

HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

July 2015

Our First Airshow and Concert



The June 27th Airshow and Concert at Heaven's Landing was a resounding success! We were blessed with a great crowd and a reprieve from threatening rain. A double rainbow miraculously appeared during the concert, adding to the beauty and excitement of the evening festivities.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success, with a special acknowledgment to the following: Our aerobatic performers (Clemens Kuhlrig, Skipper Hyle, Greg Connell, Buck Roetman & Gary Ward), our musical performers (Justin Dukes, The Time Jumpers & Vince Gill), the Rabun County Economic Development Authority, the Heaven's Landing owners and staff, and our sponsors (The Autism Foundation of Georgia, Gainesville Machine Company, Rabun ABC Package Store, Rumor Hazit, S-N-K Specialties, Remax of Rabun, The Carr Law Group, Southern Marine Construction, and Heaven's Landing Development). This event would not have been possible without your foresight, diligence, and hard work.

See the following pages for spectators' responses and amazing photos of the Airshow and Concert! To see even more photos and videos, check out our [online album](#).

Teka Earnhart, Executive Director of Rabun County Tourism Development Authority:

What a great evening we had at the Heaven's Landing Airpark. The Grand Finale to the Tallulah Gorge Skywalk Celebration was incredible! The airshow was the hit of the night and what people are still talking about. We want to thank all the property owners and partners for allowing us the opportunity to showcase Heaven's Landing, as it is a very special property that we are proud to have here in Rabun County. Working with Mike and Holly was a wonderful experience, and we truly appreciate them not thinking that we were crazy when we asked them to host a concert and airshow to end the Skywalk celebration. Together we put in many long hours to make this night magical.



Even with the rain falling all day the skies cleared just in time to start the Airshow and awe the crowd. People came from near and far for the event. We witnessed license plates from Florida, Tennessee, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and several counties in Georgia. I have heard from many that they can't wait until the next show. It was certainly a great way to introduce so many folks locally, regionally, and nationally to Heaven's Landing. We hope that this is the start of a great partnership, and that the Heaven's Landing community continues to grow stronger with opportunities like these to showcase their facilities and offer these great events.

Doug and Sue Johnson, Heaven's Landing Owners:

Sue and I were so glad the weather gods decided to give us a break over the airfield just in time for the Heaven's Landing airshow last week. Under cool skies we set up our lawn chairs near the taxiway and enjoyed the "up close and personal" airshow. The acts were varied and professional, and the time for each was just about right. The drama of having the planes disappear behind the far ridge at the low point of their passes just added to the excitement, and even resulted in a few sharp breath intakes from my



retired Marine F-4 Phantom driver guest seated next to me. Our 5 month old granddaughter, Evelyn, wasn't too happy with all the noise—but give her time... All in all, it was a great set-up for the ensuing concert.



Tom and Jan Nasser, Heaven's Landing Owners:

My wife and I flew down to attend the 1st air show and concert at Heaven's Landing on June 27. The incredible aerobatic performances were enjoyed by all who attended, and the concert was a great venue to just relax and enjoy the surrounding views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Thankfully, God spared us from getting rained out. There were just enough breaks in the clouds to allow the air show to go on. It was very nice to see old friends and meet new ones, and the event served as a great way for our community to get together, have fun, and socialize. I hope that we can continue to do this every year. Maybe next year we can get the Rolling Stones to perform! :)



Barry and Robin Agosti, Heaven's Landing Owners:

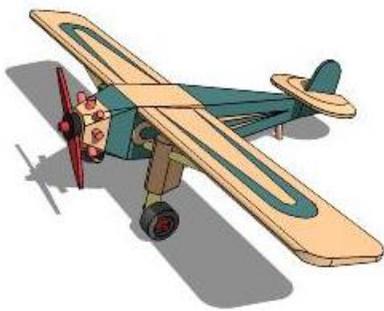
We had a terrific time at Heavens Landing last week. Robin and I had friends from Florida join us for a few days of fun and enjoyment in Clayton, GA and the surrounding area. We spent our time boating and swimming on Lake Rabun, and shopping and eating in Clayton. Our restaurant choices of Fortify and Glen Ella Springs were spectacular to say the least. We topped off our stay with a cookout, air show and concert at Heaven's Landing. The air show was a hit! We didn't really know what to expect, but the aerobatic pilots kept everyone on the edge of their seats. My friends were amazed at the beauty of Heaven's Landing and the surrounding area. Everyone's looking for an immediate invite back. Our stay was really perfect. Thanks for all your efforts with the event.



