

The Nor'Easter

Newsletter of the North East Tribe of the International Comanche Society

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Message From The Tribe Chief



Pete Morse, Tribe Chief

Ah, spring is in the air, and a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of.... Flying!

And have we got some places for you! Check out the 2012 fly-in schedule below. It is a mixture of some places old, and some places new. 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 to register for our fly-ins. It does help to have an idea on who may be there, and to compile a notification email list for last minute updates.

As before, the contact information for ICS-NE, the 2012 Fly-In schedule, earlier copies of the Nor'Easter, and other Comanche stuff is posted on my ICS-NE web page (use the link above). There are also a number of items posted on the ICS web site under the 2012 Convention link (thanks Dave Fitzgerald)

Our March fly-in is a joint one with the Southeast Tribe on the 17th in Martinsville, VA. We will send out the usual invitation email a couple of weeks before.

The April 14-15th fly-in is a weekend event. We will land at Martin State, outside Baltimore, and get ourselves to the Holiday Inn – Inner harbor, site of the September Convention. The intent is to see and experience all the venues and vicissitudes that the ICS convention goers will experience, including staying overnight and sampling the food. Dee Torgerson has arranged a special room rate for us. This will provide us a chance to work out the last kinks in our convention plans.

If you happen to live in or near Baltimore, please consider attending whatever of these activities you can. We need volunteers with local knowledge, both for this April planning weekend and for the actual Convention in September. Contact Dee or myself at the addresses or phone numbers listed below. And please note my new email address.

Pete Morse, NE Tribe Chief

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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 Tribe
Mar 17 (18)	MTV	Blue Ridge	Martinsville, VA	Runway Café w/SE
(Mar 27-Apr 1)	LAL	Sun N Fun 2012	Lakeland, FL)	
April 14+15	MTN	Martin State	Baltimore, MD	Holiday Inn - Inner Harbor
May 19 (20)	FDK	Frederick	Frederick MD	Airway's Inn w/AOPA
June 16 (17)	N89	Resnick Apt.	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby
July 14 (15)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	Lil' Red Baron
(July 23-29)	OSH	Oshkosh Air Venture 2012	Oshkosh, WI)	
Aug 11 (12)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown NJ	Sky Manor Restaurant
Sept 12-16	MTN	ICS Baltimore Convention	Baltimore, MD	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

Fly-In at Georgetown in December

We had a great turnout in December at Georgetown, Delaware (KGED). The airport has added additional ramp space, which they reserved for our Comanches, and even then we almost ran out of room! As usual, the airport and restaurant staffs made us feel very welcome.



A general meeting was held in the bar area where Pete Morse reported on recent activities including the upcoming winter Nor'Easter and articles in the *Comanche Flyer*. He also covered recent additions to the dinner plans and arrangements for transportation at the Baltimore Convention. See the Convention Update below for details. After a good meeting we moved to the restaurant for lunch and more fellowship.



Well fed and watered, we moved outside for the obligatory tire kicking and yarn swapping. A number of people were interested in a close look at the Savannah Conventions Flagship Award winner, owned by Av Shiloh.



Georgetown ramp



Georgetown ramp



late arrivals



Av's 260tt Savannah Flagship winner

Joint Fly-In with SE Tribe at Williamsburg in February

For the February fly-in we returned once again to the Williamsburg/Jamestown Airport (JGG) for fun, friendship and food at Charlie's. This year we coordinated with the South East Tribe. The weather Gods did not smile on our Williamsburg plans. The wind was right down the runway, but what a wind - 15 knots gusting 18 to 32! Wiser (?) pilots elected to keep their precious Comanches tied to Terra Firma.

Only two Comanches made it on Saturday, one from Salisbury, MD, and one (idiot) from Danielson, CT. plus one dogged four-wheeler and you have it - six people total. Even so, very good food and great stories (thanks, Dee!)

We ran into snow squalls after the Hudson corridor on the way home, squeaking by MVFR at 3000 ft with a 183+ knots ground speed. Wow, not a day for newbies or light sports! Once again the staid old Comanche proves its worth in the weather.

Next fly-in is at Martinsville, VA, just east of the Blue Ridge, and hosted by the SE Tribe. Y'all come!

Pete

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. You will also find an article about the web training required to operate within the 60 nm outer ring of the DC SFRA, as well as a Convention Registration form and Holiday Inn – Inner Harbor registration information.

Each of the Board and Committee meetings are scheduled without conflict so that all members can attend. The vendors are scheduled for Friday, and encouraged to arrive earlier and/or stay later as they may wish. Our seminar space 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 Friday morning and four more after the lunch break.

