

HEAVEN'S LANDING

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COPA Migration 8 Duluth, Minnesota

This year's Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) 8th Annual Fly-In and Exposition had a change of venue. For the first time, the Migration was held in Dayton, Ohio rather than Cirrus' home base in Duluth, Minnesota. "We've gone from the birthplace of our airplane to the birthplace of *the* airplane," COPA President Curt Sanford said in a press conference on the opening day.



Mike, Holly with Amanda Wright Lane and AOPA President Craig Fuller

The new location allowed for participants to visit many historically fascinating spots during the five day event. It was an action packed and busy exhibition for our own Mike and Holly who rose each morning to begin activities at 6:30 a.m. "Migration 8 had a huge turn out this year," remarked Holly, "it is like seeing family each year as vendors, sponsors, participants, and volunteers come together to create a very successful show."

On Thursday night, a festive Cabana Dinner was held at the Carillon Historical Park. Holly and Mike had over 25 buildings to explore at this sprawling park-complex that showcases historical innovation, transportation, and pays tribute to inventors that shaped our nation. "Dayton, is of course, the home of Orville and Wilbur Wright, and everywhere you turn history is alive," states Holly. The facility displays the *Wright Flyer III*, as well as, a replica of the Brothers' bike shop. The evening concluded with Smithsonian historian, Tom Crouch who spoke on the history of powered flight.

Another fascinating tour opportunity, between trade show hours, seminars, and guest speakers, was at the National Museum of the United States Air Force at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. NMUSAF is world's oldest and largest aviation museum home to five huge galleries with over 400 displays, an *Imax* theatre, and the *Morphis Movie ride* (just like flying a jet aircraft).

Friday night's Annual Migration Banquet was an elegant event held at the National Museum with two highly anticipated speakers. Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association's (AOPA) President Craig Fuller welcomed and inspired the crowd. He introduced the great-grandniece of the Orville and Wilber Wright, Amanda Wright Lane who spoke on preserving the legacy of the Wright Brothers and her foundation's financial support to aviation.



With so much to do, Migration 8 was a whirl-wind of excitement. Mike and Holly enjoyed seeing familiar faces, especially Heaven's Landing owner Tom Nasser, and they look forward to Migration 9 as planning begins already with new sites and events already in the works.

Experimental Aircraft Association—Lawrenceville Chapter 690

On June 5th, Mike and Holly attended the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 690's pancake breakfast meeting at Briscoe Field in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

In addition to having the Heaven's Landing expo display and sharing the promotional DVD, Mike was honored to be the event's guest speaker. He presented the joys of "Heaven on Earth—Living with Your Airplane." Mike highlighted the benefits of living in a premiere fly-in community nestled in the heavenly Northeast Georgia mountains. "Where else can you wake up to stunning beauty, jump in your aircraft, and experience the freedom of personal travel in an economical way, while being surrounded by some of the most dynamic and friendly like-minded neighbors you could ever hope to find?" poignantly questions Mike.

The packed meeting had guests from around the general aviation community. "It was the perfect opportunity to invite our Atlanta neighbors to take the short flight to visit Heaven's Landing," continues Mike, "Heaven's Landing is 'like no place on earth' compared to most metro fly-in living communities."



Michele and Gene Bromberek visit with Mike and Holly and take a virtual tour of Heaven's Landing.

Photo by Joel Levine

DeKalb Peachtree Airport Good Neighbor Day Air show and Open House

On the heels of a wonderful morning meeting at EAA, Mike and Holly attended the Good Neighbor Day at DeKalb Peachtree Airport. Sponsored by the Jim Ellis Automotive Group, it was a afternoon filled with static displays hosted by the Atlanta Helicopter Pilots Association and top tier aerobatic performances.



Some of the day's line-up included, The Misty Blues, an all women's skydiving team, formation flying by Team Aeroshell and Team RV, and the Red Eagle Air Sports Team. This was a free admission event and just another great example of aviation camaraderie, so mark your calendars for early June of 2011!



