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Having fun and seeing all that is new in aviation is a natural part of [EAA's AirVenture](#), the "World's Greatest Aviation Celebration" experience!

Mike and Holly Ciochetti spent the week of July 25-31 enjoying this year's expo held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Joining them at the Heaven's Landing booth were the *Angels*. The days were filled visiting with new prospects, attending the various shows, and dining with Heaven's Landing friends. "It has been a great show, once again!", Holly reports mid-week, "there is always something going on and amazing things to see, but the highlight is definitely seeing all the familiar faces and greeting all the new ones."

The seven day event makes Wittman Regional Airport (OSH), the world's busiest, as aviators from around the world fly in and land in [droves!](#) Free from last year's torrential rains, the Expo had great weather, and for those camping under their planes, they could rest well and dry.

AirVenture is a week filled with highly anticipated events including breath-taking air shows, live entertainment, and of course, the latest in aviation innovations on display.

Legionary air and spacecraft designer, Burt Rutan, who is retiring from his company, [Scaled Composites](#), was honored on Thursday by EAA. Many of Rutan's unique aircraft were on display which drew large crowds. The [Boomerang](#), an asymmetrical twin-engine aircraft, was definitely one most attendees went home talking about due to its surprising appearance.

On Friday, July 29, Boeing flew in its long-awaited carbon-fiber composite, [787 Dreamliner](#) for the first public North American tour. This mid-sized commercial aircraft was designed for comfort and long range flights using 20% less fuel than the B-767, and it is the fastest selling commercial aircraft in history. It is estimated that 1,500 attendees were able to walk through the plane while it was at AirVenture.

Holly and Mike will arrive home Monday revved up from a great show ready to show some property!



~"It's Time for Me to Fly!" ~
The group sits around having way too much fun while waiting for the REO Speedwagon performance on opening day.



Together in Wisconsin—Heaven's Landing's owners, Cokinogenis', Stapleton's, Ciochetti', and Tomazewski' visit with Mike's cousin, Dan Schicht in at [Little Tokyo](#) in Green Bay.



MPI Photography

The HL Angels enjoyed stopping by Burt Rutan's table to say hello.



October Anniversary!! ~ Save the Date

We are just two months away from Heaven's Landing's 10th Anniversary celebration!

Mark your calendars for
Saturday, October 1st.

All are invited!!!



Profile—International Man of Adventure Mike Greenwood

"It is in the compelling zest of high adventure and of victory, and in creative action, that man finds his supreme joys."

[Antoine de Saint-Exupery](#)

Dreaming of flying to exotic places, soaring over emerald waters, or landing in unknown environments where you don't know if you will create friends or encounter hostiles? Or maybe, you would rather listen and live vicariously through another's experiences? Either way, Heaven's Landing's friend, Mike Greenwood is someone you should meet. Mike is an Australian by birth, a playful friendly creature by nature, an adventurer by fortune, and an aviator by pure desire.

For our summer, Mike is exploring North America taking a break away from his home in Australia and his work in finance. Mike is Heaven's Landing owners, John and Susan Cokinogenis' dear friend, and while he travels on his latest "fly-about," the Cokinogenis' have let him use their HL hangar as a home base.



If a "walkabout" is an Australian Aborigine rite of passage for young males seeking spiritual enlightenment, then the "fly-about," uses more advanced methods of travel - like perhaps Mike's newly purchased [Glasair Sportsman](#). Mike's journeys have a laissez-faire feel to daily experiences letting immediate circumstances and encounters determine where he will fly next and how long he stays.

Mike is enjoying his current North America excursion and "shopping trip." He initially flew into California and spent a little time out West where John delivered the Glasair to him. He and John then flew to the Cokinogenis' home in Florida, and the two spent some time motor biking in the curvy North Carolina mountains.

This summer of 2011 trip isn't the first time Mike has left his "other life" in Australia for a few days and ended up being away for 3 months. In 1998, he took a trip across Africa. He had been living in Johannesburg, S. Africa for 10 years, where Mike first met John (a South African native). Mike became the Cokinogenis' financial advisor and a great trusting friendship, with similar interests, was formed.



"John has been there for me on numerous occasions," states Mike. "He's helped me find the right plane to buy - more than once. He has helped me when I was held at gun point, when I was forced to land, and when I couldn't get the proper fuel... basically John has guided me and has given me his insightful advice on where to fly (especially around Africa), what to avoid, and how much to pay, out of a situation." Whether Mike was being confronted by hostile "bullies" at the airport in Mozambique, forced to don night vision goggles in order to find a landing strip, having to pay a witch doctor to negotiate a settlement, avoiding Taliban bombs, or having to be reassured that he could use car fuel in order to leave a dangerous airfield, John's expertise has always been a phone call away. For all of which, Mike is extremely grateful.



