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The text of this Nor'Easter is taken from an email to the Northeast Tribe in May of 2019, sent out by the Tribe Chief CJ Stumpf. We have recreated the email here for storage on the website with all the photos added into the document. (some people had trouble with the original attached pictures.). Enjoy!

- May 18 Ellenville/Resnick fly-in -

The Ellenville (Resnick) Wings & Wheels for Warriors, held May 18, 2019, was outstanding! Dwight Coombs was a superb host as always, the weather was perfect, the local participation and turnout was inspiring, the antique cars were fabulous, and the prizes amazing. There were a number of gorgeous airplanes of all types. While our usual Comanche attendance at this event was off a bit due to the "Wizard effect", there were some truly gorgeous Comanche examples there. Every PA24 model was represented other than the 260C/TCs (and the 1965 straight 260), including particularly notable examples from Gloria Zawaski, Bill Waldron, Andy Davie, Robert Klein, Pete Peterson, and our newly Comanche'd Dick Vinal (see below)

Not all owners entered to participate in the aircraft judging. When Gloria Zawaski had to leave early due to a flying engagement, we slid in Bill Waldron's 400, and once again, a Piper Comanche won Best in Show over all aircraft! First Lee Hussey with the Gold, Silver and Bronze Lindy's at OSH, and now Bill. (See below for photos and results.)

Host Dwight Coombs, here shown presenting Best in Show trophy to Bill Waldron, did a great job putting together this benefit for disabled veterans, including researching the various benefit organizations and selecting one with excellent management where the money raised actually goes to the disabled veterans and not the management. The community response was absolutely amazing with dozens of volunteers and incredible donated items for the raffle. They raised record money for disabled veterans!



While a serious day due to the benefit for Disabled Veterans, we also had things to celebrate! We semi-secretly entered Bill Waldron's 400 in the judging, seeing as Gloria's gorgeous 180 had to leave, and seeing as Andy Davie and Bob Klein didn't enter their also-stunning birds....



Bill Waldron and 8515P won Best in Show! And had to redo their W&B to see if they could get home with that massive trophy. As Bill is super worried about Diane, who was going in for surgery the following day, the lift was well timed. (Update: Diane is out of surgery and weak but recovering. Many of us met the red-headed Diane at Sky Manor at the inaugural mini-Clinic, or at other gatherings. Please keep your fingers crossed for her, and feel free to drop Bill a line if inspired; he will pass on your messages.)

Bill was there with a really cool guy who flies an RV8 and a B-24 (yes, THAT B-24). They took off and headed back right behind us, but we of course outran them (NOT - we are a swift and sturdy 260B, but no match for the 8 fire breathing cylinders of Bill's 400).

Pete Morse, our venerable scribe, whose engine is down with a magneto cage problem, flew in with his friend Ken, who also won an award for Ken's beautiful honorary Comanche, a superb Beech Sierra.



A few more photos from Resnick to make you all smile:



Dwight Coombs, organizer extraordinaire, having a serious moment on realizing he was not going to be able to judge Gloria's gorgeous 180.



Bernie Stumpf (one of our much-appreciated past "Chiefs", and my Dad) and Hans Pittner discussing common grounds.



The intrepid Gloria getting ready to head off to a successful lesson - thus taking out Bill's competition in the judging - talk about serious airtime!



CJ with Bill and his Best in Show bird. Even I won a food basket, in the benefit raffle, which I donated to my Mom (who actually cooks) so it was a good day.



Gloria's stunning Redbird near a local resident Comanche.



Part of the line-up, altogether six Comanches in addition to those on the field.

- Mini-Clinic at Westerly RI -

Westerly's last-minute mini-Clinic last month, April 27, was a really fun surprise success. Four Comanches, all carrying multiple people, flew in to join the 4 already on the field, while others drove. The mini-Clinic featured:

- Engine tuning tricks which were originally provided at ComancheTown by air racing experts. Who knew you could align your plugs, or that it could make a real difference to your power?
- Autopilot-avionics update and repair information,
- uAvionix group buy results, and more.

