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Dear Fellow Comanche Nor'easters:

Happy New Year and welcome to another great year ahead for our Northeast Tribe. This newsletter will touch on a variety of points that may be of interest: our upcoming fly-ins and their increased emphasis on couple- and family-friendly trips, our work on Young Eagles outreach, more on Pilot Proficiency Training, flying the Hudson River Corridor and Formation Flying training, and a quick update on some International-level ICS initiatives: the ICS Membership Committee and the ICS Safety and PR Committee.

There are three exciting new developments in our coming fly-ins for 2015. One is a new emphasis on family and couples activity options such as beaches, ice cream, and romantic overnight destinations. Another is a possible formation flight down the Hudson River Corridor. Formation flying will be a blast (imagine the air-to-air photos?) and will reduce some of the see-and-avoid-and-navigate mania. And lastly the hopeful addition of EAA Young Eagles Flights at our spring and summer fly-ins!

There will still always be the option at our fly-ins to jump in your bird and fly just for the fun of getting in the air and having lunch with your fellow Comancheros, but for those who would like a sweetener for partners and kids, we have added those too. See the descriptions in the listing below. As for Young Eagles, we are still finalizing the details, but everyone was enthusiastic last year about letting local area kids take a quick trip around the pattern after lunch. It would be a great contribution to GA and a great advertisement for our Comanches. As pilots for Young Eagles Flights, your liability is covered by EAA's supplemental policy. We will get details out when everything is final.

We also have an upcoming CPPP training that is currently being planned for the spring at the Capital City Airport in PA. If you are interested, contact Travis Brown at travisbrown99@yahoo.com and be sure to include dates that do and don't work for you! The last training in Leesburg was fantastic, oversubscribed, and included a great session on How to Keep Your Medical.

In addition to the items in the general ICS Fall board meeting minutes the Board created two committees which may be of interest to the tribe:

- The ICS Safety and PR Committee was created in part in response to the old Comanche Safety Study, which was done almost 20 years ago and which pointed out that Comanche pilots were having a disproportionate number of several types of accidents. The committee has gathered and is analyzing statistics from the NTSB, FAA and other sources. Early results suggest that Comanche pilots, who used to have a disproportionate number of fuel exhaustion and gear up problems, have made some improvements but it is too early to say. The committee is also actively exploring insurance rebates or subsidies for safe pilots, particularly those who complete recognized trainings. The committee is currently reaching out to the AOPA Air Safety Foundation for help to update the old study.
- The ICS Membership Committee is looking at ways to reach out to Comanche owners who are not ICS members, and to make ICS membership more valuable and available. We are better informed and better

advocates for our airplanes and ourselves as a group. One benefit that is likely to emerge is a free initial membership for new Comanche owners, to help newcomers have the best experience and the resources they may need to get the most of their time with their birds.

Both committees expect to have a final report for the Spring ICS Board meeting. More details will be reported as they become available.

Feel free to email any responses or ideas to me personally at cjstumpf@gmail.com, and hope to see you come Spring!

CJ Stumpf, NE Tribe Chief

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ICS-NE website links for your convenience:

- ICS-NE main page: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page.htm
- Documents page: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_DocLinks.htm
- Fly-in sign-up form: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm.htm

Proposed ICS-NE Fly-In's for 2015

Fly-Ins are held on Saturday, with Sunday as a rain date. Email notices will be sent two weeks in advance. Events listed in red are other non-NE events of possible interest to members. Watch your emails for any changes in scheduled dates or locations.

