

HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

August 2015



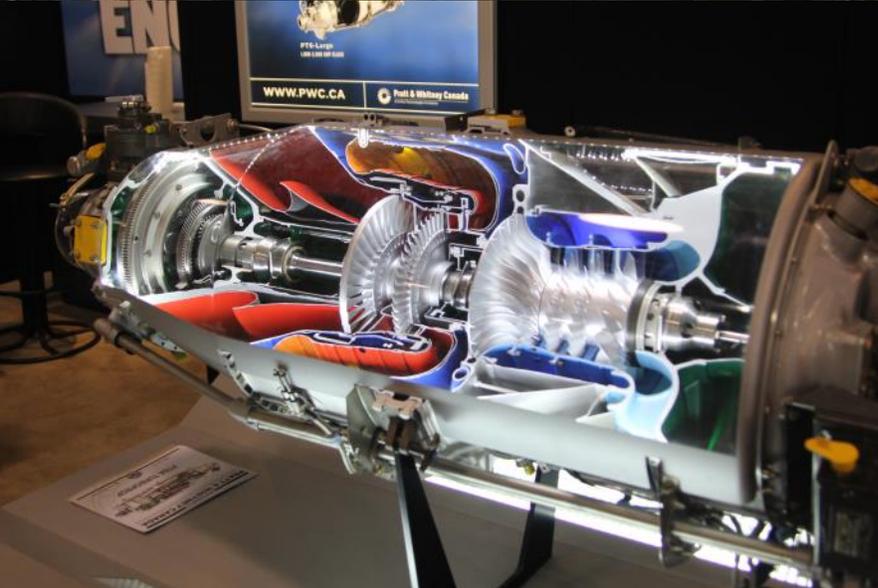
We had another great year at Oshkosh AirVenture! The weather was clear and beautiful. With the constant technological advancements in aviation and the yearly improvements to the airshow's orchestration, there's always something new to see. Every year there are many "firsts." This year, the firsts included the first civilian airshow appearance of the F-35 "Lightning II" and the inaugural Oshkosh visit of Goodyear's newest airship, Wingfoot One. These two very different aircraft show the range of attractions at AirVenture! We enjoyed popular favorites, too, like the Harrier AV-8B jump jet and the extensive fireworks show.



We were also lucky to have two of our best angels ever join us for this year's show: Hannah (left) and Brittany (right). Both Hannah and Brittany are from Wisconsin. They did a great job engaging with patrons young and old. This was the first time at Oshkosh for both of them! We made a lot of great connections. We always enjoy the chance to share our Heaven's Landing community with fellow aviators. Read EAA Chairman Jack Pelton's [reflections on 2015's AirVenture](#). Check out the amazing photos on the following pages, [EAA's Facebook page](#), and our [Flickr album](#). Until next year!



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Clockwise from top left: The north 40 from above, a Mustang, thousands of planes parked at Oshkosh, the inside of a turbine engine.

I've attended EAA's Air Venture at Oshkosh for over 20 years, and as cliché as it may sound, each expo seems to get better. This year however was profoundly different for me, yet better than ever, but for a reason that was totally unexpected.

As usual we erected our display, educated our new angels and met with thousands of people in search of future fly-in neighbors within the Heaven's Landing development. Eight days of standing on a concrete floor for 8 to 9 hours tends to take its toll on your feet and legs, but the spectacle that is Oshkosh and the energy of the crowd kept me going like all of the previous years.

After hours there were the usual events to attend, including two night airshows to compliment the seven daily airshows of the week, and a few parties to attend, thanks to Flying Magazine and AeroShell.

On Friday evening at the Aviator's Club, AeroShell hosted a symposium of aviation greats which included the four pilots from the AeroShell Aerobatic Team, plus Sean Tucker, our very good friend Bud Anderson, and the immortal Bob Hoover.



