

# ICS eNewsletter

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## From the President

It's now mid-August and I need to be thinking about our next ICS Board Meeting. I know that most of you probably won't care as you prefer to be flying (confidentially so do I). But someone has to steer the boat, drive the truck, give ICS direction...you get the idea. One of my bosses a long time ago said "It's a lot easier to get to the destination if you know where you are going." The unspoken corollary is 'you may not agree with the destination, but at least everyone is rowing in the same direction.'

So, if you would like to join your ICS Board of Directors, we hold internet accessible meetings and discussions generally on the third Tuesday of each month and in-person meetings whenever possible. Internet meetings typically start at 2000 CDT and last 90 minutes or less. The internet session software is available from this link. <https://www.teamspeak.com/en/teamspeak3> From a pilot's perspective the software is pretty cool as it uses a push-to-talk key in order to speak. Listening just requires logging in at the correct IP address and entering the password. The second time you connect, everything is automatic, no need to re-enter any info. So please go to the link and download the software. The IP address and password are available by email from V-P Bob Williams ([gus\\_wms@yahoo.com](mailto:gus_wms@yahoo.com)). Meeting dates and agendas will be available on both the ICS website chat forum and on the ICS electronic newsletter. Meeting dates will be published in the "Comanche Flyer;" but unfortunately, the publishing lead time will not allow agendas to also be published there. As always, all ICS members are welcome at any ICS Board meeting.

I urge Tribe officers to also use TeamSpeak software whenever a face-to-face meeting is not possible. I think you will find it to be very user friendly and the voice quality is excellent. There is also a 'chat' window where text messages can be sent without interrupting the voice conversation.

ICS will hold its Fall Board Meeting (FBM) in Traverse City, Michigan, USA on 29-30 September. The location will be at Village Press Demand Creation (VPDC) who publishes the "Comanche Flyer" and handles most of our office work. As stated before, everyone is welcome to attend; however, an RSVP to ICS Secretary LaVerne Shirley would be greatly appreciated so that we can ensure there are enough chairs (and snacks). If you live within 100 miles, this would make a great opportunity to exercise your aircraft! [KTVC](#) would be your airport of choice.

That's all for now. GO FLY!

Pat

### ICS Fall Board Meeting Announcement

Place: VP Demand Creation, Traverse City, Michigan

Date: September 29-30, 2017

Agenda and more information to be published on the ICS Website and in the eNewsletter. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### 2017 EAA Awards to Comanche Owners

At Oshkosh this year, Comanches won more awards in the Vintage Aircraft Association contemporary category 'any airplane' could win than any other type.

- **Outstanding Piper PA-24 Comanche - Outstanding in Type**  
Hunter Neucere {grandson of Hugh Hunton (ICS# 17199)}  
Grapevine, Texas - 1959 Piper PA-24-250, N5778P
- **Outstanding Piper PA-30 Twin Comanche - Outstanding in Type**  
Kyle & Shevon Gee (ICS # 18913)  
New Waverly, Texas - 1967 Piper PA-30, N8368Y
- **Best Continuously Maintained - Outstanding in Type**  
Chris Cencula  
Roseville, California - 1959 Piper PA-24, N5800P
- **Reserve Grand Champion Customized - Silver Lindy**  
Lee Hussey (ICS # 7834)  
Martinsville, Virginia - 1960 Piper PA-24-250, N6455P

Hugh Hunton's grandson, Hunter Neucere, and Kyle & Shevon Gee meticulously cleaned up and prepared their airplanes to win the best possible "Outstanding in Type" awards that could only be won by PA24/30/39 aircraft.

Chris Cencula, who is unfortunately not an ICS member, won the "Best Continuously Maintained" award; if anyone knows him, please track him down and convince him to join as we want the best of the best to be ICS.

Finally, Lee Hussey won the Reserve Grand Champion (Silver Lindy named after Charles Lindberg) for his amazing work. You may recall he won the Grand Champion (Gold Lindy) top prize a couple years ago with his PA24-400.

CONGRATULATIONS to them all. Be sure to admire their amazing efforts if you see those planes; it isn't always money, but the effort put into it.

GO FLY (and polish while you are at it)!

