

SC Tribe Fly-In & Maintenance Seminar

April 23-25, 2010 (*Seminar Only Date* - Saturday the 24th 9-5 at the airport)

Clifton, TX

Clifton Muni / Isenhower Field (7F7) “SAT ARRIVALS BRING TIE DOWNS”

Hosted by Bruce & Tina Thumann

Co Hosted by Tim & Jeanni Talley of Clifton Aero and in conjunction with the Comanche Flyer Foundation (CFF)

NOTE: Arrivals from the South be aware of the P-49 Prohibited Area over the Bush Ranch @ Crawford Texas (F16 Escorts are only cool if you are the F16 Pilot)

As many of you already know, last years South Central maintenance seminar at Clifton, Texas, was a huge success. So successful in fact, that we have once again contacted Flyer advertiser and Comanche specialist Tim Talley of Clifton Aero, to schedule another one for Spring of 2010. Tim and his wife Jeanni have indeed graciously offered up their facility for another full day of seminars, speakers, and entertainment on Saturday to help satisfy your thirst for Comanche knowledge.

For those just wanting to get away to the hill country for the weekend, we will also have planned activities for the non pilots and or those who do not wish to attend the seminars. Jeanni is planning site seeing tours in the area, as well as a trip to the Red Caboose Winery for a little wine tasting in the Texas hill country wineries. Also, Tim and Jeanni have just completed the renovation of their 1904 historic downtown Clifton building and have converted it into a pocket theatre/dance studio. Jeanni has a special dinner and entertainment arranged for us there on Friday night. In any case, plan to bring your family, your mechanic, or your special friend, and we'll keep them all entertained throughout the weekend.

Just to whet your appetite, Clifton and the surrounding area was settled by Norwegian and German immigrants and founded in the winter of 1852-53. It is known as the Norwegian Capital of Texas. Over the years, Clifton has become home for several of the nation's great western artists because of its rugged beauty and the lure of Bosque County. In fact, the city has been chosen as one of the top 100 small art cities in the nation. Along with the numerous small town shops, Clifton also hosts the Bosque Memorial Museum, and nearby Norse, Texas is the final resting place of Cleng Peerson, internationally recognized as the “Father of Norwegian Immigration to America”.

Again, this will be a fun packed weekend of Comanche knowledge and camaraderie. I can confirm now that our featured speaker will be Southwest member Hans Neubert. I have personally seen Hans in action in a few live seminars over the last few years and can attest to his knowledge of the Comanche aircraft and all else aviation for that matter. For those who do not know Hans, his credentials will speak for themselves:

Hans Neubert

BSME, MSAE

FAA Structures DER Part 23/25 including Repairs and Alterations

ICS Representative to the FAA Aging Aircraft Conference

But even more important, Hans flies and is instrumental in maintaining his own beautiful and fast twinco. You may also associate his name with being the ICS representative to the FAA and the Aging Aircraft Conference regarding the Comanche aircraft in general and in particular the stab horn issue.

Hans' presentation will be an expanded version of what has already been successful in the Southwest Tribe, teaching the Comanche owner about the whys, the hows, and the proper measurement and documentation for future reference and or diagnosis of Comanche inspection points. His condition/inspection checklist will enable you as the owner to monitor the overall health and airworthiness of your aircraft. For an advance peek at an outline of what Hans' presentation will cover, send me an e-mail at bruce@contractbuilderssupply.com, and I will forward the PDF file to you.

For those who do not already own a copy, Hans has an excellent DVD on the Comanche landing gear, much of which will be covered in his presentation. I'm sure he will have some available at the seminar, but it would be beneficial for anyone who plans to attend the seminar to purchase the DVD in advance and watch it just prior to the seminar so that questions are fresh in your mind when you are at the seminar. The DVD is priced at \$25.00 including shipping or \$20.00 at the seminar, and is available only through Hans at hdneubert@sbcglobal.net.

In addition to Hans' featured presentation, he will touch briefly on the FAA rules regarding DERs and VDERs. The VDER designation is a new designation developed by the FAA and was established to deal with aging/vintage aircraft issues which affect all of us as Comanche owners. Hans will explain how this will help to lessen the impact of the problems we face as owners of vintage aircraft.