This is Mike's fourth time in North America, and it is one of his favorite vacation destinations. He is hopeful that it will soon be a more permanent place to stay. It all started when the Cokinogenis moved to Florida in 2000; but, the mutual love of Heaven's Landing came about when John happened upon the Heaven's Landing airfield while he was flying over, several years ago. John was immediately captivated by Heaven's Landing's beauty, and after doing some research on what he saw, he shared it with Mike. "I told John," Mike recalls, "as your financial advisor, I insist that you invest! I require you to let go of some of your assets to have a piece of 'Heaven' for me to come visit. And, I came the first chance I got," continues Mike. "I drooled over the Heaven's Landing video, but I tell you, driving through the pearly gates (HL white entrance) and being greeted by such a friendly atmosphere - it was even better than I anticipated. It made me feel like this is home."

Photos from top: Mike's waterfront home and pull up "Osprey garage," Kangas at his dock, and the view from his house.



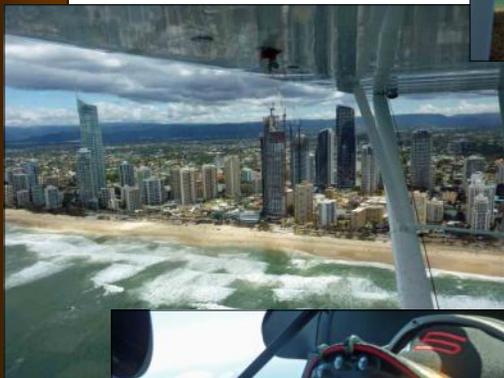
Mike says he is soon returning to Australia. He is eager to get back to his beloved 3 year-old "Lassie" collie, Bobby, who often travels with him closer to home. He says he will put his house on the market and will begin making plans to own a piece of *Heaven* himself.

With all of Mike's travels and experiences it is a great testimony to how much Mike has fallen for Heaven's Landing. "I get a real kick landing between these hills, I feel like Luke in Star Wars! I love the forest and animals, sitting with a big book out on the clubhouse balconies, Southern manners, traditions and culture, and especially the Ciochetti' hospitality, that is the icing on the cake!"

Shopping has become a theme in Mike's visits to the U.S. "I like to think of it as my duty to help the American economy," Mike quips. He loves his toys and owns an [Osprey II](#), an amphibious plane, that sits on a plane/boat ramp right outside his waterfront vacation home in Australia, a [Super Cub PA18](#), and the his newest acquisition, the Glasair. He has on order an [ICON A-5](#) which he saw at AirVenture years ago and is expected late in 2011. Mike eagerly awaits this high-tech amphibious aircraft which he calls a "James Bond machine."

Not knowing exactly where his passion for aviation came from, Mike had "flying dreams as a kid" and recalls watching the *Jetsons*! "I just thought the idea of living with your plane and flying to your door (like George Jetson does) was what I wanted to do!"

Before Mike returns home in a few weeks, he will make a final stop in Oshkosh at EAA's AirVenture – maybe something will catch his eye before he finds his way home...



Just a few of Mike's adventures from around the world. Notice photo to the left, Mike landed on a road in S. Africa and pulled up at a gas station for fuel!

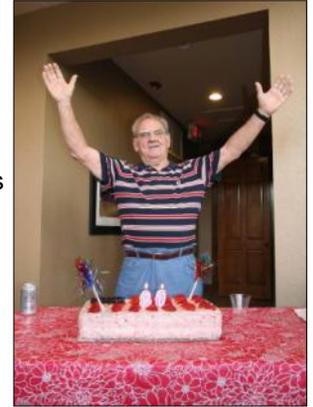


"Pop Pop" ~ 8 Decades of Spirit and Laughter!

"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears..."

~Julius Caesar, Act 2 Scene III by W. Shakespeare and Mike Sr.'s opening line at his surprise party!

As an actor, Mike Ciochetti, Sr. certainly knows how to make an entrance, even when he is completely taken off guard! Sunday, July 3rd, Mike Sr. celebrated his 80th birthday with about 200 of his family members and closest friends at the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse. Pulling off this huge surprise party wasn't easy for Mike's loved ones, including wife, Jeannette, daughter, Michelle, son and daughter-in-law, Mike Jr. and Holly, and family friend (whom is more like another daughter), Meg Starzec. "We told him the cars parked all over the place were due to a mix-up with another family reunion," Mike Jr. stated, "we acted really upset that our nice quiet family gathering had to be shared with another group."



