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Multi-Day, Multi Venue Celebration This Summer!

The buzz is loud and clear. Rabun County, already a magical place and home to Heaven's Landing, is about to be transformed during a 10 day long celebration this summer, the [Tallulah Gorge Skywalk Celebration](#). The event will commemorate the 45th anniversary of renowned daredevil, Karl Wallenda's dramatic tightrope walk across Tallulah Gorge in 1970 and of all those who came before and after him that have worked to highlight Rabun County as a premiere vacation destination.

What makes this unprecedented and so exciting is that dozens of area businesses and public venues are joining in this county-wide showcase. The public will have access to the absolute best the area has to offer including high adventure, natural beauty, arts, music, and shopping.

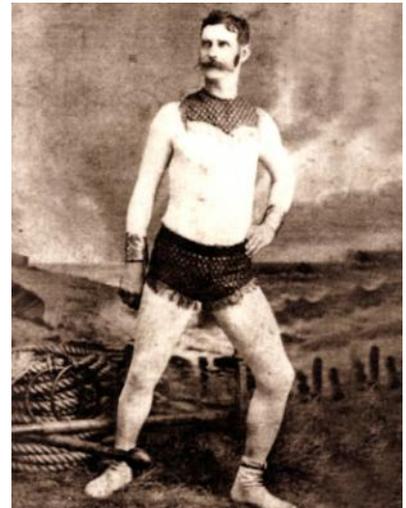
At the heart of this will be the *Grand Finale* on Saturday, June 27 at Heaven's Landing! The airfield will host an air show *and* a spectacular outdoor concert with [The Time Jumpers featuring Vince Gil](#). Never will you experience a more amazing music venue. It all unfolds right on the field adjacent to runway 23. Ticket holders will enjoy an unbelievable performance under the stars. Get your tickets for all the amazing activities planned over the 10 day celebration at the [Skywalk link](#).

Tourism is Golden!

Rabun County is nestled in the absolute perfect geographical location. Bursting with cultural venues, abundant outdoor adventures, and convenient access to all major cities in the southeast, this county offers a plethora of vacation and recreational opportunities. For over a century, tourism has been a vital industry throughout the area. The wide open spaces lend themselves to a steady influx of seasonal visitors. It is an ideal destination free of congestion and complication.

Successful marketing spotlights on Rabun County have occurred over the decades emphasizing this friendly, quaint, and quiet crown jewel of Georgia. In the late 1800's, the area of Tallulah Falls was touted as "North Georgia's First Tourist Attraction". The area saw a boom in popularity that began in the mid-1800's, when wealthy easterners and Europeans spent up to a week or more to travel by carriage, boat, motor, and rail to escape the sweltering heat of the summer season and enjoy the mild temperatures found in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The area's topography creates a lush semi-tropical climate that provides four ideal mild seasons, unlike few other places in the United States.

The first of the promotions occurred in 1886, when the owner of the newly built, Grand View Hotel, hired J.A. St. John, known professionally as "Professor Leon" to tightrope walk across the Tallulah Gorge. The "Professor" drew a crowd of thousands to the Gorge as he walked 500 feet, 100 feet above the water below. It was certainly a dramatic sight as the captivated audience watched the Professor, fall, catch himself, and finish the walk to the roaring accolades of gasping onlookers (Highbrows, Hillbillies, and Hellfire: Public Entertaining in Atlanta, 1880-1930). These heydays were intense, bringing thousands by rail on a single day. But by 1913, the rail line extended further north, dams stemmed the flow of the Tallulah River, and a series of fires in the city of Tallulah Falls led to the end of an era. Just as the dams reduced the surging rock-carving cascades to mere trickles in the deep gorge, the tourists began to choose other destinations and the area's businesses closed their doors.



"Professor Leon" 1886 drew thousands of onlookers for his walk across the gorge.



"Guide the feet of this one who is responding to the spirit of adventure."

—Rev. James Turpen of the Tallulah Falls Methodist Church
prayed before Karl Wallenda's 1970 Sky Walk



Karl Wallenda walks across Tallulah Gorge on July 18, 1970.

