

The Nor'Easter

Newsletter of the North East Tribe of the International Comanche Society

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Message From The Tribe Chief



Bernie Stumpf,
Tribe Chief

Greetings Comanche drivers!

Welcome to my first edition of the Nor'easter as Tribe Chief. First and foremost I want to congratulate and thank Pete Morse for the excellent Baltimore Convention we had in September 2012. Pete, Dee Torgerson, Ron and Lynn Ward and many others put in a tremendous effort to make this a great and successful convention. Among the many valuable seminars was the Pilots Companion three hour class that Pete designed and extensively documented.

Since then, Ron and Lynn organized fly-ins to Arnold Palmer Regional at Latrobe, PA in October, Luray Caverns Airport at Luray, VA in November and Sussex County at Georgetown, DE in December. Regrettably I was unable to join you for those fly-ins. I was travelling during October and Pete and I were unable to go in November and December due to weather.

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:

Piper Service Bulletin SB-1189 Stabilator Horn Assembly Inspection

www.comancheflyer.com/NS/files/sb_1189.pdf

Piper Service Bulletin No. 1160.... [Stabilator Torque Tube Assembly Inspection](#)

Zach Grant comments re Horn AD www.comancheflyer.com/NS/files/pres_comments.pdf

See the November 2012 Comanche Flyer "Stabilator Horn Issue" article

www.comancheflyer.com/NS/flyers/Nov-2012/nov-2012-flyer.pdf

Comanche Stabilator Article by Denny Haskins at [www.comanchegear.com/STABILATOR/Comanche Stabilator Article modified for Matt. 3-11-07.pdf](http://www.comanchegear.com/STABILATOR/Comanche_Stabilator_Article_modified_for_Matt_3-11-07.pdf)

Check out the fly-in schedule for 2013 below. Included are Sun n' Fun and 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
<i>(April 9-14</i>	<i>LAL</i>	<i>Sun N Fun 2013</i>	<i>Lakeland, FL</i>		<i>Sun N Fun)</i>
April 20 (21)	LBE	Arnold Palmer Reg.	Latrobe PA	DeNunzio's Italian	luncheon
May 10-12	LZD	Danielson	Danielson, CT		CPPP
June 15 (16)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	Lil' Red Baron	luncheon
<i>(Jun 27-Jul 7</i>	<i>RNT</i>	<i>ICS Seattle Convention</i>	<i>Renton, WA</i>	<i>Holiday Inn</i>	<i>ICS Convention & Cruise)</i>
July 13 (14)	N89	Resnick Apt.	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby	luncheon
<i>(Jul 29-Aug 4</i>	<i>OSH</i>	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture 2013</i>	<i>Oshkosh, WI</i>		<i>Oshkosh AirVenture 2013)</i>
Aug 17 (18)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown NJ	Sky Manor Restaurant	elections/luncheon
Sept 14 (15)	5G0	LeRoy Airport	LeRoy, NY	TBD	luncheon/comanche issues
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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Fly-In Coordinators:	Ron and Lynn Ward	ronandlynn33 @gmail.com	585-223-2177

LaTrobe PA October Fly-in

We had a good turnout at LaTrobe, with nine Comanches showing up. Here are some pictures that we took that day

Ron and Lynn Ward, ICS-NE fly-in coordinators.



Luray Caverns VA November Fly-In

There was a suggestion by some at the Latrobe fly-in to have the next fly-in at Luray Caverns airport in Virginia to provide more sightseeing opportunities for anyone who wants to spend time in the area. There is no restaurant located at the airport, but transportation was provided to the Mimslyn Inn, which is 2 miles from the airport and highly recommended.

There were seven replies via the web site for a total of 15 people, with two groups indicating that they would be driving in. Enroute weather issues kept the New England flights home. The final turnout was pretty good, with 16 people and 6 planes. The luncheon at the Inn worked out well and the food was great. See the photos below, taken by Ron and Lynn Ward





Georgetown DE December Fly-in

This fly-in was plagued by poor weather. The Northeast experienced overcast skies and rain or wet snow at near freezing temperatures. Conditions like this are not the best for flights in actual IFR, and kept any adventurous Comanche pilots safely on the ground. Higher overcast and slightly warmer temperatures south of New York City allowed four aircraft the make it to Georgetown, but flight conditions made for staggered arrivals and early departures. In any case, those who made it enjoyed the usual great food before heading back home. We will hope for better luck in February!

ICS News

Notice of Increase in ICS annual dues

On Wed, Nov 7, 2012 at 2:40 PM, Pat Donovan <icstreasurer@centurylink.net> wrote:

Everyone,

As approved at the annual membership meeting, the membership dues will increase \$3/year effective January 1, 2013. Please make the changes where appropriate and notify your Tribe.

Thanks,
Pat

*ICS Renewal Rates Effective Jan 1, 2013

	*1 Year *	*2 Year *
US, Canada, Mexico	\$72.00	\$136.00
Europe, Asia, South Africa	\$98.00	\$188.00
Everywhere else	\$86.00	\$164.00
Spouse	\$36.00	\$68.00

CPPP in Northeast

A CFF Comanche Pilot Proficiency Program (CPPP) weekend has been scheduled for May 10-12 to be held at the Danielson (CT) Airport - KLZD. The basic format is one day of ground class work, including discussion of Comanche history, the various aircraft systems, and proper Comanche inspection and

maintenance. Two Comanches on jacks (a single and a twin) will be available for close inspection of the systems, and over \$200 worth of books and materials will be included. The rest of the weekend will involve individual flight instruction, in your Comanche, to fine-tune your flying skills. Costs for the workshops are \$850 for the entire course or \$425 for the ground portion only. There is a discount for early registration and payment. Housing will be at a nearby motel at \$65 per night, and side trips such as to the Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun Casinos may be arranged. For more information about the CPPP see the ICS website under the CFF tabs. Anyone interested or who may have questions may contact me at 401-636-1046 or at piper32p@gmail.com.

Pete Morse, ICS-NE CPPP host

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. An e-blast from ICS regarding this was sent out on Sept. 18 to all members.

The Mid-States Tribe has scheduled three weekend workshops on the required tailhorn 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.