Date	Apt Id	Name	Location	Restaurant	Program
Jan + Feb	--	- no fly-ins planned -	--	--	
Mar 21 (22)	JGG	Williamsburg-Jamestown	Williamsburg, VA	Charlie's (FBO)	luncheon
April 11 (12)	ESN	Easton/Neuman	Easton, MD	Sugar Buns Café	Luncheon/EAA
(April 21-26)	LAL	<i>Sun N Fun 2015</i>	<i>Lakeland, FL</i>		<i>Sun N Fun</i>
May 16 (17)	N89	Joseph Y Resnick Apt	Ellenville, NY	Il Paradiso	Luncheon/EAA
(June 6)	FDK	<i>AOPA fly-in</i>	<i>Frederick, MD</i>	<i>on site</i>	<i>AOPA open house</i>
June 13 (14)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	Lil' Red Baron	Luncheon/EAA
(June 18-21)		<i>ICS Convention</i>	<i>Oklahoma City, OK</i>		<i>ICS Convention</i>
July 18 (19)	1B2	Katama Airpark	Edgartown, MA	Right Fork Diner	Luncheon/EAA
(July 20-26)	OSH	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture</i>	<i>Oshkosh, WI</i>		<i>2015 AirVenture</i>
Aug 22 (23)	N14	Flying W Airport	Medford, NJ	Patti Wagon Café	elections/luncheon
Sept 19 (20)	LNS	Lancaster Airport	Lancaster, PA	Fiorentino's Bar & Grill	luncheon
Oct 17 (18)	PYM	Plymouth Municipal	Plymouth, MA	Plane Jane's Café (FBO)	luncheon
Nov 14 (15)	GED	Sussex Co	Georgetown DE	Arena's at the Airport (FBO)	luncheon
Dec	--	- no fly-in planned -	--	--	

Click on the Airport Id for a link to the AOPA Airports page for that airport.

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

Below is a general description of each fly-in location for 2015, along with some of the attractions nearby. Click on the airport identifier for a link to the AOPA Airports page for further information.

- March 21, Williamsburg VA. Williamsburg/ Jamestown ([JGG](#)) is a beautiful privately owned airfield, easily reached by our SE Tribe friends. Charlie's is a bakery and sandwich shop in the FBO, with a good view of the landing traffic. There are many nearby attractions for a family weekend stay such as Colonial Williamsburg, the Jamestown Plantation, and Six Flags.
- ** April 11, Easton MD. Easton/ Neuman ([ESN](#)) is located on the upper Chesapeake Bay, just east of the Washington DC ADIZ. Sugar Buns Café offers great food. Nearby attractions: Amish farmers market, Audubon center, Art Museum.
- ** May 16, Ellenville NY. Resnic Airport ([N89](#)) is in a nice valley just to the west of the Hudson River and northwest of the West Point Military Academy. Il Paradiso, an excellent Italian restaurant, is just outside the gate. Nearby: Honor Haven Resort and Spa. Those arriving from the southern coastal states should enjoy using the Hudson River Corridor – see New York City from 1200 feet!
- ** June 13, Newport NH. Parlin Field ([2B3](#)) is an airport gem located in the Lakes region of New Hampshire, and has been a popular ICS-NE fly-in site for years. The Lil' Red Baron, right behind the FBO, serves Mexican food. The airport has on-field camping and “loaner” bicycles to explore nearby hiking trails, the covered bridge, and a swimming hole in the Sugar River.
- ** July 18, Edgartown MA. Beach Party time! Katama Airpark ([1B2](#)) is a grass strip airfield on the eastern edge of Martha's Vineyard. Bring your beachwear and taxi south to park just yards from one of the best beaches on the Vineyard. Or taxi north to park by the Right Fork Diner, within walking distance of Edgartown's many shops.
- August 22, Medford NJ. The Flying W ([N14](#)), in southern New Jersey east of Philadelphia, is the location for this year's annual Tribe elections. The restaurant offers a clear view of landing traffic, and check out the pool shaped in the outline of an airplane. Enjoy the pool club, a motel on site, and the nearby wildlife refuge
- September 19, Lancaster PA. Lancaster ([LNS](#)), in eastern Pennsylvania north of the ADIZ and west of Philadelphia, has all the benefits of a towered airport in the heart of Amish country. Fiorentino's Bar & Grill, located on the field, offers fine food.
- October 17, Plymouth MA. Plymouth Municipal ([PYM](#)) is on the shore of Cape Cod, just south of the Boston Class B airspace. Plane Jane's Café is upstairs in the FBO. Visit the nearby Plymouth Plantation, offering an historical step back in time to the original Pilgrim's settlement. See also Plymouth Rock, the Mayflower II, the Jenney Museum, and the Grist Mill.
- November 12, Georgetown DE. Once again we return to Sussex County ([GED](#)), a popular location near the Atlantic coast. Arena's at the Airport restaurant is in the FBO. While at GED, visit the Delaware Aviation Museum.

