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Message From The Tribe Chief



Pete Morse, Tribe Chief

I think our Northeast presence at the Savannah Convention was very successful. We were able to spread the word about the Baltimore 2012 plans very effectively. I made a verbal report (via Skype) to the Old Board Meeting on Tuesday, put up a display (posters and computer show) for the Seminar day on Thursday, did a full blown presentation for the General Meeting on Friday morning, another verbal sales pitch at the Mighty 8th dinner following Airport Day, and yet another verbal pitch at the final Awards Dinner on Saturday. I think it is safe to say that everyone knows what we have planned and who I am. Keith Johnson and I both wore our Baltimore billboard shirts for Airport Day, and I flashed the assembled throngs at the Awards Dinner. All in all, it was a very successful campaign. Everyone had positive reactions to both the choice of Baltimore and to the proposed schedule.

Speaking of the schedule, I think it has pretty much gelled as a result of the many discussions with former presenters. The latest 2012 schedule and seminar topics are presented later in this newsletter. The major changes are in the structure of the Seminar day (Friday) and moving the General Meeting to Friday evening.

For the Seminars I would like to see a table of munchies (pastries and beverages, other light foods) in the vendor area. Each seminar will be scheduled for 45 minutes (and be videotaped), with the room cleared between seminars. People will be urged toward the food where the vendors can do their sales pitches. This approach worked in Dayton, and the vendors were happy to be there.

Moving the General Meeting to Friday evening just seems like the best idea since sliced bread, but is a big change from tradition. It makes sense in the scheme of the Convention, and also encourages people who want to arrive late to come in for this meeting. We will need to plan a meal (not too extravagant) and find a room for about 120 diners. We will also need a head table for perhaps 8-10 Board members (I'm thinking of making the meeting available via Skype).

One thing that I learned for Savannah is that at least 2/3 of those attending were couples. This fact had not hit me earlier. We do need to offer help in social activities, both for small groups and for individual couples. We also need to assure the reduced hotel rate for the days before the Convention, and those following. We will put together a list/guide of area attractions for people to plan from. Also we will need a list of nearby restaurants for Tribe Dinner planning.

We need to "walk the walk." By this I mean, fly in to Martin State, check it out, get ourselves to the Holiday Inn, check in for the night, sample the food, visit the *Sprit of Baltimore*, and generally walk the neighborhood. This may reveal other areas of possible problems. Again, see the Convention update further down in this newsletter.

I am working on a pre-registration web for to send out to the ICS membership. We will use Dave Fitzgerald's new found email web ability to survey members as to who might be coming, and what planned activities they

are interested in doing. From the responses we can generate an email list to send out appropriate forms and descriptions for actual registration etc.

By the way, there is talk of the European Tribe conducting a mass fly-over in honor of their 20 years of membership. Could mean 10 or more Comanches crossing the Pond! Savannah had 29 aircraft at Airport Day. Could be a nice crowd at Baltimore's Martin State.

Please remember to go to www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page.htm to register for our 2011 fly-ins. The next one is at Jeff Grove's hangar at Martinsburg WV on October 15th.

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ICS-NE Fly-In's for 2011

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 26 (27)	JGG	Williamsburg/Jamestown	Williamsburg VA	(in FBO)
Mar 19 (20)	ESN	Easton/Newnam	Easton MD	Sugar Buns Café
April 16 (17)	FDK	Frederick Muni.	Frederick MD	Airway's Inn
May 21-22	W05+W73	Gettysburg Reg./Mid-Atlantic Soaring	Gettysburg PA	Dobbin House
June 11 (12)	N89	Resnick Apt.	Ellenville, NY	Italian nearby
July 16 (17)	ORE	Orange	Orange, MA	White Cloud Rest.
Aug 13 (14)	N40	Sky Manor	Pittstown NJ	Sky Manor Restaurant
Sept 10 (11)	LBE	Arnold Palmer Reg.	Latrobe PA	DeNunzio's Italian
Oct 15 (16)	MRB	Eastern WV Reg./Shepherd	Martinsburg WV	pizza in Jeff's hangar
Nov 12 (13)	33N	Delaware Airpark	Dover DE	
Dec 3 (4)	GED	Sussex Co.	Georgetown DE	Lighthouse Landing

Register for fly-ins at quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm

June and September Fly-Ins cancelled due to weather

Once again the Weather God's conspired against us. This makes three fly-ins this year that we had to cancel due to weather.

