

# HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

January 2013

- **Christmas Party**

## **A Merry Christmas for All!**

- **Mike's New Year Message**

What a night to celebrate! Saturday, December 15 was a festive evening at Heaven's Landing filled with good cheer and many many blessings.

- **Trailwave**

"I am on top of the world. Who could ask for more than I have been blessed with this week?," Mike exclaimed. And indeed, the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse was teeming with fellowship. Residents and their invited guests gathered from all over, and Mike's feelings were readily shared.

- **Photo Op**

We are not sure how Holly did it all, coordinating all the details for the party and giving birth to a beautiful baby girl in the same week, but the Clubhouse sparkled and the Italian buffet feast was definitely well received. "The food was FANTASTIC from Louie's on the Lake," Nikki Poole (Holly's sister) stated, "This evening has had a very intimate feel, and we've enjoyed visiting with everyone so much." "We were delighted with Louie's," Mike adds, "they definitely passed my Italian family's discriminating tastes!"

- **First Flight**

- **Holy Blacks**

After everyone was well fed, and to the delight of young and old, Santa dropped in for a long visit. Lasting memories were made as Santa entered from above, waved from the balcony, and greeted the awaiting guests. "It was just perfect to see the children gaze up at Santa in all their wide-eyed wonderment," Holly commented, "you don't forget images like that."

- **Cover Girl**

- **Riccardo**

When asked about his reindeer, Santa explained they were waiting for him in Chapel Hill, North Carolina where he left them to bulk up on that very nutritious North Carolina lichen (*because that is what reindeer eat in the winter...*). It takes a ton of energy to fly around the world on Christmas Eve. This story of course got the kids interested in a night flight to Chapel Hill!

- **Events**

- **Community**

Enjoy the smiles captured during the evening by visiting the [Christmas Party Photo Album](#).

- **HL**

### **Services**

- **Fuel Prices**

- **ISS**

***We are so thankful to our community. We wish everyone a safe and joyous season filled with clear skies and great adventures for 2013.***

***Happy New Year!!***





***New Year Message ~ Mike Ciochetti***

**2013**

**Happy New Year** to each and every one of you from the entire staff here at Heaven's Landing! We hope that all of you have had a glorious holiday season and that you are now ready to welcome in a wonderful and prosperous 2013.

If it really is true that "time flies when you're having fun", we must be having a lot of fun here at Heaven's Landing. 2012 literally flew by! (No pun intended!) But how could anyone expect anything less? When you live in a place like this, every day is like a vacation! And when you live with your airplane, every vacation opportunity is just a few minutes away! That's the beauty of living in a fly-in community, and where fly-in communities are concerned, Heaven's Landing easily ranks at the top of the list.

Heaven's Landing serves as both a destination and a waypoint for a distinct group of aviation property owners that really seem to understand what life is truly all about.... Having fun! Heaven's Landing locally offers every possible recreational amenity one can think of, while regionally we are central to both the eastern and southeastern United States, and several points beyond!

If you have been to Heaven's Landing you already know what I am talking about, and if you haven't been to Heaven's Landing, you have no idea what you are missing! Beautiful scenery, great year round weather, unlimited recreational opportunities, convenient shopping, and best of all, great people!

Our property owners and clientele are second to none! They are living life the way that it was intended, free spirited and on the go, with a sense of spontaneous adventure that is just waiting for the next opportunity to take to the skies. There is a certain twinkle in the eye of an adventurer, and you see that same twinkle in the eyes of most of our owners. God bless every one of them, for they are at the heart of what makes Heaven's Landing such a special place to be.

Thank you to all of the great people that have cumulatively contributed to the success and personality of Heaven's Landing as a community. We continue to grow and we continue to succeed, largely because we are a family of friendly souls with a common interest in flying, and a true zest for life. May 2013 bring each of you success, health and happiness beyond any of your expectations. Cheers!

## Trailwave ~Fiber Optic Cable at Heaven's Landing

Have you seen coils of cable and hay straw running along the taxiway? Habersham Electric Membership Corporation's crew has just finished laying the latest section of the highly anticipated "Trailwave" line, part of the North Georgia Network. The Network is a 260 mile ring of high-speed fiber optic cable. The broadband infrastructure project is being built with a \$42 million stimulus grant. It will connect eight Northeast Georgia counties (Dawson, Forsyth, Habersham, Lumpkin, Rabun, Towns, Union and White), their residents and businesses, to Atlanta with a state of the art "lightening speed" link with anyone, anywhere, around the world.



