

COMANCHE FLYER FOUNDATION

Hello Comanche pilots/owners!

by Mike Foster

This is my first article written as president of the Comanche Flyer Foundation.

First, an introduction is in order. For those who do not know me, I have been a member of ICS since 2000, and own a well-equipped Comanche 260B. My wife, Paula, and I have flown it all over the country and into Canada on personal vacations and for ICS events such as fly-ins and conventions. We even won the "Best Single Engine" award at the Dayton, Ohio convention in 2009. I have about 1600 hours in the Comanche now, and still enjoy every moment in the air with her.

We relocated from California to Texas in 2011, and built a home on a great airpark just north of San Antonio. Having just completed our hangar and offices on the taxiway, I am hoping to have a little more time to spend keeping all of you updated on what's happening with CFF.

As some of you may know CFF has been in the process of rebuilding the CPPP (Comanche Pilot Proficiency Program). We just started it again with what we feel is a better, more complete program than before. Our first clinic occurred this past February in Laughlin, Nevada, and was attended by twelve Comanche pilots from the southwest US area. It was a diverse group, and from all reports everyone was thoroughly satisfied with the inaugural event. By the time you read this, there will have been two more

programs, one in Calgary hosted by the WC tribe in May; and one in the Portland, Oregon area hosted by the NW tribe in June. I am confident that we will have quite a few more satisfied, and more importantly, proficient Comanche pilots after these events.

A little about the program—we have eight (and growing) highly skilled and qualified instructors covering most of the geographical area of the lower 48 states, whose combined flight experience exceeds 93000 hours, total instructing time over 20000 hours, and combined Comanche Flight instruction time is over 4200 hours. They have already shown the ability and willingness to put on a quality program that is entertaining, informative, relevant, and user friendly. I am proud to be associated with this group of professionals, and know we will all continue to provide an excellent training program for the future.

CFF has made the commitment to continue providing this training program for all Comanche owners/pilots, as well as all the other support we as an entity have traditionally and historically provided for the Comanche community and the private aviation community in general. CFF has expended a tremendous amount of time and money developing this new program, and is working on getting an online ground course up and running to make it more convenient

and affordable for Comanche pilots to obtain the up-to-date information and training that keeps us all safer in the sky (and on the ground).

Lastly, with all this being said, I would like to take a moment to ask for your consideration when it comes time to budget whatever charitable giving you may do during the year. Since we have no steady stream of income aside from donations, we are reliant upon the generosity of the people we try to serve. You can donate via the website by PayPal or by including a donation in your ICS membership renewal, as well as sending donations directly to our treasurer, Shirley Nelson.

I hope we will see you at the Convention in Fond du Lac, or at the Big Show at OSH. We plan to be at the ICS tent, so stop by and say "hi."

Best regards and safe flying,

Mike Foster

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