

# The Nor'Easter

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## Message From The Tribe Chief



Pete Morse, Tribe Chief

Greetings Comanche drivers all!

Check out the fly-in schedule for 2012 below. As usual we have included Sun n' Fun and Oshkosh for you planning, as well as the ICS Convention in Baltimore. Please remember to go to [www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE\\_page.htm](http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page.htm) to register for our fly-ins. The last 2011 one is at Georgetown on December 3rd.

We have two joint fly-ins planned for 2012. In both February and March will be combined with the Southeast Tribe, the first at Gettysburg (KJJG), hosted by us, and the second at Martinsburg VA (KMTV), hosted by ICS-SE. In October we invite the North Central Tribe to join us at Latrobe PA (KLBE). Each of these fly-ins will offer a chance to meet other fellow Comanche owners. Of course the schedule will be listed in the

*Comanche Flyer* calendar and any other Comanche drivers in the area are welcome to show up.

In April we are planning a weekend fly-in to walk through all the elements of the 2012 Baltimore Convention – arrival at Martin State, getting to the hotel downtown, checking out the rooms and convention space, sampling the food, and visiting the area attractions. The Convention planning should be finalized by then, but we will need to be sure that the details are all we expect. There is a Convention report later in this newsletter.

Special note: congratulations to Av Shiloh of Huntington Valley PA, and owner of Comanche 260 N9400P. This fine aircraft has everything, including the triple crown of flying awards – Sun n' Fun, Oshkosh and now The ICS Savannah Flagship winner. The photo at the right is from our August fly-in. Great job, Av!

Pete Morse, NE Tribe Chief



Av Shiloh's 260 at Sky Manor

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## *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
Mar 17 (18)	MTV	Blue Ridge	Martinsville, VA	Runway Café w/SE
<b>(Mar 27-Apr 1</b>	<b>LAL</b>	<b>Sun N Fun 2012</b>	<b>Lakeland, FL )</b>	
April 14+15	MTN	Martin State	Baltimore, MD	Holiday Inn - Inner Harbor
May 19 + 20	MRB	Martinsburg State	Martinsburg WV	Possible CPPP training
June 16 (17)	N89	Resnick Airport.	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby
July 14 (15)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	Lil' Red Baron
<b>( July 23-29</b>	<b>OSH</b>	<b>Oshkosh AirVenture 2012</b>	<b>Oshkosh, WI )</b>	
Aug 11 (12)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown NJ	Sky Manor Restaurant
<b>Sept 12-16</b>	<b>MTN</b>	<b>ICS Baltimore Convention</b>	<b>Baltimore, MD</b>	Holiday Inn - Inner Harbor
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](http://quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm)

## *Fly-In at Martinsburg, WV in October*

Martinsburg had to wait for better weather on Sunday, but was excellent as usual. Jeff and Myrna Grove opened their hearts and hangar to us, greeting us with coffee and sweets.

As in previous Martinsburg fly-ins, Jeff offered to play the video of the Comanche 1000-hour gear inspection. While this ran, the rest of us got reacquainted and checked out the aircraft on the ramp.

We talked over the fly-ins for next year, and Pete Morse presented the information that he would be taking to the Board Meetings at the upcoming Savannah Convention. Bernie Stumpf, Assistant Chief, and Keith Johnson, Scribe, were also planning to attend Savannah. After pizza we said our farewells and launched for our return trips. Another fine day for ICS-NE!

In the days since we have been contacted about hosting a CPPP training weekend for May 2012. Jeff's fine hangar at Martinsburg WV has been suggested for a location. Stay tuned!





Martinsburg ramp



Martinsburg ramp

## *Fly-In at Delaware Airpark, MD, in November*



Delaware Airpark



Keith Johnson, our NE Tribe Scribe and past President, welcomed us to his home airport in Delaware for the November fly-in. For once the weather Gods cooperated, except for the winds, and we met as scheduled. This was a working meeting to get a handle on the many details involved in the 2012 Baltimore Convention. Dee Torgerson went over the hotel contract and the updating of plans for various events requiring food service. We have added a dinner before the General Membership meeting on Friday evening of the Convention, and want to provide snacks and beverages for the Friday vendor and seminar time frames. We also discussed the harbor cruise and dinner on the *Spirit of Baltimore* for Saturday's Award Banquet.

Ron and Lynn Ward had to turn back half way to Delaware when their twin developed a plugged fuel injector. Ron and I were able to finish up the details of Martin State arrivals by email. We benefited from Keith Johnson's recent experience at MTN too.

Dennis Boykin stopped by on a Puppy Rescue flight and offered a number of comments on the Baltimore location, all of which added much to the general discussion. He also offered to do a seminar presentation on volunteer pilots for the Convention.