Dwight Coombe had arranged a great day for us at Ellenville, flying in to a new destination in upstate New York and having lunch at a nearby Italian restaurant. The weekend forecast was for scattered showers on Saturday, with scattered thunderstorms for Sunday. However, the terminal forecasts for the area on Friday showed low ceilings (500 to 1500 feet AGL) for Saturday morning. The traffic pattern for Resnick Airport is at 1400 feet, and the RNAV approaches have MDA's above 1800 feet – no way to land legally, so we cancelled, and an email was sent to the membership by Keith Johnson.

On a good note, there were four fly-in invitation responses using the web page. The provided email addresses allowed us to discuss the weather problems and make the call as an informed group. Please, use the web response form for the next fly-in you plan to attend so that, if a similar situation comes up, we can inform you directly.

The September fly-in to Latrobe PA also found heavy rains forecast for the entire weekend. It was decided to call it off. We had sent invitations to the Ohio members of the North Central Tribe.

Fly-In at Orange, MA in July – Pete Morse, host

A dozen people made it to the July fly-in at Orange Municipal Airport (KORE) in central Massachusetts near the Quabbin Reservoir. A couple of members commented that this being the only fly-in destination in New England gave them an extra reason to make the effort. One couple stopped on their way from Connecticut to Bar Harbor, Maine, complete with their cat. Another Comanche pilot drove to Orange because he was too far out of currency to fly, and hoped that attending the fly-in would spur him to get back in the air again. Let's hope he was right!



After some friendly conversation and Comanche tire kicking we moved into the shade of the FBO for some serious ICS talk. Most of those attending used the web sign-up form to RSVP and found it very convenient. At least one email was sent to the list of responders advising of the busy skydiving activity at Orange.





Discussion topics were the upcoming Convention in Savannah and the Board meetings, next year's Baltimore Convention, the upcoming Tribe elections (see below), and the latest on the proposed Piper tail horn AD. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Savannah Convention. The planned activities are worth attending, as are the various Board meetings and the General Membership meeting. This will also give us a chance to see how it is done in preparation for our Convention next year.

The Baltimore Convention plans are moving forward. As it turns out 2012 is the bi-centennial of the 'The Star Spangled Banner' by Francis Scott Key, and Baltimore is celebrating all year long. We will join them with our Convention promotions. Also, the text of the proposed Piper Tail Horn AD is available on the ICS website. All encouraged to read it.

August Election Fly-In at Sky Manor

Once again the annual Tribe elections were held at the fine restaurant at Sky Manor Airport. There were a total of 12 in attendance, with 14 more members voting by website ballot. The following officers were elected:

Tribe Chief Pete Morse
Assistant Chief Bernie Stumpf
Scribe Keith Johnson

Treasurer Chris Jorheim
Fly-In Coordinators Ron and Lynn Ward
2012 Baltimore Convention Chair Dee Torgerson



Tribe Chief - Pete Morse
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Assistant Chief - Bernie Stumpf
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 long time
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Treasurer - Chris Jorheim
 past acting
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 Altoona PA
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Scribe - Keith Johnson
former Tribe Chief
past acting Scribe
Hartley DE,
ICS# 15548
PA24-250
N6048P



Fly-In Coordinators - Ron and Lynn Ward
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PA-30B N11KY



2012 Convention Chair - Dee Torgerson
past Tribe Chief
Fulton MD,
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While all officers are talented and active members, they cannot do all the work alone, especially for the 2012 Baltimore Convention. This is where the rest of the Tribe members can step up to help. Contact any officer to suggest a fly-in destination or to volunteer to help in activities. This is YOUR Tribe; let's keep it alive.

Four Comanches, 3 singles and a twin, made it to Sky Manor, with another twin arriving after lunch. As usual, the airport welcomed us with open arms. Talk around the picnic table covered the upcoming Board meetings in Savannah, continuing plans for next year in Baltimore, and thoughts about next year's fly-in destinations. There was a lot of spirited discussion about organizing a Comanche flight to the Bahamas. Three pilots at the table had been there in the past, so we have some local "experts" to draw on for information. This certainly is worth pursuing, perhaps in the winter after our Convention duties.

As for Baltimore, Tribe Chief Pete Morse will be talking to members and vendors at this year's Savannah Convention, both to spread the word and to find participants. He will also investigate the possibility of joint activities with other Tribes such as fly-ins and the Bahamas.

Enjoy these photos from Sky Manor.



Approach to Sky Manor 25



Sky Manor office





Planning a trip to the Bahamas...