By the look of sheer surprise and delight, Mike Sr. or "Pop Pop" bought this fabricated story. It was clear to all in attendance that the secrecy worked beautifully. Mike Sr., full of emotion, greeted his adoring guests from the upstairs balcony like a true statesman. It didn't take long for our dear Mike and his captivated crowd to become teary-eyed. The birthday boy was overjoyed with the blessings of family and friends. "You can tell there is a lot of love here," stated guest Melinda Cannon, "what a great evening."



The wonderful homemade Italian dinner that fed the masses was a family affair. Jeannette, Michelle, Holly, and Meg treated guests to lasagna, linguini, Italian sausage, roasted veggies and more! The evening was filled with laughter as Michelle hosted the "Mike Sr. Roast!" There were stories from family and friends that made the guests laugh and blush along with sentimental gifts that Mike Sr. will certainly always cherish.



Photos: (left to right) "The Boot" a decades old boot with a family history; stories told of Mike Sr.'s antics; friends joyfully greet Mike upon arrival; Jeanette is relieved that it all goes so perfectly; Mike Sr. walks into his surprise!



* It turns out Mike Sr. wasn't feeling 100% well that evening. Later that week, he spent four days at [Northeast Georgia Medical Center](#) (the facility is ranked #1 in Georgia and the top 5% of cardiac care facilities in the nation!). Mike Sr. had fluid around his heart! He is back home recovering after this scare and is responding well to medication. Well wishes may be sent to Mike by clicking [Get Well Mike!](#)

Ginger Celebrates 4 Great Decades!

Heaven's Landing owner Ginger Tomazewski certainly does not look like she is old and feeble, but the organizers of her 40th birthday surprise party greeted her with black balloons, a wheel chair, a walker, and to top it all off, funeral home tents!



Mike and Holly sneak up on Ginger.

Her husband Jim and her mom and dad, Trudy and Art, threw the party at the Tomazewski's Southold, New York home on Saturday, June 16th.

Holly and Mike flew from Heaven's Landing in Mike's Cessna 210 and *totally* caught Ginger by surprise!

Happy Birthday from all of us at Heaven's Landing!





Around the Bend: Chattooga River Outfitters



The beauty of the Southern Appalachian Mountains is undisputed as visitors come and go along the roadways; but, it is away from traffic where nature still is wild and free that makes one simply gasp at God's country. The [Chattooga Wild and Scenic River](#) is breathtaking. Stretching 57 miles from its headwaters in North Carolina until it's confluence with the [Tallulah River](#) at Lake Tugalo, the [Chattooga River](#) is the eastern border of [Rabun County](#) and the northeastern border of Georgia with South Carolina. Just 10 miles from Heaven's Landing, this river offers the best wilderness whitewater available in the southeastern United States.

Since the Chattooga's designation as a [Wild and Scenic River](#) in 1974, the US Forest Service has managed and protected the waterway and its corridor. Three outfitters are permitted to run rafting trips and are strictly monitored and regulated to minimize impact and maintain the river's natural state. This means participants on the Chattooga get a spectacular day of adventure with a guided wilderness experience.



The outfitters are [Southeastern Expeditions](#), [Wildwater Ltd.](#), and [Nantahala Outdoor Center](#). Each outfitter offers trips on the Chattooga Section III and IV depending on your spirit of adventure. Children must be aged 8 (10 for SEE) for Section III with [class II-III](#) "family friendly" whitewater and aged 13 (12 for WWL) for Section IV with [class III-V](#) "white-knuckle" whitewater. All three companies offer full trips (4-5 river hours; 6-7 total hours) and overnight expeditions. Wildwater Ltd. offers a mini trip (3 hours), and in 2010, the company built a [canopy tour and zipline](#) on their property for those interested in soaring through the tree tops. All three companies provide excellent deli-style riverside lunches, a perfect meal for an exciting adrenaline-filled day.

You and your family will love this interactive experience. It is a good idea to be in decent physical health. Participants do help carry equipment into the put-in and take-out areas (all part of the Wild and Scenic experience). The trip guides and leaders will even make this "work" fun. Each company trains their guides and hires those with the greatest stories and warmest personalities!