Vaughn Rogers, Reeves Ace Hardware Company:

I would like to first give a shout out to all those who made the Tallulah Gorge Sky Walk Celebration possible. As a retailer in Rabun, I applaud their efforts.

Wow what a venue! Even with the rain, the view of God's creation could still be seen. I am talking about Heaven's Landing, the very same property that my great grandmother Dickerson and my Granny Reeves were raised on. Unless you have visited this place, you would never believe one could carve out a one mile runway on top of a mountain. What vision it took to see this property in its wilderness state and then develop a picturesque mountain estate airpark.



The original plan was to have a concert. So, they went out and brought in a big name: The Time Jumpers featuring Vince Gill. I saw everyone having a good time, with fellowship, singing, and dancing. Fun was had by all, but you can't have a concert on an air strip without having an airshow! Five pilots were brought in to put on an acrobatic airshow that was second to none. These guys were flipping, turning, stalling, and dipping out of site below the ridge lines. At one point, I said a prayer for one of the pilots. It was breathtaking. I think it was a very good event and a great combination. I urge those involved to host a second annual event and desperately ask the community to support it. Those that attended this one were blessed.

Peter Serodino, Heaven's Landing Owner:

What a great idea! An airshow and concert in the Georgia "Alps" in June. After record breaking heat in Tennessee, I was ready to get away to the cool summer air at Heaven's Landing. What better excuse than an airshow followed by a concert featuring Vince Gill and the Time Jumpers. A fine mist in the air from the high broken clouds kept things nice and cool but did not slow down the airshow in the least.

The performers took off and landed from show center next to the stage. Ground loops with plenty of smoke before takeoff and after landing were a definite crowd pleaser. The acro was a good as it gets. After the airshow, the concert started. What FUN, foot-tapping music, good friends, good beverages, a special day transitioning into a wonderful night in a magical place. Can't wait for the next SHOW.



Butch and Becky Harden, Heaven's Landing Owners:

Becky and my guests greatly enjoyed the airshow and Vince Gill! I brought five friends from Gainesville and we were all blown away! With the mountains as a back drop and powerful performers, it could not have been better. Vince Gill was good, but the airshow was even more special. When one performer cut his engine, everyone gasped. What an evening! We enjoyed seeing old friends from Texas, Florida, Ohio, and many other places. The real surprise was our new friends we made, including the beautiful young couple who just bought the hanger under us. They were blown away with the hospitality of the Heavens Landing's Family. Bob and Dianne were celebrating every moment of their new purchase in Heaven's Landing. From California to Key West to Connecticut, our Heaven's Landing Family continues to grow and enjoy our "Mountain Flying Family Adventure." We love that pilots like Alan Jackson's pilot Donnie love flying and love Heaven's Landing! Becky and I would like to thank Mike, Holly, and the entire Heaven's Landing family for another special memory. Your grand opening with Bud Anderson, Chuck Yeager, and the Aces set the tone for our future in Heaven!



Summer in Rabun County

Here in Northeast Georgia, Mother Nature provides beautiful weather year-round, but nothing compares to summer! Rabun County offers endless outdoor activities for the summer months. Take off from Heaven's Landing and tour the beautiful surrounding Smoky Mountains from the air, or enjoy the views and a picnic lunch on the deck of our clubhouse. Less than 5 miles away are Lake Burton and Lake Rabun, great for watersports, boating, or just relaxing. From horseback riding to hiking, Heaven's Landing is your springboard for summer fun. Owners, please don't forget about our shared amenities with the Waterfall Country Club! You can enjoy a stunning golf course, indoor fitness center, and fine dining. Visit [ExploreRabun](#) and [ExploreGeorgia](#) for ideas to help you plan your summer.