Anyone that has not had the opportunity to hear all of these gentlemen speak is truly missing something special, and everyone that has heard them speak knows exactly what I am talking about. The only words that come to mind are "AMAZING, LEGENDARY, and UNBELIEVEABLE!" It is hard to listen to their stories without goosebumps, a lump in your throat, and tears in your eyes. I think that the stories of Bud Anderson and Bob Hoover especially should be a mandatory history lesson for every red blooded American.

Still however, as great as this was, and with as much respect as I have for all of the aforementioned aviation legends, the best part of my trip to Oshkosh this year came on the final day of the show when I met a 15 year boy named Alex Mason, and his family. Under the circumstances, I've never met any kid of his age with such a positive attitude. He was very intelligent, super polite, completely full of life, and this was his very first Oshkosh experience.

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I met Alex and his stepfather (Jeremy) in Hangar B that Sunday morning and introduced myself to both of them. After some brief conversation I brought them over to the Heaven's Landing exhibit where I introduced Alex to Holly, Bella, and our angels (Hannah and Brittany). It was great to see him light up and soak in their attention, and he quickly melted their hearts, and a little bit of mine as well.

Now I am sure that there were thousands of wide eyed kids at Oshkosh this year, and I'm also sure that most of them were also excited to be there, but what made meeting Alex especially touching was the fact that he was born completely blind. It is hard for me to imagine all of the challenges that he has had to overcome, but yet he somehow managed to do it with complete grace.



Meeting Alex or someone like him, just like meeting Bob Hoover, Bud Anderson or some of the remaining few like them helps one to put life's struggles into context. Even though Sunday was the seventh and final day of Oshkosh, and the end of a very long and hard work week for us, after meeting Alex Mason my feet and legs didn't seem to hurt anymore. Then again, if they did I wouldn't have even noticed. Changing ones perspective can sometimes be an amazing antidote.

Alex: If you are reading this newsletter, please know that you and your family are welcome at Heaven's Landing anytime. We have several people that would love to meet you. We hope to see you at Oshkosh again for many years to come, and I look forward to hearing about all of your future success. With an attitude, personality, and smile like yours, I know that you are going to be very successful!

Sincerely,
Mike Ciochetti
Heaven's Landing

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AirVenture as an Aviation Amateur

by Marissa Deml

Maybe you're like me, and you're not a pilot or you're a mild aviation enthusiast. Don't let that stop you from attending AirVenture! This was my second time at Oshkosh, and I looked forward to it for weeks. Even if you can't tell the difference between a Cirrus and Comanche, the event is still a feast for the eyes. Over 500,000 people and thousands of airplanes. Dozens of tents with landscaping specially built for the week. It's fascinating to see the ways that people from different countries, companies, and industries connect through aviation.

Everyone is excited to be there. Vendors could probably spot from a mile away that my mom and I were not the pilots of the family, but they were equally welcoming to all of us. One of the Cessna salesman gave us free hats that came in handy during the sunny day. It warms my heart to see my dad thriving, meeting other pilots and researching updates for his plane. My mom and I would leave him at a booth, take a lap through the hanger of vendors, then meet up with him again.

The featured aircraft intrigued even those of us who are technologically challenged. Who isn't fascinated by an enormous 159-foot-long metal machine that can fly through the air at over 600 miles per hour? (The Boeing B-52 Stratofortress bomber, pictured below, if you were wondering.) The servicemen showing the bomber answered my question of how much runway it needs to take off (4,000 feet if it's empty, 12,000 full).





We ate A&W burgers and ice cream. We “window shopped” vendors (yacht vacations, luxury lawn furniture, custom T-shirts), ogled private jets, and watched the airshows. I loved photographing the airshows. A special thanks to Max Kahlhmer at Helicopter Association International who let us watch the airshow from their upper level! I hoped to find a birthday present for my history buff boyfriend, and I succeeded, with a 1943 aeronautical chart of San Diego and a commemorative B-52 coin. We were all happy and exhausted by the end of the day.