General Information to keep in mind:

- **Prices** include all your river equipment, USFS fees, lunch, and guide expertise.
- The Chattooga is a free-flowing river. **Water level** is dependent on rainfall. Ideally you wish to book your trips during high water periods, but this is not something you can easily predict. The outfitters do moved trips at different locations along the river to maximize the whitewater experience when needed.
- **Clothing**– Participants are encouraged to wear synthetic materials for comfort with *securely fastened* shoes year round. In the summer, cotton blend shirts will work with bathing suits, but early spring and fall synthetic layers are a must with wool socks and hats are a good idea. Wetsuits are available if needed.
- **Tipping**– Your guide works very hard to give you a great experience. They are highly trained and their knowledge and little known "secrets" will entertain. Reward guides by tipping at the end of the trip when you've changed into dry clothes and have been additionally amused by the trip slideshow.
- All outfitters have professional photographers who capture you best moments!





Fourth of July Celebrations & Family Reunion!

With the Fourth of July falling on Monday this year, it was the perfect extended weekend for all who visited the Northeast Georgia Mountains. Summer time in Rabun County is a great time for family and friends to gather, picnic, and celebrate.

Activities abound over the holiday weekend starting with the 5th annual [Rabun Ramble Road Race](#) (sponsored by the Lake Rabun Foundation) in the morning, the [Tiger Mountain Vineyards'](#) Norton Wine celebration held in the afternoon, and the [Bluegrass on the Square in Tallulah Falls](#) and the [Lake Burton Civic Association spectacular fireworks](#) rounding off the evening hours on July 2nd. On Saturday, July 3rd it was Lake Rabun's time to celebrate with their [32nd Annual Wooden Boat Parade and Fireworks](#). Then on Monday, July 4th, the crowds gathered around the [Dillard House](#) for their annual fourth of July BBQ and Firework display.

Mike and Holly launched their busy weekend greeting family members who came for the annual Ciochetti family reunion. The group had non-stop fun and made all the best arrangements for an active time together including rafting, tubing, boating, visiting [BabyLand General](#) in Cleveland, and eating at the Dillard House.



A group of about 65 from Heaven's Landing joined the Ciochetti family for the fourth out on Lake Burton. "We had 5 pontoons and 1 speed boat tied together," reports Jeanette Ciochetti, "it was a fantastic evening." "We had a blast being all together—food, fireworks, family and friends on the fourth," states Mike, "maybe in future years we can get 200 together in a giant flotilla!"

The Ciochetti clan capped off their weekend with Mike Sr.'s 80th birthday party and dinner (see page 4).

*Check out [Lake Burton Fireworks by Air](#) by Scott Poss.



Traveling Shot—USS Enterprise

On their way to Ginger Tomazewski's birthday party (page 4), Mike and Holly spotted this battle ship over Norfolk, Virginia on July 15. Mike's first response was to grab his camera, then he called his good friend, Navy Lt. Commander Doug Hood who is stationed in Virginia Beach. Doug informed Mike via text that it was the USS *Enterprise* (CVN 65) coming into port after 7 months.



The *Enterprise* is the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier and the longest naval ship in the world. The group was arriving back from combat support in Operation Enduring Freedom to their home port at the Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

"You'll notice all the aircraft have already flown in from the deck" Mike points out, "it was an awesome sight!"





Upcoming Events



Heaven's Landing Trade Show Schedule:

Heaven's Landing Anniversary Celebration Fly-In

Heaven's Landing celebrates 10 spectacular years. Join us for a weekend of aviation, camaraderie, and fun.

October 1

Mike and Holly Ciochetti, with their brilliant display booth and the Heaven's Landing Angels, will cross the country this year. Plan along with us.

Malibu Mirage Owners and Pilots Assoc.	Hot Springs, VA	September 14-18
AOPA Aviation Summit	Hartford, CT	September 22-24
NBAA	Las Vegas	October 10-12
Citation Jet Pilots Assoc.	Amelia Island, FL	October 25-29

Area Events:

Simply Homegrown Market

Simply Homegrown: A Farmers' Market is open Saturdays 9 a.m.-Noon. Offering all-locally grown produce and value-added goods. Find us in front of Butler's II Antiques in historic downtown Clayton.

Saturdays



Narnia

[Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts](#) presents, [Narnia](#) based on the story written by C.S. Lewis, this full two act production is told with a mix of live actors and puppets. Thurs, Fri., Sat, at 7:30 pm and Sun. at 2:30. Tickets \$10-13.

August 4-7

Dillard Bluegrass and BBQ Festival

Held on the grounds at the Dillard Courthouse is this Georgia State Championship BBQ Cook-off. Admission is \$10 for a day pass \$15 for 2 days; children 12 and under are free.

