

# The Nor'Easter

Quarterly Newsletter of the Northeast Comanche Tribe, Inc

Spring 2020 #2



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## Message from the Tribe Chief

Greetings and Welcome to the Spring 2020 Nor'Easter, the COVID edition. While we will miss seeing each other and trading stories in person for a while, there are still great things happening in the Northeast Comanche Tribe, many of which are described below:

First, our events, with AMEs, A&Ps, CFIs, Insurance, Autopilot, and Roundtable topics, are becoming tele-workshops. The first, with an AME (Aviation Medical Examiner) and former F-16 flight surgeon, will run **on Sunday (4/12) at 7-8 PM**, and again at **a time you will select**. Please watch for a survey and help select the best times that work for as many of us as possible.

Second, we are reconfirming five new group buys. All improve safety (*both shoulder harness providers, Comanche flight sim, LEDs, panel-mount O2 & CO2 detector*), fuel efficiency / engine performance (*both ElectroAir and SureFly electronic ignition*), airplane efficiency, smoothness, longevity (*prop balancing!*). All were negotiated and ready to go, but when Pete shared the 2019 Fall Nor'easter with the ICS Board and other Comanche groups, the Board threatened to sue us all individually. Progress was delayed because we needed to check with an attorney.

*Having to go to an attorney to see if we can share information with our fellow colleagues seems totally unnecessary. Why is ICS objecting to work that is beneficial and that people clearly appreciate? Is the ICS Board really saying we should not pass this information on to people? We wonder if these actions are condoned by the full Board membership, as these actions reflect on them personally?*

Third, we introduce the Northeast GAP initiative (Get Acquainted Program), an update to the planned Fly-in schedule, and a report from the Election Chair.

**NewsFlash** courtesy our AME presenter: The FAA has announced that if you currently have a medical good through 31 March 2020, whether 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> class, there is a moratorium on enforcement actions through June 30, 2020. (This is via an email from the Regional Flight Surgeon at JFK).

Our profound thanks to members who investigated technologies to allow us stay together and stay in touch as a group. A Northeast member set up a ZOOM account to provide us all group conferencing capability. This venue will be used extensively for the planned tele-workshops, MiniClinics, and social get togethers ala Comanche GAP. More details to come.

Despite the COVID-19 epidemic, plans we had for developing various projects remain in the works. More to come on those too.

In the meantime, stay healthy, and go practice social distancing at 5000' and above ☺.

**CJ Stumpf, Tribe Chief**

Warning: many of you have received a series of emails from Kate Burrows and Av Shiloh that are remarkably full of untruths, some of which we can document as being knowingly false. Please look for a

detailed response shortly, elaborating on the details of the situation. Shiloh and Burrows have developed a substantial history of doing this, to the detriment of Northeast Tribe activities. Combating this has been a distraction for your officers when trying to implement the plans developed, and the work we have all been doing together, on behalf of our airplanes and our members.



Basin Harbor, VT



Georgetown, DE

### **- Upcoming Tele-Workshops / MiniClinics -**

There are a series of upcoming sessions, both online via ZOOM and in person, for exchanging knowledge and fostering fellowship and the Comanche Spirit. Although our in-person gatherings are suspended for the moment due to COVID-19 precautions, the Tribe keeps moving forward. The officers and volunteers continue to develop initiatives that you have suggested and that benefit Comanche pilots and their aircraft. Initiatives such as:

- MiniClinics, in person or online (with Sim - NEW!): 5
- Weekend educational seminars: 3
- Prop balancing clinics: 2
- Gear rigging inspection clinics (NEW!): 2
- Part 43 maintenance clinics (NEW!): 2
- Transition training by experts: (as many as it takes)
- Expert walkaround clinic with key A&Ps (NEW!): 4 - all on same weekend!
- **4/12 Sunday 7-8pm Medical** with AME Dr. Wasser, former F-16 flight surgeon, [click to register](#)



AOPA Frederick, MD



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## - Group-Buys -

The following negotiated group buys are being re-confirmed following delays caused by the Shiloh/Burrows threat to sue.