Adventure | whitewater rafting, zip-lining, and more

- [Nantahala Outdoor Center](#)
- [Southeastern Expeditions](#)
- [Wildwater Rafting](#)
- [Highlands Aerial Park](#)
- [Zip N Time](#)

Horseback Riding | lessons and adventure rides

- [Dillard House](#)
- [Equus Meadow](#)
- [Full Stride Farms](#)

Watersports | tubing, canoeing, boating

- [Appalachian Outfitters](#)
- [Cool River Tubing](#)
- [Helen Tubing and Waterpark](#)
- [Nottely River Campground](#)
- [Anchorage Boat Dock](#)
- [Andy's Trout Farm](#)
- [LaPrade's Marina](#)

State Parks | rivers, rocks, and mountains

- [Black Rock Mountain](#)
- [Moccasin Creek](#)
- [Tallulah Gorge](#)
- [Unicoi](#)
- [Vogel](#)

Hiking Trails | for any level of hiker

- [State Park Guide to Trails](#)
- [Becky's Branch & Martin Creek Falls](#) (3.4 mi RT)
- [Coleman River](#) (2 mi RT)
- [Hemlock Trail](#) (3 mi RT)
- [Minnehaha Falls](#) (1.2 mi RT)
- [Panther Creek Falls](#) (7.2 mi RT)
- [Rabun Bald](#) (4 mi RT)





All of the owners and developers here at Heaven's Landing want to wish each of you a happy Independence Day. In honor of the 239th birthday of our great country, may we gather to celebrate friends, family, and freedom. To all our veterans, past and present, we thank you for the service you have devoted to making this nation what it is today. We remember the famous words from the Declaration of Independence, no less powerful today:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Simply Homegrown Farmer's Market



You can visit the Rabun County [Simply Homegrown Farmer's Market](#) every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm at the Covered Bridge Shopping Center in Clayton. Visit their [website](#) and enter your email address on the right to receive Friday's listing of all the great products available the following day.

A First Time Visit to Heaven's Landing



My name is Marissa Deml, and I recently became the newsletter writer for Heaven's Landing. My parents, Tom and Amy, are Heaven's Landing owners (you may remember them from the April 2015 newsletter), and this June I finally got the chance to visit Heaven's Landing for the first time. Heaven's Landing can be difficult to describe (especially to those unfamiliar with general aviation). I think this is because Heaven's Landing is much more than simply a "residential airpark." It is more than the sum of its runway, its hangers, its homes. It is a community enriched by friends, nature, and adventure.

We flew into Heaven's Landing in my dad's Piper Comanche on a hot, bright June day. (Watch our [landing](#) and [takeoff](#) videos!) Winding through the low, ancient mountains textured with trees were the lines of highways, creeks, and power lines, but we followed our straight, invisible line through the air. My dad pointed, and I caught my first glimpse of Heaven's Landing. I saw a flash of the runway up ahead, nestled in its valley. The sight thrilled me. Below us were homes and stores and cars, but our destination felt remote. It felt secret, special, a gem in a meticulously mapped world. Without Little Creek Road, without an airplane, you would never find it, like the mythical pirate islands which cannot be found unless you already know where they are.

We descended between the mountains, watching the trees shift from a blur of green to distinct shades. The smooth white concrete met the gear. We rolled past the bright fields, the glassy clubhouse on its hill, and taxied up to the hangers. With their windows that span the door hinge and their shaded balconies, they barely look like hangers at all. Mike Ciochetti (and their new dog Pilot) greeted us, and our whirlwind weekend began.

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Heaven's Landing seen from the Clubhouse



Above: Heaven's Landing off the tail of our Comanche.
Below: Glen-Ella Springs Inn

I was surprised at how much fun, adventure, and relaxation could be squeezed into a few days in Rabun County. We toured the Heaven's Landing grounds, where stunning views and beautiful homes suddenly appear as you round corners on the winding road. My parents' lot was thick with poplar trees and blackberry bushes, but builder Sean Greer (of SnK Specialties) could easily envision and describe their future home for us.

