

ComancheZOOM – Parts 5 - Funding

September 23, 2021 was an **Open Mic ComancheZOOM**. Our intent was to discuss ideas for funding our growing Northeast Comanche enterprise.

In the past year and a half, the activity of the Northeast Comanche Tribe has exploded in all directions.

To list some of our accomplishments, we have

- been a big part of the weekly ComancheZOOM sessions, bringing tons of information to our fellow pilots and owners.
- initiated several group buys, thereby reducing the cost of the various goods or services.
- led the way in finding or developing ways to keep our Comanches flying.
- supported work to reduce or eliminate onerous Comanche AD's.
- worked with the FAA to provide safety training and Wings credit.
- developed the front end of a searchable database to find other Comanche people in your neighborhood.
- continued to plan and hold fly-ins for monthly social gatherings.
- maintained the Northeast Comanche website, including links to recorded ComancheZOOM's

All this activity came about by through volunteer support in both time and money. But we are not a knitting circle of old pilots, sitting around enjoying tea and crumpets while hangar flying in some dusty FBO. We are fast becoming a real business, with all the headaches and financial responsibilities which that entails. The activities listed above, and the future projects in the works, all require funding to some degree, from a few to hundreds of dollars.

Discussions included an update on many of the current projects and an extended discussion on the funding of design and production of replacement parts. Several attendees mentioned establishing a membership fee or dues. We ended with preliminary talk on how to create a fund to support development such as the landing gear struts and tail horn AD work.

The Northeast Comanche Tribe, Inc, is now a 501-c3 IRS Charitable Organization. and fast becoming a real business. Go to [/NE_TribeOfficers.htm#donations](#) to see ways to contribute support for the Comanche and our fellow pilots.

As with flying, we cannot continue to rise to new heights when the tanks are running dry. Please view/hear this important discussion through the links below.

To view/hear this ComancheZOOM recording go to:

- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2021-09-23/video.mp4>
- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2021-09-23/audio.m4a>

To read the chat window notes go to:

- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2021-09-23/chat.txt>

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