HEMC cites these details:

- Plans will start at 15 Mbps (megabits per second) with faster plans available, with access up to one Gbps (gigabit per second)
- Connection speeds far beyond the capability of DSL, satellite, cable or any other means
- Backed by the reputation of reliability and local support from HEMC
- Other services such as telephone, video, video instant messaging and internet based storage will also be available in the coming months.

*"When the connection was completed, we had our laptop connected and it was like going from a Pinto to a Jaguar," said Going Green Lawn & Landscaping owner Laura James whose company was the first to hook-up to the service. "It was that fast."*

No word to date on the timeline for service to be online, but the cable is down and the crew is gone. You can contact the HEMC Broadband customer service at 877-651-3157 for updates. HEMC will soon host an interactive website with a detailed map outlining the new service's coverage area and availability. HEMC reports this is expected to be online in about a month.

## Peter Serodino ~ 2012 Model of the Year

Heaven's Landing owner Peter Serodino, who lives and works in Chattanooga, TN, just is an amazing man, always willing to be there for someone! On Thanksgiving Eve he agreed to lend his plane, a Cessna Citation 501, for a promotional photo shoot for the local Chattanooga band, [Rare Coalition](#).



**Rare Coalition**



**Band Leader Mike Stewart and Peter.**

*"Through a friend of a friend the band leader, Mike Stewart, called me up one day asking to use my plane as a prop. I told him best time for pictures was either first or last hour of daylight, I assumed being a party band they would pick the last hour... The next day Mike calls me back and says he has it all set up for the following AM, all 7 band members and a professional photographer. Wow."*

*I agreed to meet them at sunrise at the Chattanooga airport. The band showed up as promised, much to my surprise— A band up at sunrise? Follow the [link](#) to view the results. These guys, and girls, were a ton of fun and very appreciative. It was two hours and I did my best to look pretty and well worth the Service to my Community!"*

When asked about his modeling debut, Peter says, "The diet I went on that morning didn't have time to kick in. If I had only known sooner, I would have starved for a few days!"

## Bella's First Flight



Mike and Holly took their baby girl, Bella, on her first flight and first chiropractic appointment just weeks after her birth. "The moment I started the engine, she settled in and was at complete peace," Mike reported with pride.

The trip to Spartanburg, SC (SPA) from Heaven's Landing (GE99) took only 20 minutes, but it was enough to let mom and dad know that Bella is a born aviator. "She had a fantastic day out," Holly continues. "We were gone for most of the day and she was perfect and content."

Mike and Holly took Bella to [Wise Chiropractic and Wellness, LLC](#) to Dr. Nick Wise. "Mike and I have been patients of Dr. Wise for many years, and he is so knowledgeable and extremely caring," Holly notes, "we wanted Bella to be checked out from head to toe." "She looks gorgeous," Dr. Wise pronounced. He walked Mike and Holly through the exam as Bella reacted with content and smiles as if she was in an angel's hands. Click the title link above to see the joy on Bella's face!

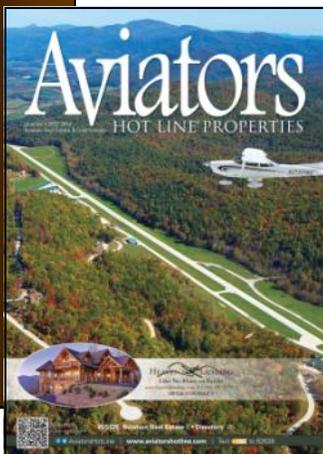
## The Holy Black's

Mike's sister Michelle Black did what most of us hope to do during the holiday break, she volunteered and brought her husband and family of three teenaged boys together.

Michelle is a Rabun County elementary teacher, and one day at school, she signed her family up for an evening of volunteer work to support a charity recipient during the [Charity Lane Festival of Lights](#). Michelle believed the evening would be spent collecting donations or giving out hot chocolate. It wasn't until the day of the event did she discover that she signed the Black family up to be the *Living Nativity*. "Oh we had a bonding experience alright!! There were plenty of good natured jokes," Michelle retells with a laugh. "Once the shock settled, we had a fantastic evening. Our 17, 19, and 21 year old "three kings" behaved very pious— at least when the cars passed by..."



Mike Ciochetti digitally immortalizes the *Holy Blacks*—As Sammy, Steve, Michelle, Eli, and Thad Black support *Richard's Kids*, a non-profit organization of Rabun County, which lends assistance to children and their family's during the holidays.