To encourage another resurgence, on July 18, 1970, Karl Wallenda of the "[Great Wallendas](#)" was invited to showcase his superhuman talents. Wallenda did not disappoint! The incredible 19 minute walk treated 30,000 onlookers and millions of television viewers to a grand celebration. Wallenda seamlessly performed two headstands while on the wire perched 750 feet above the Tallulah Gorge floor. "Wallenda later told reporters the first one was 'to do better than anyone else has done,' the second was to honor the troops in Vietnam" (healdtribune.com). The day was a huge celebration with music food, circling aircraft, and international news coverage.



Flash forward to 2015

Rabun County is bustling with scores of businesses offering outdoor adventure, hundreds of realtors selling second homes, stunning pristine waterfalls, mountain lakes with both solitude *and* activity, mom and pop businesses with locally hand-crafted items and fine home goods, award-winning gourmet restaurants, stunning country clubs, a surging wine and farm to table industry, and of course, an exquisite airpark like none other in the world.

Taking on a grand celebration of the entire county that offers so much is a tremendous undertaking, but one that promises to be a winning effort for all involved. With years of planning already behind them, the Rabun County Tourism Development Authority is rising to the occasion and raising the bar of excellence in serving the county's residents, the seasoned tourists, and the populations that have yet to discover the abundance of the area.

When you register at the [Tallulah Gorge Skywalk Celebration](#) website, you will enter into a detailed list of all the activities affiliated with the 10 day celebration. The site allows you to pick and choose the vacation plan based on your deeds and the time you have to visit. You can also individually tailor the itineraries of each member of your family based their interests. The Tourism Authority has thought of everything with a system of convenient shuttle transports to all major event locations. The "Hub", which allows for guests to check in, for all transportation, and for the purchase of additional passes, will be at the Rabun County High School Fine Arts Complex.

Spring Break in the Mountains!

It is the time for Spring Break. The area's rafting outfitters are now open, festivals and events are planned for almost every weekend, the lush forest has awakened, and the lakes are nearing full pools ready for all types of water enjoyment. You just can't go wrong in Heaven's Landing's home, Rabun County.

Checkout our Quick Links on page 10 and the Heaven's Landing Website "[What to Do](#)" page.



Where Have You Been Lately?

The lifestyle that many of our pilot owners and their family enjoy is the freedom of travel long distances for both business and pleasure. Your Heaven's Landing Newsletter is always interested in your travels. Please send any of your adventures by simply sharing a few photos with a short caption to janclay@windstream.net.

Living the Life— Spring Break in Hawaii



Oh, Hawaii— a land of lush tropical and volcanic terrain, of snow capped mountains, and beaches with never-ending beauty. Heaven's Landing owners, Tom and Amy Deml, spent a few weeks in this land of paradise in March...in fact, it was their 5th trip over the last 9 years from their home in Minnesota (and with that cold climate, you know why!).

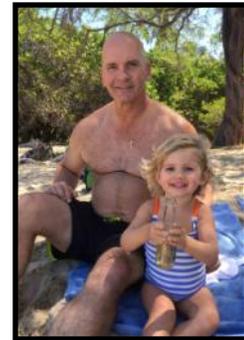
Tom and Amy, as you might recall from the [Heaven's Landing Newsletter, June 2014](#), could definitely be described as a couple full of life and fun. There is no doubt they know how to make the most of a Hawaiian vacation. "We've been so blessed for each of our trips, our two daughters, Molly and Marissa, have been able to join us," notes Tom, "Each year we make the most of our trips knowing the time together as a family is limited as they have college and career obligations." The family reports the greatest part of Hawaii is the endless opportunities for adventure and the diverse climates. "I think there are 13 main types of climates on the planet and 11 of them can be found on the Big Island," Tom reports. "You can be on the beach basking in the sun, snorkeling a reef, watching the humpback whales, or just kicking back with a good book and a cold beer under a palm tree, then you look up and see snow covered mountains with blizzard conditions thousands of feet above you!"