As a bonus, our own long time expert, friend, and supporter of ICS and the Comanche Aircraft, Larry Larkin, has once again graciously agreed to join us for this event. Larry will again conduct a question and answer session on the Comanche aircraft, a highlight for all at last year's event. Those who know Larry already know of his years of involvement with the Comanche aircraft from instructing to conducting the original ICS pilot proficiency courses. He has long ago forgotten more information about the Comanche than most of us will ever learn about the systems and flight characteristics of our birds, but he can still answer any related question you can think of to throw at him. If you have never met Larry before, this is your chance to meet a Comanche legend.

And to top the day off, Alfred J. (Lucky) Louque III of Air Salvage of Dallas will join us with presentations on "Hot Spots for Pre-flight and Pre-buy Inspections", as well as "Owner Produced Parts Regulations" and how they affect you as the owner of a vintage general aviation aircraft. Lucky is part owner of Air Salvage which is a regional staging

point used by the NTSB for accident investigations. With decades of service in the general aviation field and an FAA DAR certification, Lucky is one of the top experts in his field. In addition, Lucky is a recent recipient of the prestigious 2009 National Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year Award, received during Oshkosh from the head of the FAA, Mr. J. Randolph Babbitt.

In addition to the afore mentioned expert knowledge available over this fun packed weekend, we have one more special treat. Many have asked about our Comanche's younger brother, the Ravin. Well, we have been in contact with Parker Woodward of Ravin Aircraft. Parker assures us that the Ravin is now "more" than just a younger brother. In fact, he plans to bring the twin version of the Ravin, keeping his fingers crossed that it will be ready by our seminar date. In any case, a Ravin will be on display. Whether it be the latest arrival twin version, the IO-540 Ravin 500, or the Corvette powered Ravin, this will be an excellent opportunity for all those who have been wanting to see and touch the Ravin.

Our good friend and traveling guru, Matt Kurke of Comanche Gear, has also informed me that he will entertain installing wiring systems and or conduits during or en-route to and from the seminar should anyone be interested. Anyone interested in any of Matt's expertise should contact him directly at 877-593-6944 or mkurke@comanchegear.com to make proper arrangements. BE SURE to contact Matt right away if you intend to schedule any of these services, as some parts require long lead times.

And last but certainly not least, we are arranging to have a Pinch Hitter course lined up for the non-pilots on Saturday morning prior to your day excursions. So be sure to make your reservations now. This is one weekend you will want to reserve for the entire family.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided at the airport for all arrivals. In addition, lunch will be provided at the airport or nearby for those attending the maintenance seminars on Saturday.

For lodging, we will be staying at the Best Western Velkommen Hotel in Clifton. We have blocked 25 non-smoking rooms for this event and the price is \$70.00 per night for dbl occupancy 1 king size bed, or \$80.00 per night dbl occupancy 2 queen size beds. A complimentary Continental breakfast is included with your room. Call 254-675-8999 to make your reservation by midnight April 1st, 2010, and be sure to mention the International Comanche Society in order to receive our group discount. Hotel space in Clifton is "EXTREMELY" limited and I expect many guests for this event, so do not take a chance and wait till the last minute to make your reservations.

Van shuttle transportation will be provided for all scheduled seminars, evening dining, and any local attractions/tours for the non pilots. Also, cars may be rented from Gloff Ford Mercury @ 254-675-8369 should you desire to rent your own vehicle.

Mark your calendars and make your reservations now. This is the only maintenance event scheduled for our area at this time, and the presenters are all specialists in their fields.

Registration for this event will be \$30 per person including non pilots the age of 16 and over to help defray transportation expenses along with snacks and lunch at the seminar. Even if you plan to attend the Saturday Seminar portion only, you must register in advance in order that we can make adequate arrangements. Please make your check payable to Bruce Thumann and provide the required information below. (If you prefer, just ask for a copy of this form at my e-mail address below, and I will send a copy for you to print out and mail with your payment.)

Registration Form

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Names of Participants:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

Check One: ___ Seminar (Saturday) only ___ Seminar & Overnight at the Hotel

How many for dinner: ___ Friday Night ___ Saturday Night

Saturday Event Count:

- ___ Persons for Day Tours
- ___ Persons For Maintenance Seminar
- ___ Persons For Pinch Hitter Presentation

Number of Persons 16 or older in your party ___ **x \$30.00 = \$**_____ **(Amount of Check)**

Contact Info: Name _____ Cell Number _____
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