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Message From The NE Tribe Chief



Bernie Stumpf,
Tribe Chief

Greetings Comanche drivers! Welcome to my third edition of the Nor'easter as Tribe Chief.

As you probably are aware, on Sep 17 the FAA issued a new AD with Subject: Flight Controls - Piper Aircraft^ Inc. This is the "horn AD" for the Comanche singles: at www.comancheflyer.com/NS/files/2012-17-06.pdf. Also see the Nor'Easter_2012-Winter.pdf with good references for this AD

Check out the fly-in schedule for 2013 below. Included is Oshkosh for your planning, as well as the ICS Convention & Alaska Cruise in Seattle. Please remember to go the 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 of who may be there, and to compile a notification email list for last minute updates. As before, the contact information for ICS-NE, the 2013 Fly-In schedule, earlier copies of the Nor'Easter, and other Comanche stuff are 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.

ICS-NE Fly-In's for 2013

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	Program
Jan	--	- no fly-in planned -	--	--	
Feb 16 (17)	JGG	Williamsburg/Jamestown	Williamsburg VA	Charlie's	luncheon
Mar 16 (17)	FDK	Frederick Municipal	Frederick MD	Airway's Inn	luncheon
April 20 (21)	LBE	Arnold Palmer Reg.	Latrobe PA	DeNunzio's Italian	luncheon
May 17-19	LZD	Danielson	Danielson, CT		CPTP Flight Clinic
June 15 (16)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	Lil' Red Baron	luncheon
(Jun 27-Jul 7	RNT	ICS Seattle Convention	Renton, WA	Holiday Inn	ICS Convention & Cruise)
July 13 (14)	N89	Resnick Apt.	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby	luncheon
(Jul 29-Aug 4	OSH	Oshkosh AirVenture 2013	Oshkosh, WI		Oshkosh AirVenture 2013)
Aug 17 (18)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown NJ	Sky Manor Restaurant	elections/luncheon
Sept 13-15	ACK	Nantucket Airport	Nantucket, MA	TBD	weekend getaway
Oct 19 (20)	LUA	Luray Caverns	Luray, VA	Mimslyn Inn	luncheon
Nov 16 (17)	CGE	Cambridge-Dorchester	Cambridge, MD	Kay's at the Airport	luncheon
Dec 14 (15)	GED	Sussex Co.	Georgetown DE	Lighthouse Landing	luncheon

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

2012-2013 ICS-NE Tribe Officer Contacts

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Scribe:	Keith Johnson	keith.johnson @hughes.net	302-242-8201
Treasurer:	Chris Jorheim	cjorheim @atlanticbb.net	814-946-8098
Fly-In Coordinators:	Ron and Lynn Ward	ronandlynn33 @gmail.com	585-223-2177

ICS-NE fly-in at Newport, NH on June 15th

Nine Comanches flew in to Parlin Field in Newport, NH on the Saturday of Father's Day weekend. This day turned out to be the one really nice one in a string of rainy days in June. Aircraft arrived from all the New England states except Maine, as well as Pennsylvania and western New York.

As usual, the folk at Parlin Field were very accommodating, and even with all the rain in the days before, the grass parking area was firm and dry. As it turned out, the field was pretty busy that day. In addition to our ICS-NE fly-in there was a wedding being held on the banks of the Sugar River at the far end of the turf runway in the afternoon, and a 200-guests fund raising gala that evening in the large FBO hangar. Parlin Field is owned and run by the Town of Newport, with no direct funding from state or federal budgets, and is definitely a poster child example of how to run a small GA airport.





Lunch at the Lil' Red Baron was as good as ever, with a wide choice of Mexican and Gringo menu items. Nobody had room for dessert, not even the incredible fried ice cream.

Pete Morse, fly-in host, talked about some of the features of the airport and pointed out the next few fly-ins on the schedule. There was a discussion about the upcoming Tribe elections. The plan was to keep the schedule as is – electronic balloting and election of officers at the Sky Manor fly-in in August – rather than try to cram everything in before the 2013 Convention in Seattle. Bernie Stumpf, current Tribe Chief, will represent the NE Tribe at the Convention Board meetings.



After lunch we all lined up for \$5.45 low-lead at the self serve pump, happily pushing and pulling each aircraft into place. The decision was unanimous that we plan a return fly-in to Parlin next year.

Pete Morse, fly-in host

LaTrobe PA Fly-in moved to Sunday

We finally were able to hold a fly-in, but still had to move it to the alternate date on Sunday. A fast moving storm region moved through on Saturday.

Arnold Palmer Airport at LaTrobe PA turned out to be very nice. Three aircraft came in from western New York, southern New Hampshire and eastern Connecticut, enjoying great performance in the cool air aloft. A fourth aircraft flew in from a nearby Pennsylvania base thinking that they had missed the fly-in the previous day – need to check those emails when weather becomes an issue.

Denuzio's Italian Chop House was serving a Sunday Brunch Buffet – everything from bagels to prime rib. We enjoyed fresh made omelets and pancakes, fruits and pastries, carved prime rib and the fixings, and deserts to die for. Their location overlooking the runway provided an excellent view of the traffic coming and going, including a flight of T-28's which landed and later departed in formation.



I would not be surprised to see LaTrobe as a destination on future fly-in schedules.

