

The Nor'Easter

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Message From The Tribe Chief



Pete Morse, Tribe Chief

The ICS held its Fall Board of Directors Meeting in November in Las Vegas. The meeting minutes are available on the ICS website, along with other information of interest to ICS members.

Of particular importance is that the Northeast Tribe will be hosting the 2012 ICS Convention in Baltimore, MD. A newly created ICS Board Convention Advisory Committee will be of help, but we need your help in developing Convention logistics and planning related activities. Dee Torgerson has stepped up to chair the Convention. Dee was Tribe Chief in 1988 and chaired the Convention in Atlantic City. She brings a lot of ideas and energy to the task. Anyone with ideas and/or experience please contact Dee at dtorg2@gmail.com (c 240-461-5927) or any of the Tribe officers. We have made a

pretty good start on the planning (see the GED report below), but there is plenty more to do.

We have also put together a fly-in schedule for 2011 (see below). We tried to hit each region of our NE area – southeast coastal, New England and western – and to take into account the seasonal weather. Anyone with suggestions for other destinations or activities please contact me.

We still need a nominee (or volunteer) for Tribe Scribe to collect input and format the *Nor'Easter* for email publication. Pete Morse is currently doing this. We also need a Treasurer. Keith Johnson is covering this position. Any volunteers please contact an officer.

It has been a while since we have reported on the Tribe finances. The table below shows the story for 2010. The current balance does not allow much wiggle room in our needs for the upcoming 2012 ICS Convention in Baltimore, MD.

Pete Morse, NE Tribe Chief

2010	ICS-NE	income	expense	balance
Jan.	bal on hand			\$6,363.79
Feb.	Nantucket Inn deposit		500.00	5863.79
June	Nantucket Inn refund	500.00		6363.79
June	Nantucket net gain	239.00		6602.79
Oct.	Martinsburg luncheon donations	80.00		6682.79
	2010 ICS Dues pass-through	550.00		7232.79
Dec.	ending balance			\$7,232.79

2010-2011 ICS-NE Tribe Officer Contact Information

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Proposed ICS-NE Fly-In's for 2011

Here is the Fly-In schedule we have put together for 2011. As in the past, monthly one-day luncheon fly-ins are 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. Take particular note of the April fly-in at Frederick MD to meet with representatives from AOPA and ASF, and August at Pittstown NJ for the Tribe elections. The May fly-in could be a weekend getaway with a horseback tour of the Gettysburg Battlefields on Saturday and piloting a sailplane on Sunday at nearby Mid-Atlantic Soaring. More details on these and other events will be in later *Nor'Easters*.

The annual events (Sun 'N Fun, Oshkosh and the ICS Convention) are listed to help in your planning. We encourage all to attend the ICS Convention this year in Savanna GA (Aug 30 - Sept 4). Convention details and registration information are available on the ICS website.

This year we will encourage RSVP's in the invitations for each event to help in final arrangements at the destination. Watch your emails for specific invitations and any changes in scheduled dates or locations.

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)	SBY	Wicomico Reg.	Salisbury MD	Dan's Airport Café
(Mar 29-Apr 3)	LAL	Sun N Fun 2011	Lakeland FL)	
April 16 (17)	FDK	Frederick Muni.	Frederick MD	Airway's Inn
May 21-22	W05+W73	Gettysburg Reg./Mid-Atlantic Soaring	Gettysburg PA	
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 report for Martinsburg WV - Pete Morse

Twelve people made the flight Martinsburg WV (KMRB) and Jeff Grove's hangar at for an ICS-NE fly-In on Saturday, Oct. 9th. There was a pretty good headwind from the northwest that day, but otherwise the weather was perfect for flying. Jeff and Myrna greeted us with coffee and doughnuts and we sat in the fall sunshine just enjoying each other's company.

After quick introductions, the hangar meeting's first order of business was ordering pizza for lunch, compliments of Jeff. Other topics covered were items of interest in the upcoming Nor'Easter and discussion points for the November ICS Board of Directors meeting. While we enjoyed the pizza Jeff showed the CD of performing the 1000-hour Comanche gear inspection. This presentation was very detailed and would be very good for your mechanic's review prior to the next inspection.



After lunch we adjourned to inspect the fleet and swap more stories. Of particular interest was Ron Ward's twin and his nice panel.