My first time to Oshkosh, we only stayed for one day. This year, we stayed for two, but we still didn't get to see everything! That just means next year we'll have to stay longer. If you ever have the chance to attend AirVenture, seize the opportunity. I bet you'll find yourself surprised by how much you enjoy it, and I'll also bet that you'll want to go back again and again.





12 Spies: A Unique Mountain Vineyard



“We had no clue what we were doing,” Lisa Romanello says of her husband Mike Brown and herself when they first left their corporate jobs in 2008 to plant a vineyard in the North Georgia mountains. “We didn’t go to school or class for it. We just jumped right in. We wanted it to be a little bit fun, but we had no idea how hard it would be.”

Now, seven years later, it’s clear Lisa and Mike’s efforts have been fruitful. In 2012, [12 Spies Vineyards and Farm](#) opened its tasting room, complete with a comfortable veranda where guests can relax and enjoy the views and the wine. The vineyard makes 12 [wines](#) and grows four different types of grapes: Cabernet Franc, Malbec, Tannat, and Traminette. They also selectively buy the grapes they are unable to grow in their unique mountain climate.

“We’re at about 2500 feet above sea level,” Lisa says. “Grapes don’t need much rain, because by searching for nutrients and water, the plants grow deeper and stronger, so we never have to irrigate.”

The vineyard has made it possible for Lisa and Mike to meet people from all over the world. The couple gets to know many customers by name. People stopping by on vacation have come back year after year. “The vineyard is an extension of our home, it’s us. We live on the property. People come to the vineyard and say, ‘Oh my gosh, I feel like I’m at your home.’ People feel really comfortable. They can sit on the veranda and chill out.” Some even stay past closing time, taking in the wine and the views.

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Tracey C Hampton

12 Spies offers tours of its grounds and its wine-making process. "Mike loves to do that," Lisa says. "It's his favorite thing." Schedule a tour by [contacting](#) the vineyard.

Lisa and Mike's future goals for the vineyard include maintaining the integrity of their wines and their relationships with their customers. "We want to make sure our products are in quality places. We want to be connected to the people who are connected to us."



See the next page for information on a 12 Spies wine tasting event at Heaven's Landing!



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Saturday, August 29
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us for
Wine Tasting & Hors D'oeuvres
at the Heaven's Landing Club House



Wines Provided by
12 Spies Vineyards & Farm

All are welcome! Complimentary wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres.
Additional glasses, as well as bottles, will be available for purchase.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 26:
Call Holly at (706) 982-5245
or email holly@heavenslanding.com

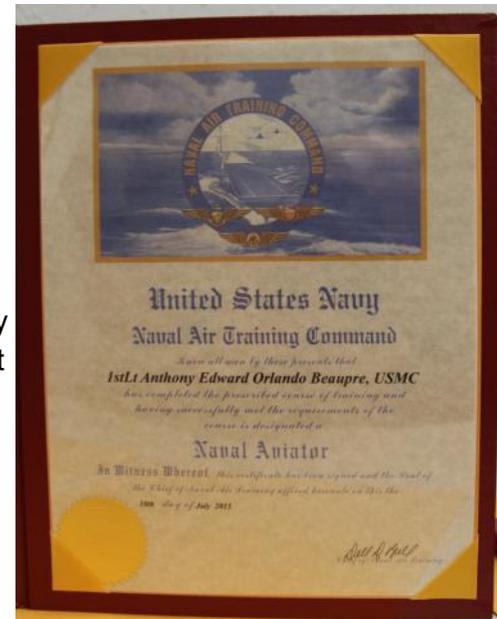


Anthony Beaupre Earns His Wings in Corpus Christi

On July 10, First Lieutenant Anthony Beaupre, USMC, along with 14 others, earned his wings at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas. The day began with a special ceremony at the Corpus Christi Base Chapels. This “Blessing of the Wings” has its origins in World War II, when many Catholic Chaplains began blessing the wings of Catholic aviators. The tapestry at the chapel bears a variety of pins, showing the range of military communities who have participated in this tradition.