Living the Life— Spring Break in Hawaii

The Demls have learned that the Big Island of Hawaii is the perfect destination offering some of the best weather and activities of any of the other islands. Tom says the family typically stays at the Walkoloa Beach resort area where options for accommodation are varied and plentiful. "We have learned, a trip to Hawaii," Tom adds, "can only be fully enjoyed over two full weeks, 10 days at the minimum. There is so much to do, so much beauty to take in, and so much heavenly relaxation that you'll want to return over and over again." Tom highly recommends, "[Hawaii, the Big Island Revealed](#)," by Andrew Doughty, an AirCam Aircraft owner who visited Heaven's Landing for the AirCam Fly-in last June.

"The best part of traveling to Hawaii again and again," concludes Tom, "is being able to share your experiences with others! We knew that Molly and Marissa could only stay for a week, so we asked the Ciochetti family to join us for the last week. We were delighted that they did. We had a blast showing Mike, Holly, and their daughter, Bella, some of our favorite spots on their first ever trip to Hawaii as a family."



Pilots and Sponsors Needed

It is time to share your love of flying with an angel on earth!

[Challenge Air for Kids & Friends](#) is a non-profit organization that brings the joy of flight to special needs children. It lifts those who don't have mobility, it inspires those who struggle with hope, and it grants an experience of a lifetime that is otherwise out of reach to these kids.



Challenge Air for Kids & Friends is coming to Heaven's Landing **Saturday, April 30, 2016** and we need YOU! **We are looking for up to 10 experienced pilots who will commit to short flights.** Please consider the donation of your time and resources to make dreams come true for these amazing children. If you don't fly, there are many ways you can participate. We invite you to sponsor a child, offer donations from your business or organizational resources, or join us at the event as a volunteer or a spectator. Please contact Holly Ciochetti at holly@heavenslanding.com and let her know you are ready to share your love!

Pilots and their aircraft should be capable of transporting children with various disabilities. You can learn more and [register at Challenge Air for Kids](#). Interested aviators and volunteers should contact Holly at holly@heavenslanding.com or Challenge Air for Kids & Friends Coordinator, April Culver, at aculver@challengeair.com for additional information.

Volunteer for us



Recreational Aviation Foundation Visits

The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) is an international non-profit group that was founded 11 years ago by a number of Montana pilots. RAF's mission is to preserve and protect remote air strips for recreational use. As more and more strips are closed or cut off from use, the chapters across the country work with private owners and agencies to gain or regain access for the enjoyment of recreational pilots—for camping, fishing, hunting and other outdoor sports enjoyment. The RAF successes are plentiful, but they rely on the donations and volunteerism of their membership to not only restore and reopen but to also create airfields.



Heaven's Landing welcomed the RAF pilots and hopes to see them back often!

The Atlanta based chapter held a fly-in/fly-out on March 27-29 at Tusquittee Landing in Hayesville, North Carolina. Eric Davis (Atlanta) is the local organizer for RAF. Their home base for this past weekend's event was at the Tusquittee Landing airfield where they tied off, camped and cooked out together. The fly-out schedule over the weekend included visiting four area landing strips, Heaven's Landing ([GE99](#)), Brasstown (owned by an individual), Big Creek ([GA18](#)), and Williamsport ([SC86](#)). At each location, the visiting pilots were treated to a quick tour of the area, food, and entertainment. Eric reports that an unexpected drop in temperatures with some precipitation reduced the number of attendees, but he was delighted with the turn out.

Eric notes that there are about 15-20 events scheduled across the county each year.

Upcoming April Events:

- [Blackwater Airfield Anniversary Fly-In](#) (Florida, [8FD3](#))
- [Great Minnesota Aviation Gathering](#) (Located at the entrance to Glacier National Park)

For information about joining the RAF, see the website or if you are in the southeast, contact Eric Davis at edavis@theraf.org.





INTERNATIONAL COMANCHE SOCIETY, INC.

From Comanche Southeast Tribe:

Come join the Southeast Tribe for a unique Fly-In experience at one of the world's most unique and beautiful Mountain Estate Airparks, Heaven's Landing (GE99) Clayton, GA, June 13-15, 2015.