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Busy Meeting and Greeting

Flying Magazines' Parade of Planes was held at Gwinnett County Airport- Briscoe Field (KLZU), June 11th and 12th. POP is an aviation "superstore" event. It gives those in the market for an aircraft a side to side comparison of the most popular planes. Mike set up the booth on Friday and Property supervisor, Gerald Silvius was on hand Saturday.



Back at Heaven's Landing, Mike returned to host another great fly-in Saturday. Holly's great cookies, wonderful hamburgers and property tours rounded out the day. Plan to spend the day again on August 21 for our next fly-in event.

Owner Profile –Al and Kim Kussy

One common denominator for the Heaven's Landing's community is a passion to work hard and play harder. Kim and Al Kussy along with their two college-aged daughters, Breanna and Bethany, of St. Petersburg, Florida, are the perfect example of this lifestyle built on a foundation of family being first. The Kussy's have been a vital part of Heaven's Landing for over 7 years. They own Lot #64 located on approach end of runway 5 and Hangar M5.

Al and Kim are both avid pilots and own a Cessna 310R. Married for twenty-seven years, they met in Dearborn, Michigan. After honeymooning in Florida, they decided it was a place to set down roots and moved there within a year of visiting.

The Kussy's first encounter at Heaven's Landing was inspired by an ad for the property in an aviation magazine. After touring the area, they fell in love with the taxiway lot. Heaven's Landing is the perfect escape from the Florida heat and a hub for outdoor and business related activities for the family. The Kussy's have always enjoyed the beauty of the Georgia Mountains and are avid campers. They come multiple times a year spending time out on Lake Burton, exploring the sights, and enjoying the great shops in Highlands, NC.

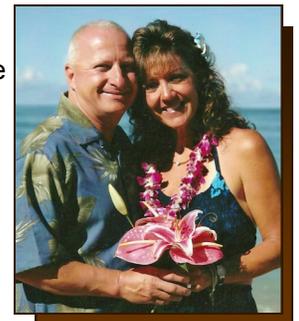


Al and Kim are the heart of their family owned business, **Aerospace Components Inc. (AC)**, a company they started together. Over their 25 year business history, the company has morphed from a military and space components manufacturer to leading the industry in producing high-quality performance products for drag racers. Al, a former design engineer at Honeywell, is their company's Chief Design Engineer and Head of Shop Operations. Al might be described as the dreamer of the family as he knew he wished to fly as a child watching flights out of the Detroit Metro Airport fly over his home in Michigan. "As long as I can remember I always wanted to learn how to fly like an eagle!" reports Al. At the first opportunity, he got his pilot's licenses along with all his ratings. Then, he fostered a love for drag racing into a very successful business.

Kim as well wears multiple hats in the operation of the company including, Executive Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer, and Marketing Officer! She is the driving force behind the successful marketing that has developed into strong relationships with drivers and sponsorships of racing programs. "I love people, and I love to promote - that is what I am passionate about!", Kim states. Aerospace Components is a main sponsor for all race classes for the Fox Sports Network's, "NHRA Unleashed Series". The series is from the producers of the hit shows "Pinks" and "Pink All Out." Visit AC's website, to see all the details: www.aerospacecomponents.com.

Al and Kim have put as much passion in their work as they have with their home-life. After working day jobs and putting in the time at night to get Aerospace Components off the ground, they started a family. They homeschooled their daughters for ten years. The red dragster pictured above, was built as a home school project by the girls. The "office-schooling" immersed the girls in all things business, life skills, teamwork, as well as, design planning, and building a car! Breanna and Bethany are now students at the University of South Florida, Tampa.

The Kussy's busy schedule brings many wonderful opportunities and yet, they still have personal time. They recently renewed their vows in Hawaii, and they find much joy and peace as active members of the Indian Rocks Baptist Church in Largo, FL.



Al and Kim are always looking for the next challenge and new adventure. Because Aerospace Components once worked on parts for the Space Shuttle, they jest that they are currently in the market to "pick up a used space shuttle...we will be launching from Heaven's Landing and Mike can light the fuse"! Knowing the Kussy's, you just might need to get your lawn chair ready.