The naval aviator insignia is a warfare qualification awarded to aviators of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. To earn these wings, a service member must complete flight training and be designated a qualified pilot of a military aircraft. Those who have earned their wings often cite the day of their winging ceremony as one of the most important days of their life. For Anthony and his fellow service members, it was a day they will not soon forget.

“I remember meeting Anthony Beaupre in Ripon, Wisconsin back in 1995 when he was a 5 year old kid who asked me for an autograph. He and his family have been close friends of ours ever since,” says Mike Ciochetti. “It was truly an honor to attend his graduation from the Naval Academy a few years ago, and subsequently his recent winging ceremony in Corpus Christi, Texas. It has been great watching him develop into the fine young Marine that he has now become. I am now glad to be able to say that Anthony has returned the favor some 20 years later, by autographing a U.S. Marine Corps hat for me. It is something that I will cherish for the rest of my life.” Thank you to all members of the United States Military, both active and retired, for your service and sacrifice for the wellbeing of our great nation.



Anthony and Mike Ciochetti

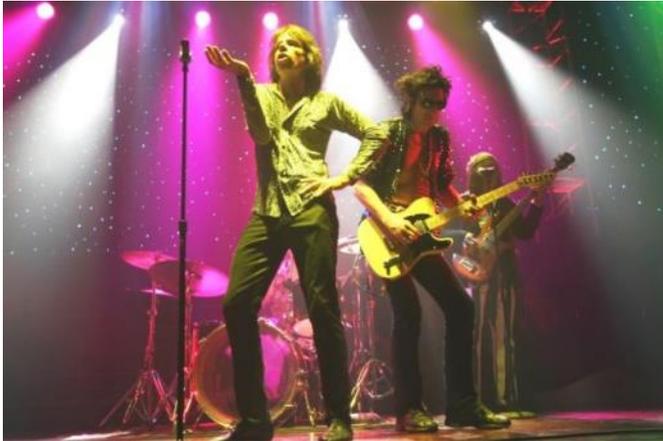


Anthony and his parents, Doug and Sue.

Upcoming Events ...

August 16: Rolling Stones Tribute Band comes to Rabun County

"Satisfaction" is the international touring tribute show dedicated to "The Rolling Stones." This glamorous show has been in production and touring since 2001 with over 2,000 performances to date. It is the only full time touring show of its kind in the world. The highly acclaimed production showcases the most authentic cast and costuming audiences have ever witnessed. Read more about Satisfaction on [their website](#).



This show is sponsored by [Rabun County Music Festival](#) and co-sponsored by [Stonewall Creek Vineyards](#) and [Tiger Mountain Vineyards](#). Buy your tickets [here!](#)

August 22: Critical Decision Making Seminar at Heaven's Landing Club House



Heaven's Landing and Cirrus owner Tom Nasser will host Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association Facilitator/Certified Flight Instructor Brian Turrisi at the Heaven's Landing Club House for a [Critical Decision Making Seminar](#). Brian has been flying since 1972 and has over 1700 hours of SR22 time. He earned his Instrument rating in 1981 and his Commercial/Multi-engine rating in 1986.

"A Critical Decision Making (CDM) seminar isn't really a seminar but rather a facilitated interactive hangar flying session where the group looks at general aviation and Cirrus statistics, reviews case studies of Cirrus accidents, and participates in the reenactment of an actual accident."

Please [register in advance](#) for this event. You do not need to be a member of the COPA to attend! Flying partners and those interested in becoming Cirrus pilots are strongly encouraged to sign up. If you have questions about registration, you can email Tom (nasserendo@aol.com) or Tony Sobczak (tonysobczak@yahoo.com).