## Cover Girl

No need for a double take. One glance at *Aviators Hot Line Properties* fourth quarter 2012 edition, and you will instantly recognize the layout of the beautiful concrete runway of Heaven's Landing.

*Aviators Hot Line* from Homeland Press publishes over 20 publications and has "brought buyers and sellers together" since 1966.

Looking at Heaven's Landing for the first time? Research online or pick up a print copy.

Click here: [Heaven's Landing Airpark Properties](#)

## Heaven's Landing Welcomes Riccardo Filippi

Italian Riccardo Filippi is no stranger –not to U.S. General Aviation, he obtained his commercial pilot license with multi-engine and sea plane ratings in the States in 1992, and he certainly is no stranger to anyone who spends a little time chatting with him. The gregarious, charmingly-handsome, quintessential Italian lives and works in Rome, but he has the knack of making quick and lasting friendships and has keen discerning tastes. Riccardo visited Heaven's Landing in early December spending several days with the Ciochetti family and affirming his love of and wonder for Heaven's Landing and the distinctly American Fly-in Living concept.



This past March 2012, Riccardo Filippi was on assignment for Italy's leading aviation magazine, *Volare*, at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida, when he spotted a lovely *Angel* from across the exhibition hall. Keeping composed, he ventured over to the Heaven's Landing Exhibit and fell in love with— *the dream*. The lure of the beautiful young Heaven's Landing Angel certainly caught his eye, but as Riccardo spoke with Mike Ciochetti and heard first-hand about this one-of-a-kind Air Estate Park in the quiet foothills of the Southern Appalachians, he was struck. "I follow the US aviation market and trends as a writer for *Volare*, a premiere Italian aviation magazine" Ric explains. "Heaven's Landing is the best of the best where all the components are in place and where people share similar passions and have the same common values. I've noticed that pilots are selectively discerning...seeing Heaven's Landing, lets you know the man—the developer. You see his vision," he adds. "If there becomes a way to get passed the Italian bureaucracy, [where regulations, costs, and building are very different than in the US], I hope one day to export this concept of fly-in living to Italy. Heaven's Landing simply spells perfection—it is the jewel embedded in gold!"

Back home, Ric decided about a month ago that he had to visit Heaven's Landing for himself. After dropping Mike a line, Ric secured his reservations. The visit fell perfectly as Mike and Holly, and the rest of the distinctly Italian *Ciochetti* family, were anxiously awaiting the arrival of baby Bella. Mike and his extended family spent three full days with Ric, showing him all the area has to offer—the great dinning, the endless outdoor amenities, and our amazing community. "The Southern Appalachians are well-known in Italy...the *Dueling Banjos* is a masterpiece!" But most importantly, Ric cites his instant report with the Ciochetti family. "We are united in our heritage, and I feel at home. The exchange of friendship is priceless," he states.

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Photos on this page are by  
**Aviation Photographer [Alfredo La Marca](#)**.  
 Please see the link for his [website galleries](#).

There are also many Youtube videos about this remarkable aircraft and the pilots who fly them.  
[Here is one example](#).

Ric certainly knows what he is talking about both in his knowledge of people and of aviation communities. You see, he is not the easiest man to concisely profile. He is a man of many talents and abilities. He recalls falling in love with flying, as many did, watching the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing as a child. He also had the gift at an early age to write about his interests. With this talent, he has held many different occupations over the years, allowing for diverse travel opportunities which put him in touch with people from all over the world. But Ric's story continues. Ric also is a long-distance [flight enthusiast](#) (enjoyed pre 9/11); owns a Sky Arrow aircraft, an Italian manufactured, tandem seating LSA; and he has growing children at home. So one must ask, what does he do for a living? And when pinned down, he cites one final role which has defined him, his very intense occupation as a professional firefighting pilot for the Italian Government's Civil Protection unit.

Ric flies as a first officer on the Bombardier 415 (formerly Canadair CL-415, aka Super-Scooper), one serious, flying, firefighting apparatus. Ric has been flying in the service since 2004. The firefighting season is comprised of a 3.5 month summer campaign with a shorter and less hectic winter campaign. His shift has him working 5 days in a row, in one out of four different bases, with two days off. The skill involved in maneuvering this massive aircraft, optimally dropping the load at 100 feet over the steep hillside fires of the Italian countryside, requires both finesse and is physically demanding. Fires are common; and for up to 6 hours a day, Ric drops the 6,150 liter (over 1,600 gallon) payload of water, returning again and again to the water supply where he positions the Bombardier to just skim the surface, refilling the aircraft tanker in about 12 seconds.

