companion seminar for the "co-pilots" in the group. This is an excellent chance for the non-pilots to learn about all phases of flight, and will be tailored to Comanche operations.

Afternoon activities could include trips to the National Science Museum and National Aquarium, nearby Fort McHenry, Camden Yard, the Walters Art Museum, and, of course, Airport Day at Martin State Airport (KMTN) on Saturday. The airport has plenty of room for arriving Comanches, and we should be able to have tie-down fees waived if fuel is purchased.

The Baltimore Convention will be "a la cart" in that you can elect to attend all of the events, only some of the events, or just the weekend events. We will develop pricing packages for each option. Of concern is the state of our Tribe treasury. We will need to do some fund-raising to be able to pay various up-front costs. More later.

We ask that all NE members, whenever you attend an aviation event like Sun N' Fun or Oshkosh, check with the presenters and vendors to see if they might want to participate in our convention. Get any information you can (business card, contact name, phone etc.) and send it to Dee Torgerson at dtorg2@gmail.com, or to one of the officers. If you know anyone with particular Comanche expertise, send that information too. We need ideas and contacts to build a terrific event!

Any member wishing to help is encouraged to contact Dee as soon as possible, particularly those of you who live in the Baltimore area.

Technical Issues

Dave Fitzgerald, ICS Web Coordinator, has posted an SB from Hartzell pertaining to the PA 24 on the ICS home page just below "Current News." You can read the Hartzell communication there and find a link to the PDF version of the SB.

Dave also has set up a photo page up on our ICS website for member posted pictures of their pride and joy (Comanches). There is an area for "In Flight" and "On Ground." Pictures are also broken down by type. Please take the time to share a picture of your plane.

If you have any 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.

Aviation Wisdom

Michael Goulian is one of the premier aerobatic pilots in the world and runs a very successful flight training school in the Northeast. The following list of flying tips appeared in a recent AOPA magazine and bears repeating.

Michael Goulian's Top 10 Tips For Proficient Piloting

- 1) Learn and understand the Pitch-Power-Performance concept.
- 2) Know and respect the limits of your piloting skills.
- 3) Know and respect the limits of your aircraft.
- 4) Don't ever fly when you're at the limits of your personal skills or the aircraft's capabilities. Reach either one and you're "hanging it out there." Reach both simultaneously, and disaster is lurking.
- 5) Don't substitute technology for judgment.
- 7) If you rely on your machine to work perfectly to keep you out of trouble, you're already in trouble.
- 8) Work on short-field landings without the aid of your electronics. If you think 3,000 feet in a light single is short, you need more practice.
- 9) Listen to your airplane—it's always talking to you. That new vibration you've felt for the past few hours on the Hobbs might just be getting ready to ruin your day.
- 10) Poor airspeed control is the result of poor attitude control. Watch your pitch attitude, and your airspeed will behave.

* Did you notice that number 6 is missing? It should read, "Pay attention to the small details!"