Keith provided a build-your-own sandwich platter and soft drinks and chips for lunch, for which we all chipped in. It was very nice, and greatly appreciated. All in all, a great working lunch.

But perhaps the best part was the great tailwind on the way home. In Bernie Stumpf's 260B we saw a ground speed in excess of 210 knots. That works out to better than 3-1/2 nm per minute. Now that's travelin', Comanche style.



## 2012 ICS Convention planning update

Convention plans are coming along nicely. Articles are beginning to be published in the Comanche *Flyer* and are being posted on the ICS website. Check it out. Dave Fitzgerald has put all kinds of neat things on it, from the Convention countdown to the Martin State weather link, the flight planner link (anywhere to MTN) and the MTN airport web page. There are links to the PowerPoint presentation shown at Savannah, as well as PDF copies of the *Flyer* articles on things to do in Baltimore and on flying in to Martin State. There will be an article about the web training required to operate within the 60 nm outer ring of the DC SFRA. More articles will be posted as they become available, as will a Convention Registration form and Holiday Inn – Inner Harbor registration information.



As a reminder, here is the planned schedule for the five days of the Convention.

	<i>Morning</i>		<i>Afternoon</i>		<i>Evening</i>	
Wednesday Sept 12	Setup time	8-12	Arrivals	1-8	Welcome Reception at	5-9
			Registration	1-8	Hotel	
Thursday Sept 13	Registration	8-4	CFF Board Meeting	1-2		
	Opening Ceremony	8:30	**Afternoon Activities	1-5	"Tribe Night" dinners	5-9
	Old Board Meeting	9-12				
Friday Sept 14	Registration	8-4	Vendor Displays	1-5	Convention Dinner and	7-9
	Vendor Displays	8-12	Afternoon Seminars	1-5	Annual General Meeting	
	Morning Seminars	9-12				
Saturday Sept 15	Registration	8-12	Martin State Airport Day (MST)	1-5	<i>Spirit of Baltimore River</i>	5-9
	Vendor Displays	9-12	FAAST - Pilot Companion	1-5	Cruise and Awards Dinner	
	New Board Meeting	10-12	Seminar			

Sunday Sept 16	Departures	8-12	Clean up!	12-??
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\*\* Ft. McHenry, Baltimore Aquarium, Camden Yard Tour, Riverfront Shopping, Science Museum

All meeting of Boards and Committees are scheduled without conflict so that all members can attend. The vendors will be scheduled for Friday and Saturday morning, and encouraged to arrive earlier and/or stay later as they may wish. We have a space for seminars that can be divided into two smaller rooms or opened for a larger space. In this way we could run two seminars at the same time or accommodate a larger group for a topic of wider interest. Seminars will each run 45 minutes and include time for open discussion, with three time slots in the morning and four more after the lunch break.

AOPA, Angel Flight Mid-States, and the FAA Flight Safety (FAAST) team have expressed interest in participation, as well as many of the vendors from the Savannah convention.

We are working on providing convention transportation to and from Martin State Airport for Comanche arrivals and departures and for Saturday's Airport Day activities. We will also provide transportation to and from the Saturday evening harbor cruise and dinner on the *Spirit of Baltimore*. We are working on transportation for other activities.

### ***Comanche Wisdom - Ride Sharing!***

How can you cut the cost of flying to a Comanche Northeast fly-in by 50% or more? Share the ride!

What started as a problem when my 250 was down due to an unknown engine vibration has become a great way to go to and from fly-ins for half the cost. I had to get to the August fly-in at Sky Manor because it was the election meeting, and it was just too far to consider driving. It turned out that Bernie Stumpf was planning to go. He is based in Westerly RI, which is just down the road relatively speaking. I contacted him by email and he was more than happy to give me a ride, and even offered to pick me up at my home airport.



The rest is history. We have been sharing rides since then, each taking a turn. Not only have we saved on travel costs, we have become better friends and learned from watching the other pilot manage the flight. Bernie always files and flies IFR when passing near New York. I seldom go IFR, choosing the Hudson Corridor whenever possible, or Victor 39 and Flight Following past New York. Each approach has its merits, and having done both greatly improves each of our flight bag of tricks. It is my turn for the December Georgetown fly-in and I can't wait to get back in the air with my new favorite co-pilot.

What can you do? Use the ICS website Pathfinder to locate other Comanche drivers in your area and buddy up. We all know how much more fun it is to fly with a buddy, and more people at the fly-in is a plus too. Come to think of it, there are two more seats back there. Maybe we can save even more on these trips.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all,

Pete Morse, ICS-NE Tribe Chief