Future Fly-ins

Please plan on joining us for any (or all) of the fly-ins scheduled above. Please use the [registration link](#) to let us know your intentions. An email invitation for each one will be sent as usual.

**NOTE: There has been a change for the September fly-in from LeRoy NY to Nantucket MA. It will be a weekend event. The fall season is a great time to visit the Island, after the tourists have left. See below for more details.

Check the [ICS-NE web page](#) for other events, and the new calendar of event in the ICS newsletter.

CPTP Comanche Pilot Training offered May 17-19

The new CPTP Comanche Pilot Training Program takes the place of the CPPP training program offered in years past. It covers all the Comanche systems in a ground school, a hands-on session in the hangar, and one-on-one flight training in your own Comanche. Nine pilots registered for the clinic at Danielson,

Connecticut, coming from the Northeast Tribe area and Canada. Some fine Comanches graced the Danielson ramp, again proving that no two are quite alike.



The clinic format includes eight hours of intensive ground school on Friday, followed by a hands-on Comanche systems demo on Saturday morning. Printed reference materials were also provided with the course.



At Danielson we had both a single and a twin Comanche on jacks. The single 250 was in the midst of its annual and had all the inspection plates removed, providing a good view of all the hidden systems. Both Comanches were used for the emergency gear extension practice.



The individual flight portion, comprised of three hours for preflight, in-flight dual instruction, and follow up, took place on the two remaining days. Six pilots participated in the flight portion. Flight attendees could also earn a logbook entry for an FAA Instrument Proficiency Check (IPC) and/or Biannual Flight Review (BFR).

We did have time for relaxing conversation, spending time finding out about each pilots flying history and Comanche adventures over lunch at the FBO or dinner in a fine local restaurant. With the fine weather on Saturday the airport was busy with glider tows, skydiving parachutists and the general GA traffic.



For more information please contact the instructors:

Dennis Carew at capt.carew@gmail.com, (920) 749-9558,

George Richmond at CPTP-george@cox.net, (402) 350-1915.

Pete Morse, ICS-NE CPTP host

ICS-NE Elections

Once again the Sky Manor fly-in at Pittstown NJ will be our official NE Tribe election meeting. An email inviting all members to vote on line will go out soon. The candidates are presented below.

Proposed slate for the 2013-14 elections:



Tribe Chief - Av Shiloh

long time member
current Assistant Chief

Huntington Valley PA
PA24-260tt N9400P



Assistant Chief - Ron Ward

current fly-in coordinator

Fairport NY
ICS# 179090
PA-30B N11KY



Treasurer - Chris Jorheim

current Treasurer

Altoona PA
PA24-260 N8744P



Scribe - Keith Johnson

current Scribe

Hartley DE
ICS# 15548
PA24-250 N6048P



Fly-In Coordinators - Ron and Lynn Ward

current coordinators

Fairport NY
ICS# 179090
PA-30B N11KY

All members are encouraged to vote in support of our Tribe officers, and to participate in any other ways that they can in Tribe activities.

Nantucket Island weekend planned in September

Join us on the Grey Lady for September 13-15!

ICS-NE is hosting a 3-day fly-in weekend on Nantucket Island from Friday, Sept 13, to Sunday, Sept 15, 2013. September is the lovely end of the season time on Nantucket and most shops will still be open. There will be a number of planned activities as well as free time to explore the shops and sights.

WE will fly in to Nantucket Airport (KACK) and will be staying at the [Nantucket Inn](#), located just across the street. The ICS-NE group rate is \$220 +17% per night. This price includes an extensive breakfast buffet each day, plus all the amenities of the Inn. The ICS-NE booking code is **914**. Call to make your reservation at 508-228-6900 or connect on the web at [NantucketInn.net](#). Extended stays may be available at the same rate for those who wish a longer get-away. Our room block will be held until August 13, one month before our stay. Reservations may be cancelled up to one week ahead.



Flying your Comanche to Nantucket (ACK) is encouraged, but VFR only pilots should be aware of the unique local weather patterns. After all, the airport location was chosen to train Navy pilots in handling low visibility operations. The [Nantucket airport](#) web site has lots of helpful information for arrivals and departures. Alternative travel is by [Cape Air](#) from Hyannis or by [the ferry](#) from Woods Hole.

Planned activities include Saturday dinner at [AK Diamonds](#). Other activities could include dinner at [Arno's](#) on Main Street, a guided island tour, a group visit to the [Nantucket Whaling Museum](#), and plenty of free time to stroll and shop in town. The Inn provides a free shuttle to town each hour, and there are public bus routes that cover the island.

Please sign up using the [ICS-NE web registration link](#) to help with our planning and to get further information as it becomes available. Contact Pete Morse at piper32p@gmail.com or 401-636-1046.

Come and join us on the Grey Lady!

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 at www.comancheflyer.com/NS/files/2012-17-06.pdf. An e-blast from ICS regarding this was sent out in September to all members.

The Mid-States Tribe has scheduled three weekend workshops on the required tail horn inspection. The plan is for a qualified AMT to perform the inspection on a volunteer Comanche, with the attendees helping and observing. Attendees will pay a \$25 fee, and the Comanche owner will pay \$50. The result will be AD compliance. We hope to set up a similar workshop in the Northeast, time and place to be determined. Stay tuned for further information.

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.