

ComancheZOOM of July 16, 2020 - **Comanche & Aviation History**

Opener: **Hindenburg Insider Exclusive** with J Christian Fenger.

Chris is a model builder, A36 Bonanza driver, Telecom COO, and an extraordinary resource on early and modern Airships, particularly the Hindenburg. Chris and his Zeppelin models were invited by the US Navy to the 50th anniversary of the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, where the Hindenburg dockage disaster occurred. Chris brings direct-account personal stories from Hindenburg survivors, time spent with Hans von Schiller, second in command of the airship L-30 that bombed London in WWI, commander of the Graf Zeppelin, and later of the Hindenburg's sister ship, the Graf Zeppelin II, as well as time spent as the guest of the Chief Pilot of the new Zeppelin NT-107 at her Christening. We are honored and thrilled to have Chris join us.

Main event: **Piper Factory at Lockhaven Insider Info** with John Bryerton, Piper Aviation Museum President and former Piper Engineer 1964-1984+.

Hear about the Piper Factory at Lockhaven, the place all our Comanches were designed and built. John Bryerton is perhaps best known as the President of the Piper Aviation Museum in LockHaven, PA (KLHV), the birthplace of ALL of our Comanches.

In 1963, while still in college, John joined Piper Aircraft as a Chief Systems & Equipment engineer. At Piper, he was there for the design and flight testing of the six seat (3 window) 260 series Comanches (B, C, PA39, PA40), as well as the PA24-300 and PA24-380, discussed here.

John also contributed to power plant design for Piper, became an FAA DER (power plants, mechanical systems, ...), and led the entire new type certification of the Colombian built Gavilan, John's baby: This aircraft, derived from Piper designs in the 1960s, received its FAA certification in 1998 under FAR Part 23.

John has also been the FAA coordinator for many STCs, supported accident investigations, and is a qualified expert witness.

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