Around the Bend- Persimmon Creek Vineyards

Whether you are looking for an afternoon outing or luxurious accommodations while you come to Heaven's Landing, Persimmon Creek Vineyards, just four miles down the road, is the answer. A visit to this Northeast Georgia treasure offers private tastings, educational tours, custom luncheons, and three exquisitely furnished guest cottages.



Mary Ann and Dr. William "Sonny" Hardman bought the first parcel of land in 1999 with simply a passion for vinification (wine-making) and horticulture. Today the vineyard spans 110 acres surrounded by US Forest Service property and currently grows 5 varieties of European grapes that are producing and are well suited to the microclimates found in their valley. The winery is completely solar powered. The idyllic setting includes East Friesian dairy sheep out in the pastures, flower and vegetable gardens soon to be in full summer bloom, bee hives, a "farm" house for special events complete with a century old springhouse, a wine tasting room, and winery where all steps in the process are handcrafted. Persimmon Creek Vineyards is open Saturdays 11am-5pm or by appointment. The vineyard's satellite wine tasting room is *Persimmon on the Square* located on Savannah Street in downtown Clayton. It is open all days except Wednesday and Sundays from 11am-6pm.



Regardless of your wine tastes, a visit to the vineyard is a treat for the beauty, education, and their staff. During my visit, General Manager Claudia Penland was my delightful host. She skillfully and knowledgeably explained the many aspects of wine making (oenology); and she guided me through sampling the 5 currently offered varieties which include Riesling, Cabernet Franc, Seyval Blanc, Merlot, and Ice Wine. Persimmon Creek Vineyards produces 2000 cases a year and can be found on the wine list at the Ritz-Carlton Atlanta and Buckhead and other fine restaurants and resorts in the Southeast, San Francisco, and New York. The vineyard is proud to announce the addition of Caroline Hoogenboom as their expert wine maker. Ms. Hoogenboom has studied around the world and the United States.

You will be hard pressed to find a more perfect peaceful setting to spend a quiet weekend away. Persimmon Creek Vineyards has three beautifully decorated luxurious cottages (all over 2,000 sq. feet) that were completed in 2009. Aptly named for their surrounds, "Sassafras" and "Hickory" have two bedrooms, and "Fiddlehead" has one. All feature fully-furnished living areas, gourmet kitchens and multiple relaxing nooks (see photos below). Reservations fill quickly in the fall, but accommodations can be acquired usually with a few weeks notice. See www.persimmoncreekwine.com for all the details on rates and packages.

Persimmon Creek Vineyard's summer schedule is well planned with events to delight the gourmet in us all:

Picnic Days! Gourmet Picnic Basket Lunch and bottle of wine for Two; \$50 per couple , June 26th, July 24th, and August 28th.

Bon Appétit Y'all! Five course dinner paired with PCV wine saluting both French Southern culinary traditions; Guest Chef and Author, Virginia Willis; July 17th, 7pm; \$95 per person.

"Rolling Bones: Soul and BBQ!" Chef Todd Richards of Atlanta's Rolling Bones and One Flew South presents a gourmet BBQ dinner, Saturday, August 21st at 7 p.m., \$85 per person (includes all wine, tax, and gratuity), reservations are required.



Celebrated Chef and Author Virginia Willis





Upcoming Events



Heaven's Landing Events:

Heaven's Landing Fly-Ins

August 21

Please join us and see what's new at Heaven's Landing. Tours are available all day with food served from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. RSVP with Monica 800-HEAVEN 2. Mark your calendar for these Saturdays:

August 21 October 2 November 13 December 4

Oshkosh Stop Over at Heaven's Landing (GE99)

July 23-August 2

On your way to and from EAA's 2010 Airventure, stop by Heaven's Landing for fuel. With fuel purchase receive a complimentary sandwich lunch while supplies last. Property tours available daily upon request.

Area Events:

Dillard House Fourth of July BBQ Festivities & Fireworks Show

July 4

Hamburger cookout, live band, outdoor BBQ, fantastic fireworks show beginning at dusk. Visit www.dillardhouse.com for reservations and information.

"Odd Couple" (Female Version)

July 9-11; 16-18

North Georgia Community Players; Dillard Playhouse Theater; Friday and Saturday shows at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.; adults \$10 and children under 12 \$5.