Pat Donovan



## **From EAA: Continuing the Fight Against ATC Privatization (And for the US Tribes)**

**August 10, 2017** - Although the 21st Century Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization Act (H.R. 2997), which includes provisions for privatization, was not passed before the House adjourned for August recess, the fight is not yet won. Even while on summer recess proponents of privatization are hard at work gaining support for the bill, and it could come up for a vote at any time after lawmakers return to work in September. EAA urges you to continue contacting your representatives via [www.ATCnotforsale.com](http://www.ATCnotforsale.com) and EAA's [Rally Congress](#) tool throughout the month of August and make your voice heard.

### **Take Action Now**

In addition, many lawmakers are in their home districts during the August recess, meeting constituents at civic events and town hall meetings. It's a great opportunity to stop by and directly express your opposition to ATC privatization.

EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board Jack J. Pelton outlined a number of concerns regarding ATC privatization in a [recent op-ed](#) published in *The Hill*, a leading political publication in Washington. As proposed in H.R. 2997, the privatized ATC system would be governed by a board dominated by commercial and financial interests. With no congressional oversight, the board would be accountable to no one, devastating general aviation, your freedom of flight, rural and GA airports, and the fly-ins and aviation activities you enjoy.

In addition, Rep. Todd Rokita (R-Indiana), an avid pilot and longtime EAA member, has compiled an excellent list of "[Myths vs. Facts](#)" on the 21st Century AIRR Act. It eloquently states the case against ATC privatization.

(posted per Pat Donovan)

## ***ICS Training Opportunities***

- **CPPP at Capital City Airport, Harrisburg, PA (KCFY), August 19-20, 2017**  
Saturday, Aug 19, 8am - 5pm. Ground course  
Sunday, Aug 20, Flight day 7:30am to 5:00 pm.  
To Register for the course, go to [cftpilot.com/cPPP\\_regis2](http://cftpilot.com/cPPP_regis2)  
(Classroom and Hotel space is limited, so register both early.)  
**QUESTIONS:**  
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Local contact: **Carl Adkins** [info@skyportaviation.com](mailto:info@skyportaviation.com) 717-421-1903 (Mobile)
- **CPTP at Nashua, New Hampshire (KASH) - September 15-17, 2017**  
Biore Field ([KASH](#)), Nashua, NH  
Registration: call Dennis Carew (below), or on line at [comanchetraining.com](http://comanchetraining.com)  
For details contact:
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  - George Richmond at [cftp-george@cox.net](mailto:cftp-george@cox.net) or 402-319-2813.
- **CPTP at Lancaster, Texas (KLNC) - October 20-22, 2017**  
Bob Cretney's annual Comanche Training Event  
Cold War Museum, Lancaster Airport ([KLNC](#)), Lancaster, Texas

Registration: call Dennis Carew (below), or on line at [comanchetraining.com](http://comanchetraining.com)

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## ICS Tribe Notices

### US Tribes

From **CJ Stumpf, NE Tribe Chief** Email: [cjstumpf@gmail.com](mailto:cjstumpf@gmail.com)

- **Fly-ins for 2017**

The Northeast Tribe has posted our fly-in schedule for 2017 on line, with some favorite locations being revisited and some new ones added. See it from our home page (below).

- **August 19, Groton CT** Join in the celebration of National Airport Day at KGON. Join fellow Comanche flyers in a NE Tribe display area, meet vendors, and take an opportunity to provide EAA Young Eagles Flights.
- **September 16, Lock Haven PA**. William Piper Memorial field ([LHV](#)) is the home of the Comanche. Come and visit the Museum with us to tour where our aircraft were built and to enjoy a fine luncheon. Please use our [/ICS-NE FlyIn RegForm](#) to let us know of your interest.
- **Sep 30 – Oct 1, Canadian weekend**. Rescheduled weekend fly-in to Quebec City and Ottawa Canada. Details to be worked out. Please use our [/ICS-NE FlyIn RegForm](#) to let us know of your interest.
- **Tribe information**  
For information about the NE Tribe go to our website at [ICS-NE home page](#). You will find officer contact info, our fly-in schedule, and many document links including past Nor'Easter newsletters. You may particularly enjoy our [/ICS-NE/BF Photos](#) collection of "best fly-in photos".

From **Phil Hobbs, SE Tribe** Email: [phobbs1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:phobbs1@carolina.rr.com)

- **Saturday Lunch Fly-ins**

We will be scheduling lunch fly-ins throughout the year. These will be scheduled by email. Let me know if there are good destinations in your area and we will get the word out!

