

Newsletter of the North East Tribe of the International Comanche Society

Summer 2016

June-July-August



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ICS-NE 2016 Remaining Fly-Ins

| Date | Apt Id | Name | Location | Restaurant | Program |
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| Aug 20 (21) | 2B3 | Parlin Field | Newport, NH | Airport Day BBQ | luncheon/EAA |
| Sept 10 (11) | 1B2 | <u>Katama</u> | Martha's Vineyard | Right Fork Diner | beach/luncheon |
| Oct 15 (16) | LBE | Arnold Palmer Regional | Latrobe, PA | DeNunzio's Italian | luncheon |
| Nov 12 (13) | GED | Coastal Delaware | Georgetown DE | Lighthouse Landing | luncheon |
| Dec | | - no fly-in planned - | | | |

The full list of fly-ins scheduled for 2016 appears on our <u>ICS-NE web page</u>. As always, fly-ins are held on Saturdays, with Sunday as a rain date. Notices will be sent two weeks in advance with an included sign-up link. Please watch your emails for any changes in scheduled dates or locations.

The final 2016 fly-in locations are described below, along with some of the attractions nearby. Click on the airport identifier for a link to the AOPA Airports page for specific destination information. Each destination provides many excuses to make an extended stay of the trip.

- ** August 20, Newport NH. Parlin Field (2B3) is an airport gem located in the Lakes region of New Hampshire, and has been a popular ICS-NE fly-in site for years. This is Airport Day at Parlin, with a BBQd Pork lunch available, and possible opportunities for EAA Young Eagle flights. The airport has on-field camping and "loaner" bicycles to explore nearby hiking trails, the covered bridge, and a swimming hole in the Sugar River.
- <u>September 10, Edgartown MA</u>. Katama Airpark (<u>1B2</u>) is a grass strip airfield on the eastern edge of Martha's Vineyard. Bring your beach toys and taxi south to park just yards from one of the best beaches on the Vineyard. Or taxi to the north by the Right Fork Diner, within walking distance of Edgartown's many shops.
- October 15, Latrobe PA. Arnold Palmer Regional (LBE) is a towered field in western Pennsylvania, with DeNunzios's excellent restaurant overlooking the ramp.

We owe a big thank you to Ron and Lynn Ward, our fly-in coordinators, for making the 2016 fly-ins so successful. If you have fly-in ideas for next year, please send your suggestions to them.

Pete Morse, ICS #16012 Nor'Easter editor//website host

New Ride Share registration option

Staring with the July fly-in we have added a Ride Share option to the usual fly-in registration form. Comanche pilots, willing to meet up with other Comanche owners and ride together, can check off the

appropriate boxes and we will try to you up. More importantly, if your bird is down for some reason – repair, annual, upgrade – and you are grounded, you can request a ride with a fellow pilot. We're not talking Uber Comanche, but we are trying to make attending our fly-ins more easy, economical, and fun! Check out the new form on our ICS-NE website at /Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm.

April fly-in at Easton MD

On April 16 a fine group of Comanches flew in to Easton, Maryland. As can be seen in the photos below, all in attendance enjoyed good food and fellowship.









May fly-in at Ellenville NY

The fly-in at Resnick Airport proved to be a challenge, even after moving to Sunday because of the poor weather on the scheduled Saturday. Some pilots still chose to stay on the ground rather than face the 5000 ft overcast and winds at 20 to 25 knots from the west! Add to the day a Presidential TFR in New York City. Still 3 Comanches made the trip, along with 3 additional cars, for a total of 8 souls. Lunch at the nearby Italian restaurant was excellent, as usual, and talk covered the upcoming September CPPP seminar at Orange County Airport in Montgomery NY.

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One a personal note, in my flights from eastern Connecticut to and from Ellenville showed 96 kts GPS for an 140 kt indicated (whatever that means) westbound and 167 kts GPS eastbound. I even saw some virga and light snow showers. What a day!

Pete Morse, ICS #16012



June fly-in at Pittstown NJ

This year we moved the Sky Manor fly-in to June to make way for our participation in Airport Day at Newport NH in August, but that didn't keep us from an excellent day of fun and fellowship. The highlight of the day was an in-depth Comanche maintenance seminar presented by Glenn Sinibaldi of Sky Manor Air Repair. Glenn covered everything from landing gearboxes and wiring harnesses to fuel caps and engine break in. You can read CJ's extensive notes in a PDF file stored on our website at /Flight/ICSNE/SkyManor_Maintenance-seminar. Sky Manor Air Repair is open 5 days a week for maintenance, with a 6th day for their new avionics shop. Check them out at SkyManorAirRepair.com.









July fly-in at Rockland ME

What a beautiful day to fly Down East! Rockland's Knox County Airport is home to the Owls Head Transportation Museum, with its extensive collection of vintage cars, trucks and operational aircraft. A dozen planes flew in with over 20 people for a record fly-in turn out. After touring the parked Comanches and the museum exhibits we sat down to a lunch of pizza and deli sandwiches. Bob Bailey, Museum Aviation Curator and a former Comanche assembly line worker, acted as our host and gladly answered any questions about flying their demonstration aircraft. This fly-in was also the first time we had the option of including the new Ride Sharing option in our usual registration form. This seemed to be a real hit.













On a sad note, Henry Mansour and Lee Hutchens were involved in a loss-of-power accident as they were returning from the Rockland fly-in. The airplane went into a wooded buffer zone near a residential neighborhood about a mile from the Norwood airport (KOWD). Because of the location no one else was injured, however the location also likely contributed to the severity of their injures. Both ended up at Boston Medical Center, the largest Level 1 Trauma center in the area. Lee passed away a few days later. No further news was available on Henry Mansour. The Comanche did not survive.

CJ Stumpf – "I listened to the tower audio. Someone, I think Henry, called 'Pan Pan' on base, said he was losing power, and nothing further."

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- ICS-NE main page: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_page.htm
- Documents page: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Flight/ICS-NE/ICS-NE_DocLinks.htm
- Fly-in sign-up form: http://www.quietcornerbands.org/Forms/ICS-NE_FlyIn_RegForm.htm