2010 Art at the Lake Show and Sale

July 10

Lake Rabun Pavilion; Hosted by the North Georgia Arts Guild; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Info: 706-782-ARTS.

Rabun County Habitat for Humanity 4th Annual Hoedown

July 15

Dillard House Conference Center; Tickets \$50 for adults, \$20 for children includes BBQ meal, music and live and silent auction.

Bon Appétit Y'all!

July 17

Persimmon Creek Vineyard hosts a gourmet evening with Chef Virginia Willis; \$95; 7 p.m. Contact 706-212-7380 for reservations.

7th Annual Heirloom Tomato Festival

July 18

Glen Ella Springs. This all day event begins at 11 a.m. ending with a twilight supper at 6 p.m. Reservations required 706-754-7295.

Picnic Days! At Persimmon Creek Vineyards

July 24

Gourmet picnic lunch for two. Guest enjoy the vineyard grounds, vines, sheep, and views; \$50 per couple.

2010 EAA Oshkosh Airventure

July 26-August 1

International Experimental Aircraft Association's annual convention. Oshkosh, WI. See www.airventure.org. Visit the Heaven's Landing booths # 2083/2084.

14th Annual Dillard Bluegrass & Barbecue Festival

August 6-7

Dillard City Hall; 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday. Top bluegrass, Georgia State Championship KCBS cook-off, and beautiful crafts. \$10 adults and children 12 and under free.

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Special Performance

August 8

Rearden Theatre, Rabun Gap-Nachoochee School, 4 p.m. Information and tickets call 706-746-6226.

"Rolling Bones: Soul and BBQ"

August 21

Persimmon Creek Vineyard gourmet BBQ dinner prepared by Chef Todd Richards. Call 706-212-7380 for reservations.



Our Community



- **Fire Pit Crew Returns.** Just check to see if there are embers burning in the chimenea any Friday and Saturday night, bring a chair, and come join us for lively conversation with a great view outside Hangar Apollo 12.



- **What's New with You?** Let us know what activities and adventures you are having. 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!** We are so happy to introduce our newly formatted newsletter. We hope to share it while protecting our natural resources. Please update your contact information with Monica Hunt 706.212.0017 or monica@heavenslanding.com and make sure we have your latest email address, so you will stay informed.

- **Stay in Touch.** Join us on Facebook, "Heaven's Landing". Connect, share, and learn about the latest happenings within our community.



- **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.

Heaven's Landing Services

Private Pilates Instruction



Our very own **Holly Macaulay** is now offering private instruction in Pilates, the exercise program that builds flexibility, strength, and endurance without adding bulk. With over two years of instruction experience, Holly specializes in beginner and intermediate levels. Call her at 706.982.5245 to set up an appointment to work out in our beautiful Clubhouse.

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 **Monica Hunt** for an estimate: 706.212.0017 or monica@heavenslanding.com.

"Work with someone you know and trust."



Our Current Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS \$4.39/gal*
 JET A \$3.95/gal*

**Prices Subject to Change*

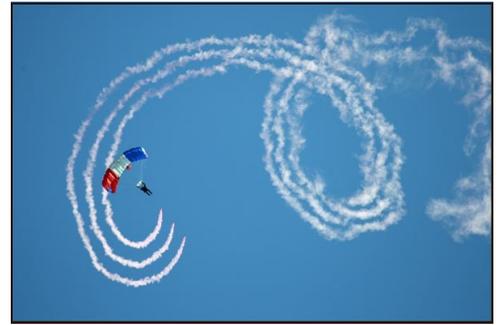
Prices as of July 1, 2010



2010 EAA Airventure Oshkosh

“The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration” is just weeks away! July 26th-August 1st Oshkosh, Wisconsin is the place to be. There will be spectacular air shows, live concerts, miles of aircraft, fly-in theater, exhibits, veteran memorials, kid activities, and buy and sell auction to name a few of the events scheduled. Non-member daily passes start at \$37 and kids five and under are free.

Make sure you stop to visit with Holly and Mike as well as our fantastic *Heaven’s Landing Angels* at booth sites **2083/2084**.



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