** At these fly-ins we are attempting to coordinate Young Eagle Flights with the local EAA chapters. All attending Comanche pilots are encouraged to participate.

There you have it, a thumbnail sketch of the years planned fly-ins – some new, some renewed – along with some of the nearby attractions. Watch your email for details as each date arrives, then plan to attend and bring your family and friends!

Formation Flight and Hudson River Corridor?

Over the years there has been talk of running a training weekend for Comanche formation flight, sparked originally by the past ICS arrival flights to Oshkosh. The training would involve ground instruction on

procedures and flight training with a formation safety pilot. Another suggested activity was a group flight through the New York Hudson River Corridor.

Now there is a plan to try combining the two activities. Tom LeCompte has been in contact with pilots from the Bonanza Society who are involved with their Oshkosh arrival training at Barnes/ Westfield MA (KBAF). They would be happy to work with a group of Comanche drivers to introduce us to formation flight. Pete Morse has come up with an idea to fly the Corridor from an airport to the north of NYC (Danbury CT or Orange Co NY), assembling north of the Tapanzee Bridge, flying down the Hudson, turning around south of the Varizano Bridge and returning up the river to the starting point. Those unfamiliar with this route can read about [flying the Hudson Corridor](#) on the ICS-NE website.

If either portions of this activity sound interesting to you please contact Pete Morse at piper32p@gmail.com.

Luray Caverns (KLUA) VA in October

The October fly-in at Luray Caverns Airport was moved to Sunday due to weather concerns. Even so, the blustery winds kept some of the pilots at home. Four of the eight registered aircraft made it with ten souls on board, plus one other pilot who elected to “taxi” in by car.



The dinner location was changed from the Mimsly Inn, which offered only a seafood buffet on Sunday, to the Artisan Grill in downtown Luray. The food definitely lived up to the recommendation of the folks at the FBO. Talk around the table covered the proposed fly-in schedule for next year, and the experiences at the just completed CPPP training at Leesburg VA.

The Comanches once again displayed their excellent crosswind behavior departing from Luray. Some of us actually enjoyed terrific tailwinds while heading home, somewhat of a rare treat.



Georgetown MD (KGED) DE in November

November 15 was sunny, with winds slightly less than forecast, but still with the bite of approaching winter in the air. But Georgetown has always been a popular ICS-NE fly-in destination. In all, 29 people in 12 aircraft arrived to enjoy each other and the assembled Comanches, including a Mooney Mustang and a C-172 “Comanche for the day.”

After going around the room with short introductions, Tribe Chief CJ Stumpf talked about Tribe news and issues. CJ talked about the fly-in choices for 2015 (see above), the actions of the recent ICS Fall Board Meeting, the recently concluded CPPP training at Leesburg (see above), and concern over the perceived general safety of the Comanche fleet. An ICS team has been formed to look into the record for GA accidents in response to an AOPA report from a number of years ago which singles out Comanches as having a higher than average accident rate. The team wants to determine if the perception is in fact accurate, and, if so, come up with a plan to remedy the factors involved, or, if the new data shows Comanches to be safe, find a way to spread this information to potential owners. CJ also encouraged each pilot to seek out advanced training such as the CPPP to improve our skills.

All attending look forward the the fly-ins for 2015, starting with Williamsburg on March 21.



Technical Issues

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