Heaven's Landing features a 5200' concrete runway nestled in the Appalachian foothills of northern Georgia. Just getting there is an awesome experience, but we have great plans for this amazing destination.

Once at Heaven's Landing, the options for fun are endless. We would like to invite you to camp with your plane at the airpark, but Heaven's Landing will assist with information in any offsite stays. Please go to www.heavenslanding.com to see all the available activities and the many outstanding lodging options.

Also please contact the Southeast Tribe if you are interested in a flying competition on Saturday Morning. A format and prizes will be announced soon based on interest.

*This Fly-In is going to be amazing, but space is limited. To reserve your spot, please contact **Jeff Munford at 727-424-2283** or jeff@atmcentral.com.*

Let Jeff know the following via email:

- *Arrival date and time*
- *Activities of interest,*
- *Staying on or offsite, etc.*

Additional information will be provided on arrival and departures via email.



Sun 'n Fun 2015

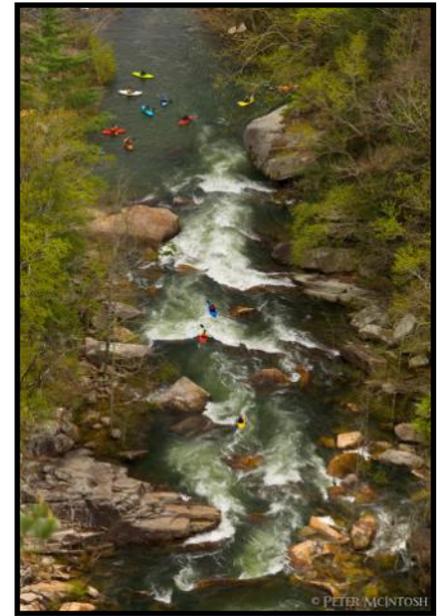
[Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In and Expo](#)—Join us for the Sun 'n Fun International Fly-in & Expo, April 21-26. The Heaven's Landing team will be at Exhibit Booth D 83/84, and the display is always fresh with beautiful living-color photographs that highlight the development and the exquisite lifestyle you can expect with airpark living. And of course, the Heaven's Landing Angels will be at the exhibit daily for information and photographs.



Congratulations Peter!

We are blessed with a community of outstanding artists! Heaven's Landing wishes to congratulate our friend Photographer Peter McIntosh for once again representing Rabun County with his photographic artwork that will hang at the Georgia State Capitol, until September 2015.

The Georgia Council of the Arts selects a number of artists each year to participate in this exhibit that represent "the uniqueness of communities across Georgia". Peter had three of his great photographs selected, Persimmon Creek Vineyard, Boaters at Tallulah Gorge, and the Upper Tallulah River in the Fall. When in Atlanta, take time to visit this outstanding exhibit at the Capitol.

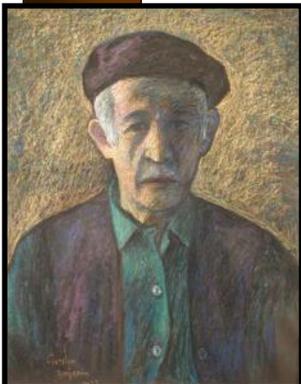


Gershon Benjamin Exhibit

Heaven's Landing owner, Joahn Facey wishes to invite you and your loved ones to two exhibits in April featuring the works of American Modernist, Gershon Benjamin (1899-1985). The first exhibit is April 2– May 8 at the [Gerald Peters Gallery](#), New York, New York and at the [Drexel University's Rincliffe Gallery](#), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for a special exhibition featuring over 60 pieces of art, spanning over seven decades running April 27-August 7, 2015.

Joahn is the custodian of Benjamin's artwork and the Chair of the Gershon Benjamin Foundation. She brought the collection to Drexel, her alma mater ('58), to "soothe, renew and inspire students as they pursue their education and launch their careers."