We want to thank Jeff and Myrna Grove for their warm hospitality in hosting this fly-in. Jeff also suggested that each attendee make a donation to the ICS-NE in return for his buying the pizza. This netted \$80.00 for the tribe's account. The Groves have graciously invited us to return to Martinsburg next fall, and we will be back!

Fly-In report for Georgetown MD - Pete Morse

Several intrepid Comanche flyers made it on Saturday, Dec 4 to Georgetown for a planning session. Tribe Chief Pete Morse reported on the recent ICS Board of Directors meeting in Las Vegas. One item of interest was the possibility of ICS taking ownership of various Comanche STC's. After much discussion centered on legalities any action was tabled to the Spring Board meeting. The Board also approved a slight increase in the ICS membership dues and set the ICS Convention Hosting schedule, with our NE Tribe responsible for the 2012 Convention.



Pete next went over the proposed ICS-NE 2011 fly-in schedule. A couple of good suggestions were made. The resulting list is presented earlier in this issue.

The main topic was planning for our ICS Convention hosting in 2012. We have selected Baltimore MD as our site and September 12 to 16, 2012 as the dates. This will mean a five-day convention, with arrivals on Wednesday and the usual Sunday departure. This change was made to reduce the overall cost to attendees, thus encouraging greater attendance. Baltimore was chosen for its more central location and many attractions. Dee Torgerson has stepped up to Chair the Convention, and has already begun to contact many providers for space, housing and activities. Dee was Tribe Chief in 1988 and put together the Convention that year in Atlantic City. Dee could use as many helpers as possible, particularly members who live near to Baltimore or who have special convention expertise.

The convention will center on the Baltimore Riverfront. We plan an opening dinner on Wednesday evening, Thursday evening open for Tribe dinners, a Friday evening dinner social atop Baltimore's National Aquarium, and a Saturday evening 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. Activities could include the National Science Museum and National Aquarium, touring nearby Fort McHenry and the Walters Art Museum, a bus trip to the Mall in Washington DC, and, of course, Airport Day at Martin State Airport (KMTN). The airport has plenty of room for arriving Comanches, and we should be able to have the tie-down fees waived if fuel is purchased.

Any member wishing to help is encouraged to contact Dee as soon as possible.

Technical Questions

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.

Flotsam / Jetsam

From time to time ICS-NE members have a Comanche item for sale or are looking for parts or information. If you are one of these, contact Pete Morse, Tribe Chief, at the e-mail address listed under the officer contact information. Please include as much information as you can. This is not a commercial activity, but a sharing of information among fellow Comanche drivers. Each posting or request will be forwarded to the membership in a timely fashion.

PA39 for Sale

My name is Nicholas Constantine. I am the proud owner of N8906Y, a very beautiful, really no damage 1970 PA39 with about 4000TT and about 200 on the engines. I have invested over 100k in upgrading the aircraft in the past 8 years. I regretfully may be selling the airplane to replace it with a larger cabin and big rear door. Any member who might have interest in my airplane can contact me at

ZORNICK@aol.com , cell phone 917-440-8999

Thanks, Nick, ICS# 14356

Comanche Tools - Armchair Flying

When the skies are blustery, and the temperatures dip into the twenties and lower, it is much more comfortable to fly in your favorite armchair than to brave the elements on the ramp or aloft. So why not curl up with your laptop and go to AOPA's ASF Online Courses page (aopa.org/asf/online_courses) for some quality "air" time. You will find a bunch of Online Tools, Interactive Safety Courses, Minicourses and Presentations, many of which qualify for AOPA Accident Forgiveness and the FAA Wings program. Some are informational only, others have a concluding test for Wings credit. How current is your knowledge of IFR rules, or the Washington DC flight procedures? Do you really understand the behavior of the weather? Crank up the APOA Airport Directory (aopa.org/airports) to learn about the ICS-NE fly-in destinations listed for 2011 – maybe one or two could be the start of a nice weekend getaway for you and yours.



So, top off the coffee cup, gather some snacks, and lift off into the cyber world of armchair flight. The fuel cost is minimal!

My Kinda' Flying Ken Wagner - Spokane, WA

During a private "fly-in" fishing excursion in the Alaskan wilderness, the charter pilot and a fisherman left a cooler and bait in the plane and a bear smelled it. This is what the bear did to the plane.



The pilot used his radio to ask another pilot to bring him 2 new tires, 3 cases of duct tape, and a supply of sheet plastic. He then patched the plane together, and FLEW IT HOME!



There may be an advantage to those simple, fabric covered aircraft. Wouldn't want to try this with a Comanche!