After the seminar, Tom will be hosting a BBQ at his Heaven's Landing home. Sign up for this engaging and beneficial event today!

Upcoming Events continued . . .

August 27-29: Rabun County Fair



Come out to the town of Tiger for a weekend of fun for all ages. The Rabun County Fair's revenues provide for camps, clubs, and scholarships for Rabun County students.

About the event, Fair President Steven Cabe says:

"This is a collaborative effort between FFA alumni, 4H, and the Farm Bureau. These three organizations came together to form the Rabun County Fair Association, to promote and showcase agriculture in our county and to provide scholarships to students who are interested in pursuing a career in the agriculture industry."

Agriculture has been a large part of the economy in this county for many years - truck crops, livestock, nurseries, and vegetable gardens. The Fair is a place for members of the community to display some of their agriculture products. The Fair will also provide the public a chance to observe different aspects of agriculture.

The second reason the Fair was started is to provide scholarships to students in our county. With agriculture so important in our county we feel that this is an area we should promote and get more students interested in. By providing scholarships to further their education in agriculture, we hope this will happen."



Upcoming Events continued . . .**November 8-15: AirCam Stella Maris Fly In, Long Island, Bahamas**

AirCam will be hosting a fly in for owners, family, and friends November 8-15 at [Stella Maris Resort](#) on Long Island in the southern Bahamas.

From the AirCam representatives:

Weather permitting, we will depart KSEF (Sebring, Fla) early Sunday morning the 8th. We will join up with other AirCams on the East coast at FXE (Ft. Lauderdale) most likely. Everyone should make sure they have all the necessary paperwork and stickers for exiting and re-entry to the US through Customs and Immigration. We will each need to file the e-APIS manifest and a US international flight plan before departing. Make sure you bring your passport.

We will fly as a group and clear Bahamas Customs and Immigration at MYAN (San Andros). There we will top off with Mo gas, which will have previously been arranged for us, as there is no Av Gas at this stop. Therefore it is important that everyone have their tanks filled with pure Avgas by the time we depart FXE (not just topped with Avgas as the mogas in the Bahamas may only be 87 oct.). After all have cleared we will depart for MYEF (Exuma Intl), where we may just fly over and continue on to MYLS (Stella Maris). KSEF to KFXE is a one hour leg, KFXE to MYAN is a two hour leg and MYAN to MYEF is also a two hour leg with only a half hour left to go to MYLS. These times are travelling at 75mph with no headwind.

Contact Robert Meyer by calling (407) 670-8382 to let him know you will be attending, but make your own reservations with [Stella Maris Resort](#) or call 242-338-2050/51/53. We will be composing a simple itinerary after EAA Airventure, however there are plenty of things to do at or from the resort. Please reserve early, so we will have the rooms or villas required for the group.



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



Building Resources

- [The Engineer/Designer](#) — Ken Risley specializes in Hanger Homes. Enjoy his [blog](#) on Heaven's Landing.
- [Montana Log Homes](#) — One of the nation's best know and premier hand-crafted log home manufactures. Builder of Tom and Jan Nasser's fantastic Heaven's Landing home.
- [Pioneer Log Homes](#) — This British Columbia-based company is the star of the Discovery Channel show [Timber Kings](#).

Quick Links

- **Weather Link** — Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA conditions and forecast from [NOAA](#).
- **Heaven's Landing Facebook Page** — ["Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark."](#)
- **Marina and Boating Information** — [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at (706) 782-5193 or [LaPrade's Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.
- **Local Events and Information** — [Rabun County Chamber of Commerce](#) at (706) 782-4812 and [Rabun County Visitors Bureau](#) at (706) 212-0241.
- **Facebook "Likes"** — Exploring the back woods: [Waterfall of Western North Carolina](#), [Waterfall and Back Roads of North Georgia](#), and [The Wayward Traveler](#).

Airfield Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

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

**Prices Subject to Change.*

Prices as of August 1, 2015





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