I was privileged to ride shotgun in an amazing mini-Clinic on twinkie landings, in a stunning twin Comanche apparently outfitted with every speed mod ever offered and featuring a Comanche twin pilot who is also a former east coast aerobatic champion as a student! Totally amazing. More on that in a separate issue.

-CJ

- Gloria Zawaski's funny trip report -

...or the continuing story (via email) of her quest for an IFR rating.

“Flew solo to Great Barrington for a three-hour lesson. I found the airport!! Yay! I landed on the correct runway. Woo hoo! I did not one, but two superb short field landings and I finally felt that I remembered how to fly.

OK so the examiner didn't think it was a green light for my check ride retake...but he thinks I'll be there with a few more wallet-numbing lessons.

The solo flight back over the psychedelic greens in the valley was a trip in every sense of the word! Thanks for being part of my return <to flight>. Looking forward to <the fly-in> next week. Fingers crossed for good weather.

Gloria”



Gloria Zawaski

Announcements

In Comanche news, Dwight Coombs has agreed to be volunteered with Andy Davie to co-host a Northeast Part 43 clinic! This clinic will demo and discuss owner preventative maintenance, from oil changes to landing light replacements, along with how to do your logbook entries. Learn how to save money, control your own schedule, keep your bird tip-top, potentially reduce cost and time of your annual, and learn more about what makes our Comanches fly so well! Stay tuned.

Fly-In update for 2019

The Northeast Tribe plans informal fly-ins throughout the year. The updated schedule is listed below. Watch you email for details of when and where. We hope to see many of you there.

<u>2019 Northeast Comanche Tribe</u>			<u>Fly-in Schedule</u>		
Date	Apt Id	Name	Location	Restaurant	Program
Jan - Feb	--	- no fly-ins planned -	--	--	
Mar 30 (31)	MTV	Blue Ridge	Martinsville, VA	Simply Suzzane's Café	luncheon with SE tribe
<i>April 2-7</i>	LAL	<i>Sun N Fun 2019</i>	<i>Lakeland, FL</i>	<i>food on site</i>	<i>ComancheTown gathering</i>
April 27 (28)	MIV	Millville Muni	Millville NJ	Verna's Flight Line	luncheon
27-Apr	WST	Westerly Airport	Westerly RI	brought in	Pop-up Mini-Clinic
<i>May 10-11</i>	FDK	<i>AOPA fly-in</i>	<i>Frederick, MD</i>	<i>food on site</i>	<i>Eastern Region AOPA Fly-In</i>
May 18 (19)	N89	Resnick Airport	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby	Wings & Wheels for Warriors
26-May	N45	Kobelt Airport	Walkill, NY	Nu CAVU	Flight honoring Alex Zawaski
June 22 (23)	2B3	Parlin Field	Newport, NH	local area	luncheon/mini clinic
July 20 (21)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown, NJ	Sky Manor Café	luncheon
<i>July 22-28</i>	OSH	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture 2019</i>	<i>Oshkosh, WI</i>		<i>Oshkosh AirVenture 2018</i>
Aug 11-15	RKD	Rockland Airport	Rockland, ME	American Eagle	Windjammer Cruise
Aug 25 (24)	LBE	Arnold Palmer Reg.	Latrobe PA	DeNunzio's Italian	Sunday Buffet/Elections close
Sept (21) 22	3B0	Southbridge	Southbridge, MA	Red Baron	luncheon/mini clinic
<i>Sep 29-Oct 3</i>	<i>tba</i>	<i>Bally's Las Vegas</i>	<i>Las Vegas, NV</i>	<i>hosted by SW Tribe</i>	<i>2019 ICS Convention</i>
Oct 20 (19)	GED	Delaware Coastal	Georgetown, DE	Arena's at the Airport	Sunday b'fast buffet/ Mini-Clinic
Nov (16)17	JGG	Williamsburg/Jamestown	Williamsburg, VA	Charlie's	luncheon/Tribe planning
Dec	--	- no fly-ins planned -	--	--	

All fly-ins are on Saturdays, with Sunday as a rain date. Email notices will be sent two weeks in advance. This schedule and web sign-up is available on the [Northeast Tribe website](#).

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