Joahn works passionately and tirelessly to preserve this facet of American Art, to make it available to the public, and to educate the next generation so they can appreciate the artwork from these masters of the past. "I think 200 years from now, the name Benjamin will be known as well as we know Van Gogh today," she notes.



Self Portrait

The Rincliffe Gallery is on the third floor of Main Building at 3141 Chestnut St. The gallery is open and free to the public from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Gerald Peters Gallery, New York is at 24 East 78th Street. Please see the galleries' websites for additional information.

For more information, contact Lynn Clouser, Assistant Director, The Drexel Collection, 215.895.2414, lcc48@drexel.edu.



Two of Benjamin's paintings are on display in the Dean of Engineering's office at Drexel University as part of the promotion for the *Gershon Benjamin: Modern Master Exhibition*.



Welcome Cedric Keith Cokinogenis

Heaven's Landing owners, John and Susan Cokinogenis are delighted to announce the arrival of their new grandson, Cedric Keith Cokinogenis, who was welcomed into the world on 3-20-15 at 2:54pm. Cedric is the first child to the Cokinogenis' son, Quentin and his fiancée, Amanda Williams. Cedric was a very healthy 7 lbs. 6 oz.lbs. and was 20.5 inches at birth.

Heaven's Landing is filled with joy as the next generation of flying Cokinogenis' is born! We are sure that Grampa John will have him in the air early and often!



Congratulations to the Cokinogenis family!

Updates

Heaven's Landing Easter Celebration is this Saturday! We can't wait to see you Saturday, April 4 for the annual Easter Brunch at the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse. We are so thankful to all those in our community that promptly RSVP'd. We are happy to announce our catered brunch is a **full house** and reservations are now closed. The forecast looks amazing with a few showers clearing by early morning and temperatures in the 60's! The buds are on the trees, and spring is in the air. We are so excited to celebrate with everyone. See you at 10 am.



wannaGOFAST at Heaven's Landing May 30-31

The Heaven's Landing airfield will be graced with beautiful cars and people from across the south on the weekend of May 30-31. Spectator tickets are available at the gate. Driver registration is SOLD OUT!! If you wish to be on their waiting list please email information@wannagofast.com.

Click the photos for the promotional video by Sentry Studios.



Heaven's Landing Concierge Services

Heaven's Landing Concierge Services is on call for our truly unique and mobile owners. The Heaven's Landing staff is pleased to provide clients with a vast array of services.

Please call the office at **706-212-0017** for pricing information and other consultations. Please note that due to offering a vast array of services to our owners, all requests for assistance will be billed at a pre-arranged fee.



Some of our commonly requested services include the following:

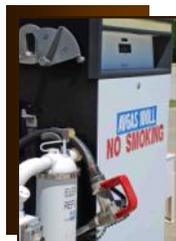
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| Interior Cleaning | Receiving Packages |
| Holding Postal Mail | Scheduling Party Staff |
| Receiving Service Personnel | Scheduling Maintenance Services |
| Receiving Furniture and Appliances | Landscaping |
| Lot and Yard Maintenance | Tree Removal |
| Shopping | Window Washing |
| Pressure Washing | Gutter Cleaning |
| Alarm/Security Checks | Transportation Needs |



Quick Links

- **Weather Link.** Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA weather conditions and forecast from [NOAA](#).
- **Heaven's Landing Facebook Page:** ["Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark."](#)
- **Marina and Boating Information:** [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.
- **Local Events and Information:** [Rabun County Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Explore Rabun](#).
- **Facebook "Likes"** - Exploring the back woods: [Waterfall of Western North Carolina](#), [Waterfall and Back Roads of North Georgia](#), and [The Wayward Traveler](#).
- **Country Club** —[The Waterfall Club](#)
- **Rafting Companies**—[Nantahala Outdoor Center](#), [Southeastern Expeditions](#), and [Wildwater Ltd.](#)
- **Horseback Riding**— [Equus Mountain Meadow Riding Stables](#) and [The Dillard House Stables](#).

Airfield Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

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| AV GAS | \$4.99 gal* |
| JET A | \$4.50/ gal* |

**Prices Subject to Change.*



Prices as of April 1, 2015



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