Downtown Clayton was less than ten minutes away, where we ate a fresh, delicious lunch at the U-Joint after hiking the 1000+ steps of the Tallulah Gorge, enjoying the beautiful canyon views. Boating on Lake Burton with Mike and Holly and Bella, we swam in perfect-temperature waters, stopped for a drink at LaPrade's, and "window shopped" the incredible lake homes. At Glen-Ella Springs Inn (right), we savored one of the most delicious meals I have ever had: portabella mushroom salad, rack of lamb with potatoes, crème brulee, and red wine. Plus, we were blessed with an advance tasting of their new dessert: raspberry and guava pastelitos. At the clubhouse, we celebrated Sean and Bella's baptism with Mike and Holly's family and friends, and we even managed to squeeze in a tour of the Waterfall Country Club. The weather for our weekend could not have been better, sunny with high temperatures in the low eighties. It was easy to fit in so many adventures because all our destinations were within fifteen miles.



All the Heaven's Landing owners we came across were friendly and excited to meet us. Jim and Joan Ziegler were even kind enough to let us see the inside of their home, since Sean had recently completed extensive remodeling for them. We met many people at the hanger complex while departing to and returning from our adventures. From their hanger, people would wave, and we'd stop and visit. Right away I could see these spontaneous gatherings with friends were a special tradition in the Heaven's Landing community.

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The southern Appalachian Mountains are beautiful. The long growing season produces thick, lush forests laced with musical creeks. The people at Heaven's Landing are friendly folks from different states, countries, industries, and backgrounds, all extremely happy to be there in that mythical valley. Mike and Holly are great hosts, and even greater friends. Together, the land and the people made Northeast Georgia difficult to leave after only a few days.



Tom, Marissa, Sean, Bella, and Amy

I remember the indignation my sister and I shared when our parents first told us they were moving to Georgia. It wasn't for several years, they assured us, financial weather permitting. But for me, the move was a symbol of huge change. I didn't want to think about my parents getting old, someone else living in our house, and having to grow up. Now, I have seen Heaven's Landing, toured Rabun County, and visited the lot of their future home. Now, rather than frightened, I feel extremely proud to know all the hard work my parents have put in over many years has produced for them the opportunity to live in such an incredible community. In short, I am sold, and I cannot wait to go back.

New Restaurant Opens on Lake Burton: By Hand

Try something new and delicious this month. Boat or drive over to By Hand, the new Neapolitan-style pizza joint located on [LaPrade's Marina](#) on Lake Burton. Chef Tyler Williams, previously of Woodfire Grill, is serving four types of handmade pizzas: cheese, meat, veggie, and a special. Williams' focus is on local ingredients, from the flour to the veggies. He has plans for obtaining a liquor license, serving salads, and developing a local farm as well. Read more about By Hand in [Atlanta Magazine](#).



Joan Facey Brings Gershon Benjamin Exhibit to Drexel University



Gershon Benjamin Exhibition Opening



College of Engineering Open House and Dean's Lunch

A Recap of Alumni Weekend 2015

On Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, the Drexel University Alumni Association welcomed back all alumni for the annual Alumni Weekend.

On Friday evening, May 1, the Gershon Benjamin: Modern Master exhibit opened in the Rincliffe Gallery in the Main Building. The exhibit was brought to Drexel by College of Engineering alumna Joan H. Facey '58, who grew up knowing Benjamin and his wife before she later became the custodian of Benjamin's artwork. Now chair of the Gershon Benjamin Foundation, Facey wanted to make the artwork available to the Drexel community, especially students. At the exhibit opening and reception, she spoke about her relationship to Benjamin and his work, before personally providing tours of the artwork in the gallery. For more information about Gershon Benjamin and the exhibit hours, please see the article below.

The College of Engineering also hosted an Open House and Dean's Lunch on Saturday, May 2 with over 120 alumni and guests in attendance. All Departments within the College took part, with faculty and students on hand with posters, displays, and demos for alumni to enjoy. Following the Open House, guests enjoyed a lunch, where several alumni from the College of Engineering were inducted into the Circle of Distinction, the College's highest honor.