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

We are working on providing van transportation to and from Martin State Airport for Comanche arrivals and departures. We plan on using a fleet of vans for transportation for Saturday's Airport Day activities and



for the Saturday evening harbor cruise and dinner on the *Spirit of Baltimore*. Throughout the Convention we will have on-call vans for transportation to other activities.

Menus for the Convention are being finalized - finger foods and a cash bar for the Wednesday reception, full buffet (steak, seafood etc) for the Friday evening dinner, and another elegant buffet on the *Spirit of Baltimore* cruise ship, to list a few. We also have a list of locations to suggest for the Thursday evening Tribe Night dinners.

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

	Morning		Afternoon		Evening	
Wednesday Sept 12	Setup time	8-12	Arrivals Registration	1-8 1-8	Welcome Reception at Hotel	5-9
Thursday Sept 13	Registration Opening Ceremony	8-4 8:30	CFF Board Meeting **Afternoon Activities	1-2 1-5	"Tribe Night" dinners	5-9
	Old Board Meeting	9-12				
Friday Sept 14	Registration Vendor Displays Morning Seminars	8-4 8-12 9-12	Vendor Displays Afternoon Seminars	1-5 1-5	Convention Dinner and Annual General Meeting	7-9
Saturday Sept 15	Registration Vendor Displays New Board Meeting	8-12 9-12 10-12	Martin State Airport Day (MST) FAAST - Pilot Companion Seminar	1-5 1-5	<i>Spirit of Baltimore</i> River Cruise and Awards Dinner	5-9
Sunday Sept 16	Departures	8-12	Clean up!	12-??		

** Ft. McHenry, Baltimore Aquarium, Camden Yard Tour, Riverfront Shopping, Science Museum

See you in the Charm City!

Technical Issues

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.

ICS Website

- - LATE NEWS - - -

In late February the ICS site was crippled by a server-side hack which affected over 3600 pages belonging to the various organizations using the DreamHost server. The site is back in business after a thorough cleansing. Dave Fitzgerald worked his fingers to the bone ferreting out hidden bugs, and the DreamHost people put a number of protective actions in place to prevent a similar loss of service.

Thank you to all the volunteers that keep ICS flying!

Pete Morse

From Bruce Thumann, SW Tribe, ICS 14028

From Jan. SW newsletter 'Smoke Trails'

Hi Gang,

Recently I had a long conversation with our ICS Webmaster, Dave Fitzgerald. For those of you who do not occasionally [visit the ICS website](#), you are missing out on one of the prime benefits of ICS membership. If you don't visit the site because you have not set up your password, not to worry. There are several areas you can access which are not password protected. If you are having problems accessing the site, call Dave at 330-936-7979 so he can walk you through the sign-up so as you can utilize all the benefits and services of the site.

Dave told me to be sure to tell everyone to go to the home page and click on the North East Tribe's "**2012 ICS Convention**" box to see the [latest Convention updates](#). Hope many of you are making plans to attend.

He also asked me to let everyone know that he is working on a "Tribe Pages" function for the website. He says he will have that ready soon and that it will make it much easier for the Tribe officials to communicate with their respective members. It sounds as if it will also be an answer to the ongoing problem some Tribes have producing a Newsletter, as the Newsletter can be produced outside the website, posted to the site in the appropriate Tribe Pages, and then forwarded right along to all the listed members of that Tribe. No more sending Newsletters out in batches and or trying to import and or maintain e-mail address lists each time a new Tribe Scribe takes over.

Dave's Pride and Joy was the introduction of the new and improved CFF tab on the main page. Most of you will already know that the CFF (Comanche Flyer Foundation) no longer receives automatic dues contributions through ICS, even though they are a vital component to the existence of ICS, and contribute enormously to the maintenance, safety, and education of our Comanche fleet. With Dave's new and improved tab, you can now instantly make direct CFF PayPal contributions from the ICS site, buy CFF goodies, find out about upcoming CFF seminars and events, and read about the goals and governance of CFF. The ICS website address is at the bottom of this Newsletter for you to put in your browser. I challenge everyone to go there now and make a small donation to a worthwhile organization as I just did to see how easy it is. It does the body good and you will reap the benefits of CFF's endeavors many times over.

For those of you still on pins and needles about the FAA's proposed Stab Horn AD, still no news. Dave is also on the Airworthiness Committee addressing that issue, and he stated that he had no news to add at this time. This could be good for Comanche owners because it may indicate the FAA is looking long and hard at the rebuttal statements submitted to them by ICS after the proposed AD came out. Stand by, we will try to keep you all apprised of where this is going.