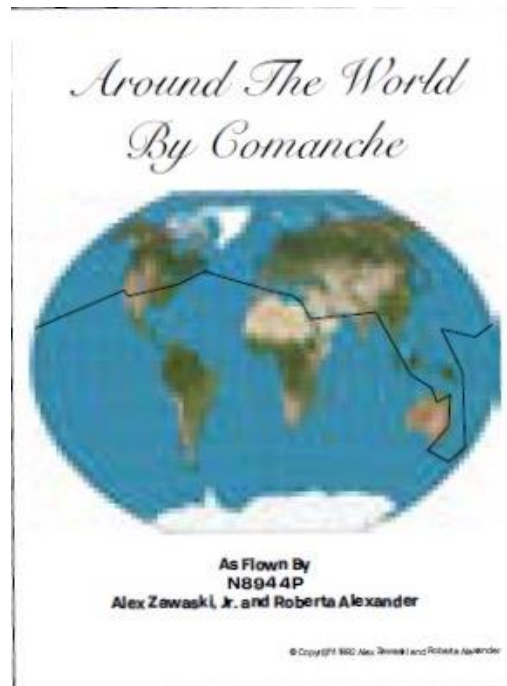


Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Dear Piper Comanche Community,

Alex Zawaski, a long time Comanche pilot, has slipped the surly bonds. Alex flew until the end, sharing his passion for Piper Comanches with a generosity that sometimes had consequences. As a close friend of his relayed, *"Alex let me sit in the left seat. Four months later I had two Comanches and almost a divorce..."*

Alex was known by many around the world, particularly to fellow Comanche drivers. (Note butterfly!) Alex, always quiet and unassuming, was also an extraordinary source of expertise, and always willing to lend a hand or share his wisdom.



Alex [circumnavigated the globe in his Piper Comanche 260B](#) in 1991. He memorialized his circumnavigation with his first wife Roberta in a book. He was also a recipient of the [FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot award](#) in 2018, Alex and his present wife Gloria were well known for their [his-and-her "twin Comanches"](#).

A celebration of Alex's life, organized by his widow and fellow Comanche pilot Gloria Smith Zawaski, will be held on Sunday, May 26, at Kobelt airpark (N45), beginning at noon. See details below.



All are welcome.

If you have a memory of Alex, please reply. We would be honored to compile them and provide them to Gloria.

At the fly-in to Kobelt on Sunday, May 26, an optional aerial single file procession will proceed from Alex' home airport, Orange County (MGJ), just 8 NM from Kobelt (N45), for an overflight of Kobelt and final wing rock.

If you are interested in attending the fly-in in any sort of plane, or even if you are not sure you can make it, please [register](#) at northeastcomanche.com (select Register to Attend; under Event Selection select May 26 N45...). If interested in joining the aerial procession, please note that in the registration comment field. Your registration is not an obligation, but we will include you in weather updates and planning. There will be an optional briefing conference call, and a mandatory briefing Sunday morning immediately prior to the procession flight at which you can make a final decision. Only registrants will receive weather updates and procession briefing information.

Sunday, May 26th at 12 noon, a celebration of Alex's life for friends, family and the aviation community will be held at Nu Cavu Restaurant on the Ulster/Kingston Kobelt Airport, 857 Plains Road in Wallkill, NY 12589. (Please RSVP to 845-355-4767.)

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rhinebeck Aerodrome Museum C/O Youth Program/ Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome/ PO Box 229, Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

<https://purtafuneralhome.com/tribute/details/649/Alexander-Zawaski/obituary.html>

Fly high Alex. You are missed.