1. **Training:**

- a. A2A - realistic Comanche sim
  - Comanche Instructors: free
  - Students of Comanche Instructors: \$20
  - Northeast Members: \$40
- b. JetLine systems - high end sim platform group-buy
- c. Mini-Clinic tele-workshops using A2A Sim with Comanche-experienced CFIs!
- d. In-person weekend costs reduced by 20% for over 6 students)

2. **Efficiency and Cost Savings:**

- a. SureFly - electronic mag replacement - discounted group buy
- b. ElectroAir - electronic ignitions - discounted group buy

3. **Safety:**

- a. Alpha Aviation - shoulder harness - group buy discount
- b. PhillAir - shoulder harness - group buy discount
- c. Guardian Avionics - panel mount CO2 detector – discounted group buy

4. **Comanche Tools:**

- a. Alpha Aviation – Comanche-height wing jacks and portable tail weight - group discount



Gettysburg, VA



Katama, MA

## - On-Line Survey Coming -

Pete Morse is working on a Survey form for the website that will be aimed at increasing member involvement and activity. Some of the survey questions are from the past, and a few new ones. Survey questions suggested so far include.... Please suggest YOUR topics to [piper32p@gmail.com](mailto:piper32p@gmail.com)

- 1. What are your top priorities and needs? (*examples: finding a safety pilot familiar with Comanches and that operates in your neighborhood, finding a knowledgeable Comanche mechanic, sourcing a part, finding Comanche-knowledgeable CFIs, transition training, help with buying or selling an aircraft*)
- 2. Are there any personal skills or capabilities you could offer?
- 3. What are your top 3 most convenient times for tele-workshops?





Lock Haven, PA



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### **- Northeast GAP Initiative -**

We are instituting the Northeast GAP initiative (Get Acquainted Program), emphasizing local member clusters to foster communication within the Tribe using a ZOOM account sponsored by a Northeast Tribe member. All this to bring back and reinforce the Comanche Spirit. We initially envisioned pickup Comanche cookouts and movie nights, but this is the new COVID world so you may be sending your burgers over on frisbees. Meanwhile, several plans are in the works to further involve you in the direct operation of the tribe. Look for more on this program....



Nantucket, MA



Westerly, RI

### **- Election Committee Report -**

The following was sent by Northeast Election Committee Chair William Cuniff to ICS Board Pres. Burrows. Bill's long involvement with Comanches (1975), ICS (1975), and Southeast Tribe gives him remarkable perspective. His email received no response, as did a similar request by the North Central Tribe, the first of the independent companies to have its voting conducted without its permission on the ICS website. This is not just happening to us! The Election Committee remains proud of the outstanding response of the Northeast Tribe. In the next election we look for an even higher response. reflecting your support of the efforts to support our Comanches. Job well done!

## Notes from the Northeast Comanche Tribe Election Committee

As early as 2015 statements were made regarding the sanctioning and processing of Tribe election, and more made several times since then. These statements have been made by A Shiloh and Kate Burrows.

The statements clearly confirmed that the Tribes were responsible for sanctioning and processing the Election of Officers by the Tribe Members and that the ICS should not be involved.

Having established the background let's discuss the current situation, especially addressing the unsanctioned voting of A Shiloh earlier this year.

While in the processing for the Election of Tribe Officers for the 2019 Term, Shiloh initiated a counter election, using the ICS website, which the Northeast Comanche Tribe Members had previously voted to not use.

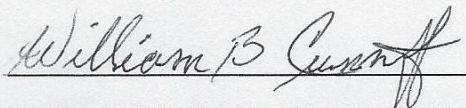
There is some question about the voting procedure that Shiloh used. The question as to whether all the Members who were legal to vote were informed of the election. Another question was a sudden addition of Members. A request for information as to the results was ignored. Therefore, at best his unsanctioned Election has a **CLOUD** over it and a question of **VALIDITY**.

The Northeast Comanche Tribe in response to an objection regarding the 2018 election developed an Election system that has been tested and proven to provide true and accurate results.

Why did Shiloh not use the Northeast Comanche Tribe's proven Election system?