"Riccardo's visit was great," Mike shares, "he really does fit in with our family perfectly. I know the summer and shoulder seasons are incredibly busy for him, but I do hope he returns soon. We look forward to his write up in *Volare* on Heaven's Landing. He obviously knows the heart and soul of this development as much as the owners, partners, and I do."



# Upcoming Events

## Area Events:

### **Tiger Mountain Soup & Wine**

**Saturdays in January 5, 12, 19, 26**

Enjoy the perfect winter complement of soup and wine with artesian cheeses and bread. 1-3 pm Saturdays \$15/person in the [Tiger Mountain Vineyard's](#) Red Barn or Barrel Room, depending on weather. January 5 Mountain Hoo Doo perform.

### **Comedian Tim Hawkins**

**January 18**

It is a night of great laughs with [Comedian Tim Hawkins](#). Tim is a family– friendly comedian and musician who will have you rolling on the floor as he explores life's little miracles including marriage, parenthood, and homeschooling. Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts in Franklin tickets are \$25-40 show starts at 7:30pm.

### **Alice in Wonderland– The Musical**

**February 8-9**

The Overlook Theatre Company presents this one-act production of the well-known *Alice in Wonderland* story. This production is 60 minutes and is perfect for younger audiences. Shows begin at 7:30 pm. Contact [SMCPA's](#) for tickets (\$10).

### **[F.A.I.T.H.'s Sweetheart Ball](#)**

**February 9**

Mark the date and select the dress for an evening of wonderful local food, dancing, and benefit auction! It is time for FAITH's Sweetheart ball. Rabun County Civic Center from 6 pm—11 pm. All proceeds go to supporting FAITH's efforts in protecting women and children in Rabun County. An amazing evening of great music is on hand with the [TAMS!](#)

### **Annual Chocolate & Wine Party**

**February 9**

Enjoy a taste-filled afternoon at Tiger Mtn. Vineyard with their annual chocolate and wine party to kick-start your Valentine week! 1-3 pm.

### **Urinetown**

**February 15-16**

You will have a great evening enjoying this Tony Award winning satirical musical comedy presented by the Rabun Gap Nacoochee School's performing arts students at the RGNS Readen Theatre. Shows are at 7:30 both evenings and a matinee at 2:30 on Saturday. Call 706.746.7467 for tickets.

### **Top of Georgia Bluegrass Jamboree**

**March 8-9**

Come to Dillard, Georgia March 8 & 9, for one of the biggest [Bluegrass Festivals](#) in the Southeast. The festival will feature many of today's hottest bluegrass stars including: Blue Highway, The Boxcars, Balsam Range, The Gibson Brothers, NewFound Road, Crowe Brothers, Curtis Blackwell & the Dixie Bluegrass Boys and the Snyder Family.

HAPPY

New Year

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## Stay Informed



- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Residential Airpark.](#)"

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- **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.



- Fish year round and enjoy our local lakes. When in Rabun, go boating! Rentals are available at [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

## Personal Trainer—Elisa Hopkins

Elisa Hopkins is a certified Personal Trainer and tailors training for men and women to the individual's interest and goals. Elisa currently conducts classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at a new studio in Tiger, GA, [Studio e.](#)

*Join Elisa and the four other instructors in feeling more energetic and healthier this year. There are over 20 classes to choose from.*

**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 information: 706.212.0017 or [sales@heavenslanding.com](mailto:sales@heavenslanding.com).



*"Work with someone you know and trust."*

## Our Current Fuel Prices



### Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS	\$5.95/ gal*
JET A	\$5.30/gal*

*\*Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of January 1, 2013*



## [International Space Station](#)

Click on the link above for a great Youtube video that is worth sharing if you ever dreamt of soaring into space.

*In her final few days as Commander of the International Space Station, Sunita Williams of NASA recorded an extensive tour of the orbital laboratory and down linked the video on Nov. 18, just hours before she, cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko and Flight Engineer Aki Hoshide of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency departed in their Soyuz TMA-05M spacecraft for a landing on the steppe of Kazakhstan. The tour includes scenes of each of the station's modules and research facilities with a running narrative by Williams of the work that has taken place and which is ongoing aboard the orbital outpost.*

Thank you for being a part of Heaven's Landing. For an archived electronic library of our Heaven's Landing Newsletter showcasing the year's local and aviation events as well as the amazing beauty of Heaven's Landing and surrounding areas, please see [www.heavenslanding.com](http://www.heavenslanding.com) and "[newsletter](#)" link.

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