Oshkosh award winning 260 ttc

2012 ICS Convention planning update

Our 2012 ICS Convention will be in Baltimore, MD. September 12-16, 2012. Baltimore will be in the midst of a yearlong celebration of the bi-centennial of the “Star Spangled Banner,” written by Frances Scott Key while observing the shelling of Ft. McHenry in the war of 1812. The convention will center on the Baltimore Riverfront, with all activities compressed into four days to reduce attendee costs. Housing will be at the Holiday Inn, directly across the street from Camden Yard, with room cost in the \$140/night range plus tax. There is a charge for overnight parking, but those who fly in will not have to worry about that. We are also working on a proposal for on-call van transportation during the convention.



Below is a general outline of the activities, as discussed at the fly-ins this past summer, and presented at the Savannah Convention. Specific speakers and topics for the Seminars still need to be decided.

We are planning an opening reception on Wednesday evening, with Thursday evening open for Tribe dinners. Friday evening may be a dinner followed by the Annual General Meeting. Saturday evening will be the awards banquet, aboard the ship *Spirit of Baltimore*, cruising Baltimore Harbor.

Seminars possibilities include discussions on legal matters, Comanche care and maintenance, specific topics related to Comanche inspection ADs, as well as presentations by various vendors. We are working on providing a Pilot Companion seminar for the “co-pilots” in the group in cooperation with the Baltimore FAAST Team. This is an excellent chance for the non-pilots to learn about all phases of flight. All discussions will be tailored to Comanche operations, and the workshop will also be open to area pilots.

Other activities could include trips to the National Science Museum, the National Aquarium, nearby Fort McHenry, Camden Yard, the Walters Art Museum, and, of course, shopping at the Riverfront Mall. Airport Day will be at Martin State Airport (KMTN) on Saturday. The airport has plenty of room for arriving Comanches, and we should be able to have tie-down fees waived if fuel is purchased.

	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 8-12	Vendor Displays Afternoon Seminars	1-5 1-5	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

Day	Time	Topic	Presenter
Thur AM	9-12	Old Board Meeting	ICS President
Thur PM	1-2	CFFF Meeting	CFFF Board
	1-5	**Afternoon Activities	optional
Thur Eve	5-9	"Tribe Night" dinners	tribes
Fri AM	8-9	Vendor Showcase	all vendors
	9-10	(vendor)	tbd
	10-11	What CFFF Can Do For You	Zach Grant ?
	11-12	(vendor)	tbd
Fri PM	1-2	ICS in the Computer Age	Dave Fitzgerald
	2-3	(vendor)	tbd
	3-4	Aging Aircraft - Saving the STCs	Kristen Winter ?
	4-5	Aircraft Ownership - Legal Issues	AOPA ?
Fri Eve	7-9	General Meeting	ICS President
Sat AM	10-12	New Board Meeting	ICS President
Sat PM	1-5	Martin State Airport Day	at KMTS
	1-5	Pilot Companion ground school judging, workshop, inspections	Baltimore FAAST
Sat Eve	6-9	Awards Dinner - <i>Spirit of Baltimore</i>	Conv. Close

The Baltimore Convention will be "a la cart" in that you can elect to attend all of the events, only some of the events, or just the weekend events. We will develop pricing packages for each option. Of concern is the state of our Tribe treasury. We will need to do some fundraising to be able to pay various up-front costs. A discount plan for early payment is in the works, and information about the convention is being readied for publication in the *Comanche Flyer*.

We ask that, whenever you attend an aviation event, check with the presenters and vendors to see if they would be able to participate in our convention. Get any information you can (business card, contact name, phone etc.) and send it to Dee Torgerson at dtorg2@gmail.com, or to one of the officers. If you know anyone with particular Comanche expertise, send that information too. We need ideas and contacts to build a terrific event!

Any member wishing to help is encouraged to contact Dee as soon as possible, particularly anyone who lives in the Baltimore area.

Technical Issues

If you have any 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.

Comanche Wisdom

From time to time we present novel ideas from fellow Comanche pilots.

Our own Rick Lanhorst has come up with a novel idea for hanging his headphones in his Comanche 250. He replaced the inboard pivot screws on his sunshields with longer ones, creating a post extension. He then installed a tie-wrap loop on the top of each headset to hang them when not in use. No more greasy headbands from hanging them on the controls, or scratches on the inside of the windshield from headsets on top of the glareshield. Sweet!