Dr. Jeffrey S. Barrett, Joan H. Facey, Stanley L. King, and Robert Lifshin received the award, recognizing their significant contributions to the field of engineering and for their exemplary support of the College of Engineering and Drexel University. For other photographs from Alumni Weekend, please click [here](#).

Becky and Butch Harben Celebrate Granddaughter Olivia's Successes

Heaven's Landing owners Becky and Butch Harben have always loved and been proud of their granddaughter Olivia:

"Becky and I began to notice how special Olivia was when she was very young. At three, Olivia began to play games on the computer by herself. At four, Olivia had already begun to read. This love of reading continues to grow every day."

At Olivia's sixth grade Awards Day this year, she earned the Duke University TIP Award, the Honor Roll, and the highest grade point average in Math, English, Social Studies, Performing Arts, Bible, and in the sixth grade. She also represented her school in the Math Olympics and the Regional Spelling Bee. Olivia wants to get a job when she turns 14, and she hopes to attend Yale University and become a paleontologist.

"Olivia is a driven, highly motivated, loving girl. Our pride and love for her is overwhelming. Olivia has been a part of Heaven's Landing all of her life. What a blessing to her. We have built stools and workbenches in our hanger and flown out of the runway to great adventures and loved every second. Becky and I would like to thank Mike and the entire family at Heaven's Landing for creating such a wonderful, loving environment to raise our Olivia in. What a wonderful 12 years we have all had."

Great work, Olivia, and good luck in your future endeavors!



Happy Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all our Heaven's Landing owners who are proud fathers, along with dads everywhere! We hope you had a fun and relaxing day. Here's to dads!



Upcoming Events ...

July 11 & 12: Painted Fern Festival of Art

Looking for a great romantic summer weekend? Come to Rabun County this July! The North Georgia Arts Guild annually sponsors a large art event, but this year is special. For the first time, you can experience artists, craftsmen, food, and wine under one roof! The Painted Fern Festival of Art is Saturday and Sunday July 11 and 12 at the [Rabun County Civic Center](#).

Complete your weekend with a visit to Heaven's Landing. Our staff is always available to take you on a tour of our beautiful community.

Save the Date!
July 11 & 12, 2015

Rabun County Civic Center
 Saturday 10 - 5
 Sunday 11- 4

50+ Artists & Fine Crafters,
 Food, Complimentary Wine

Artist Application
 Available April 15, 2015
 online at:
NorthGeorgiaArtsGuild.com

Painted FERN
 FESTIVAL OF ART

North Georgia Arts Guild
 Founded in 1994

For accommodations, consider one of our local award-winning Bed and Breakfasts:

- [Beechwood Inn](#)
- [Glen-Ella Springs](#)
- [Historic Lake Rabun Hotel](#)
- [Old Edwards Inn and Spa](#)
- [Rabun Manor](#)
- [The White Birch Inn](#)

Upcoming Events continued ...**July 20 - 26: Oshkosh AirVenture**

The biggest aviation event of the year is almost here! This month Heaven's Landing will join the hundreds of vendors in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at [the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Air Show!](#)

With countless vendors, hundreds of aircraft, daily shows and events, and a wide range of presentations, AirVenture truly has something for everyone, young or old, pilot or aviation-newbie. Browse the [full list](#), the working Air Show [lineup](#), and the event [schedule](#).

Headliners of this year's AirVenture include [Burt Rutan](#), [Dierks Bentley](#), an [Airbus A350 XWB](#), and more!

We will be in the same spot as usual: **Hanger B, booth 2084** (AirVenture [map](#)). We look forward to seeing our friends and making some new ones.

Buy your tickets for AirVenture [here](#). There are a variety of ticketing options to choose from to cater to your unique desires. Planning to fly in? Be sure to [read EAA's resources](#) about traveling to this special event.



Just a few of the amazing aircraft at this year's AirVenture!

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 July 2, 2015





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