From **Doug Linville, MS Tribe Chief** Email: [61comanche@earthlink.net](mailto:61comanche@earthlink.net)

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- August 19, 2017, Saturday. **NOTE CHANGED FLYIN TIME/DATE**  
St. Joseph, Mo. Rosecrans Airport (KSTJ)  
9:30 AM, BREAKFAST. We will meet in the conference room at the restaurant.  
RSVP to: [flyingmacs@aol.com](mailto:flyingmacs@aol.com) for restaurant count, Thank you.
- September 16, 2017, Saturday. 11:30, Landing Restaurant, Keeter Center at College of the Ozarks, M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport, Branson, MO (KPLK). RSVP to [61comanche@earthlink.net](mailto:61comanche@earthlink.net).
- **Saturday Lunch Fly-Ins**  
Saturday Lunch Fly-Ins will be posted in the "From the Tribe Chiefs" section in the *Flyer* magazine. We will also send out email notices a month before and the week of the fly-in. The fly-ins will focus on having fun, kicking tires, telling stories and promoting more new and old friendships among our tribe members.

- If you would like to host a lunch fly-in, please contact Doug Linville (email above) or Sarah McKinley at [flyingmacs@aol.com](mailto:flyingmacs@aol.com).

From **Ron Franks, SC Tribe Chief** Email: [rffranks@aol.com](mailto:rffranks@aol.com)

- **Saturday Lunch Fly-Ins**  
If it is difficult for you to make a full weekend Fly-In, you may find a Saturday lunch gathering with Comanche camaraderie, sharing of flying stories, maintenance talk, and lunch, more to your liking. If you wish to organize a lunch fly-in, please contact Bruce Thumann by email at [bruce@contractbuilderssupply.com](mailto:bruce@contractbuilderssupply.com) or at 713-875-3056.
- **Tribe email Updates**  
Member of the SC (South Central) Tribe, your ICS e-mail address is also listed in the SC Tribe's "tribe specific" e-mail address list. This e-mail contact is designed to give you Fly-In updates and other last minute and SC Tribe specific news. If you are not receiving occasional South Central Tribe specific news from our Keeper of "The List", Bruce Thumann, and would like to do so, please e-mail him at [bruce@contractbuilderssupply.com](mailto:bruce@contractbuilderssupply.com), and he will amend the list to include you.

### **International Tribes**

From **Kate Burrows, EU Tribe** [Kateburrows340@gmail.com](mailto:Kateburrows340@gmail.com)

- Bled, Slovenia **\*\*Updated dates\*\* Sept 21-25 October 5-9, 2017**  
Host: Jeff Hutchinson contact [hutchinson48@gmail.com](mailto:hutchinson48@gmail.com)

These all look to be great, fun fly-ins. Thanks to all our fly-in hosts for putting the hard work in to get them done.

From **William Hughes, WC Tribe Chief** Email: [william.richard.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:william.richard.hughes@gmail.com)

- **Tribe email Updates**  
If you are not receiving the West Canada Tribe's emails and would like to, please email Bill. We will make sure to amend the list to include you.

If anyone has a plan for a Comanche activity, send the information to Pete Morse at [piper32p@gmail.com](mailto:piper32p@gmail.com). Comanches were not built to wear out, not rust out.

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### ***For what it's worth...***

You never know when or where you may run into a Comanche. This Twin is shown hanging in the lobby of the FAA's Hughes Technical Center in Atlantic City, NJ. Thanks CJ Stumpf for sending it in.



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### ***ENews request from the Editor***

The purpose of this newsletter is to share Comanche happenings with the full ICS membership. This can only happen with your input. The plan is to send the eNewsletter out monthly around the 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Tribe Chiefs, please send information about activities that you would like to publicize, or reviews of completed activities. Pictures can be worth a thousand words.
- Mechanics, send in your tricks to accomplish those little, or not so little tasks required to keep our Comanches flying.
- Members, send in your favorite Comanche activities, places you would like to fly to again, or other stories of general interest. Again, pictures are most welcome.

Send communications to me at [piper32p@gmail.com](mailto:piper32p@gmail.com). If there are questions, call me at 401-636-1046. With all of your help we can breathe new life into the ICS organization.

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