**This raises the question, why is the ICS, based on statements that the ICS should not be involved with Tribe voting, accepting and supporting a very questionable election?**

Further, we understand that in addition to Voting problems outlined above, that two other Tribes have had irregularities which involved manipulating the votes so the Members chosen for office were denied being appointed. The voting process was serviced on the ICS Site.



Chairman of the Northeast Comanche Election Committee

## - Fly-in Schedule Changes -

Due to the threat of COVID-19 infection we, and most other active organizations, are complying with the governmental guidelines of shelter at home, with no group assembly. We will try to continue with our fly-ins as scheduled once the crisis is over, but until then we are suspending them for the near future. Suspended events are indicated by strikethrough text in the listing on the [NE FlyinSchedule](#) page and copied below. At present the Wings and Wheels for Warriors fly-in at Ellenville NY on May 16 is still on. A decision will be made as the date draws near.



*NB: due to the health threat of COVID-19, especially to our older pilot members, the fly-in schedule below has become subject to change. Activities that have been cancelled are indicated by strike-through text. Whenever possible they will be rescheduled at a later date. Check back for updates or contact your [Tribe officers](#).*

<b>2020 NE Tribe Fly-in Schedule</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Apt Id</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Restaurant</b>	<b>Program</b>
Jan	- -	- no fly-ins planned -	- -	- -	- -
Mar 21 (22)	<a href="#">JGG</a>	Williamsburg/Jamestown	Williamsburg VA	Charlie's Bakery	luncheon with SE tribe
Mar 12		Tele Workshop	Online 7-8 PM	(NA)	Medical with AME Dr. Wasser
*April 26 (25)	<a href="#">GED</a>	<del>Delaware Coastal</del>	<del>Georgetown, DE</del>	<del>Arena's at the Airport</del>	<del>luncheon/ Tribe Voting</del>
May 16 (17)	<a href="#">N89</a>	Resnick Airport	Ellenville, NY	at event	Wings and Wheels for Warriors
June 20 (21)	<a href="#">POU</a>	Dutchess Co.	Poughkeepsie NY	Paula's Runway Café	luncheon/Mini Clinic
July 18 (19)	<a href="#">1B2</a>	Katama Airpark	Edgartown MA	Right Fork Diner	luncheon/beach party
July 20-26	<a href="#">OSH</a>	<i>Oshkosh AirVenture</i>	<i>Oshkosh, WI</i>		<i>Comanche Town</i>
Aug 3-8	<a href="#">RKD</a>	<i>Rockland Airport</i>	<i>Rockland, ME</i>	<a href="#">American Eagle</a>	<i>6-day Windjammer Cruise</i>
Aug 22 (23)	<a href="#">N40</a>	Sky Manor	Pittstown, NJ	Sky Manor Café	luncheon/annual meeting
Sept 11-12	<a href="#">ROC</a>	<i>Rochester Airport</i>	<i>Rochester, NY</i>	<i>various</i>	<i>AOPA Regional Fly-In</i>
Sept 19 (20)	<a href="#">LNS</a>	Lancaster Airport	Lancaster PA	Florintino's	luncheon with NC tribe
Sept 29-Oct 4	<a href="#">tba</a>	- tba -	<i>Nashville TN</i>	<i>hosted by SE Tribe</i>	<i>2020 ICS Convention</i>
*Oct 17 (16)	<a href="#">LBE</a>	Arnold Palmer Reg.	Latrobe PA	DeNunzio's Italian	luncheon with NC tribe
Nov 14 (15)	<a href="#">MTV</a>	Blue Ridge	Martinsville, VA	Simply Suzzane's Café	luncheon with SE tribe
Dec	- -	- no fly-in planned -	- -	( * Sunday fly-in )	( special events )

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The Northeast Comanche tribe website links for your convenience:

- Tribe main page: [NortheastComanche.org](http://NortheastComanche.org)
- Documents page: [http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/NE\\_DocLinks.htm](http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/NE_DocLinks.htm)
- Fly-in sign-up form: [/NE\\_FlyIn\\_RegForm.htm](http://NE_FlyIn_RegForm.htm)

If you have any Comanche related technical questions contact the ICS Maintenance Resource Advisors

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Want to see more fly-in photos? Go to [/BF\\_Photos.htm](http://BF_Photos.htm)