August 5-6

1st Friday Fest

Bring a picnic and blanket to the Rock House lawn in Downtown Clayton from 6 pm– 9pm and listen to local musicians perform! Brought to you by the Clayton Merchants and Business Association each 1st Friday May-October.

August 5 and September 2

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

Rabun County Music Festival presents the ASO at the Rabun Gap Nacoochee's Readen Theatre. Begins at 4pm; bun County Civic Center. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Rabun or Franklin County Chamber offices. Contact 706-746-6226 for additional information.

August 7



Moonshine Cruz-In

Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds presents the Moonshine Cruz-In Car Show. Muscle cars auction and live entertainment and hundreds of classic cars. Hiawassee, GA; \$10 admission and \$2 parking.

August 11-13

Rabun Farm and Winery Day

Visit both of Rabun County's award winning wineries and learn how fine wine is grown and made. \$20 includes souvenir glass and tasting from both wineries. Visit [Persimmon Creek Vineyards](#) and [Tiger Mountain Vineyards](#) for more details.

August 20th



Dillard Art Fest

Open 10 am—5 pm at the Dillard City Hall. A Labor Day weekend event "art at it's best". Looking for good artists and crafters to join us. Call 706-897-6179.

September 3

Rhapsody in Rabun

Tickets are on sale now for the Gala Charity Event of the Year. Rhapsody in Rabun is a night of gourmet dining from local restaurants and vineyards, music from the Tams, and silent and live auctions benefiting the [Stekoa Creek Project](#). Contact maryarich@windstream.net or 706-490-1494.

September 12



Barrel Race Show

Rabun Arena host a two day barrel race show at 9 am—4 pm both days. Boggs Mtn. Road, Tiger, Ga. Contact Sherri Thornton 770-900-8059 sherrismailbox@comcast.net.

September 23-24



Our Community



- **Weather Link.** Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA weather conditions and forecast from NOAA. <http://forecast.weather.gov/>



- **Wi-Fi** is available at the Clubhouse. Stay connected with your personal devices as you enjoy the amenities.



- **What's New with You?** Share photos and stories of what is new in your flying circles. Please send submissions to janclay@windstream.net. (All submissions are subject to editing and the evaluation of content.)



- **Go Green!** Please update your contact information with our office at 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com and make sure we have your latest email address, so you will stay informed.

- **Stay in Touch.** "Like" us on [Facebook](#), "Heaven's Landing".



- **Let us Know About Your Aviation Groups.** Give the office a call and share what groups and organizations you belong to, the website address, and the organization's contact information. (800) HEAVEN 2.



- Warmer weather is here and it is time to go boating! We wish to remind all owners and visitors to take advantage of our area lakes this summer. There are many boat rental facilities and boats go quickly. Rentals are available at [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010 or [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534.

Personal Trainer—Elisa Hopkins



Heaven's Landing welcomes Elisa Hopkins. Elisa is a certified Personal Trainer and tailors training for men and women to the individual's interest and goals. Elisa currently conducts five classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at the dance studio at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. She has offered to conduct classes and specialized instruction for Heaven's Landing owners and their guests in the Clubhouse fitness room.



Contact Elisa at 706-982-2302.

Heaven's Landing Services

Heaven's Landing Concierge Service

We offer the finest, personalized, and professional services to meet your needs. Whether it's scheduling a trustworthy service to clean your home, picking up groceries, or keeping up with routine maintenance, Heaven's Landing Concierge Service will maintain your property, so you can fully enjoy your Heaven's Landing home. Please contact our office for an estimate: 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com.



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Our Current Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS	\$5.45/ gal*
JET A	\$4.45/ gal*



**Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of August 1, 2011*

Home For Sale



A large 4 bedroom brick custom home in beautiful Heaven's Landing with 3 full baths/ 1 half bath on a beautiful mountain view at 3000 feet elevation on 1.51 acre lot. Beautiful craftsmanship interior with hardwood floors, heavy trim, granite countertops and Jeld-Wen windows. Extensive cabinetry, jetted tub, marble master shower, 2 fireplaces, 2-story foyer with second back interior staircase, 2 levels of composite material decks, 3 car garage, large stubbed and studded basement. Propane generator system, dual fuel heat system with central a/c, security system, CO2 and smoke detectors, whole house water filtration system. Stainless steel appliances. Fully furnished. Ready to move in. Previously on the market at \$887,000.00.

Sales price is \$659,000.00.

Please call owner Colleen Brown at 706-202-1436 or email brown206@windstream.net.

See virtual tour: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NoQ-8kKO10>



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