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***The Aviators* Crew Films Heaven's Landing**

May 6 and 7 provided the characteristic perfect conditions at Heaven's Landing for the arrival of the production crew from the Public Television series, [The Aviators](#). Correspondent Sara Rependa along with Executive Producer Anthony Nalli, Co-Executive Producer Lisa Charney, and Photographer Devin Lund spent two days traveling around the airpark and learning about our community. "We will be featured prominently in the episode to be aired this fall," reports Mike Ciochetti, "it was an excellent experience having the crew here. Our owners flew in with a wide variety of airplanes, and we had the opportunity to host an impromptu party to showcase the Clubhouse. It promises to be a great episode."

Almost immediately after arriving, *The Aviators* crew joined Mike and some Heaven's Landing visitors for a property tour. This allowed Anthony and Sara to see Mike in action and gave them insight on Mike's passion for Heaven's Landing and his work as a developer.

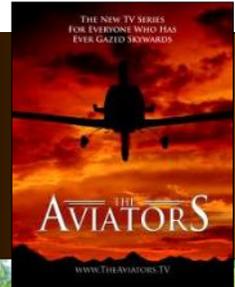
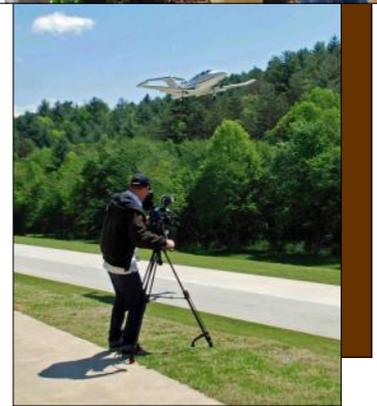


Photo on left: Mike & Holly Ciochetti, with *The Aviators*: Devin Lund, Lisa Charney, Anthony Nalli, and Sara Rependa.

Top right: The Crew set up the interview with Mike.

Right: Devin Lund photographs take-off.



Back at the Clubhouse, the production work began. With a brilliant blue sky and trees in spring color as a backdrop, Sara introduced the segment and Mike's interview. "You've got a really interesting story," she began as she took Mike through the history of the development and its myriad of amenities. "He's very magnetic watching the interview," commented show producer and director, Anthony, "He knows exactly what to say. I really like the visuals here."

We'll keep you posted on the approximate date of the episode. Season two of *The Aviators* is scheduled to begin in September 2011.

Thank you to all our owners and friends who came out to showcase Heaven's Landing!

Heaven's Landing June Fly-In

It is the beginning of summer in the mountains, and there is no better time to bring your friends and family to Heaven's Landing.

Join us Saturday, June 25th for our Fly-In Lunch. Visit with owners, see the property, and schedule an extended tour of the local amenities. Tours will be available all day.

For reservations call [Holly](#) at (800) HEAVEN-2.



Amanda Franklin "Princess of Airshows" Passes

Heaven's Landing sends our deepest condolences and continued prayers to the Franklin and Younkin families as they struggle with the loss of [Amanda Younkin Franklin](#) from injuries she sustained during a [performance on March 12](#) in Brownsville, Texas. Donations to assist with ongoing medical bills can be made to the Moonlight [Kyle and Amanda Franklin Fund](#) or in their honor to the [ICAS Foundation](#).



The following was posted on *Franklin's Flying Circus* Facebook page on May 27th:

It is with a broken heart that I tell you that my beautiful girl Amanda passed away at 10:10 central time this evening. Beside her was her adoring husband Kyle, her mother Jeanie, her brother Matt, her sister-in-law Michelle and her devoted mother-in-law Audean.

*Thank you all again for your love,
Goodnight and God bless Amanda,
Kyle [Amanda's husband]*

Warbirds over the Beach

On May 21-22, the [Military Aviation Museum](#) in Virginia Beach hosted [Warbirds Over the Beach](#). Holly and Mike Ciochetti attend the two day event which featured a large gathering of World War II aircraft, honored guest speakers, and dramatic war period reenactments.



Although there was something for everyone at the show, Mike states that the Q&A sessions and the interaction with the surviving [Doolittle Raiders](#) were the highlights of the event. "Any opportunity to visit and listen to a the greatest combat aviators of the past is something to cherish," stated Mike.

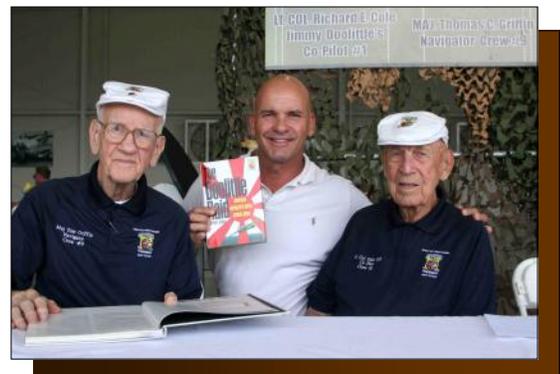


A friend of the Heaven's Landing community, WWII triple ace fighter pilot, Col. Clarence "Bud" Anderson conducted a question and answer session each day with the restored P-51 Mustang "Old Crow" beside him. The original "Old Crow" carried Col. Anderson through 116 combat missions during WWII. He was joined by William "Wild Bill" Guarnere, from the Band of Brothers, Theodore "Dutch" Van Kirk, the *last* surviving member of the Enola Gay, and Doolittle Raiders Co-pilot Lt. Col. Dick Cole, and Navigator Maj. Tom Griffin who signed books and photographs.

Top right **One of many reenactments presented during the show. German officers interrogate Allied captives.**

Middle: **Karl "Otis" Rauch, Col. Bud Anderson, LTDR Doug Hood, and Mike Ciochetti.**

Right: **Maj. Tom Griffin, Mike Ciochetti, and Lt. Col. Richard Cole. The surviving members of the Doolittle Raiders.**



The Johnson's Break Ground

Dr. Doug and Sue Johnson are excited to announce the start of the construction on their Heaven's Landing Lot #39. Shaun Greer of SNK Specialties is handling the site preparations. Crewmen began the last week of May.

The Johnson's live full-time in Jacksonville, Florida and anticipating seeing the progress of their mountain retreat in the months to come. "The style is Arts and Crafts, and the plan is called Owl's Perch, based upon plans from the [Richard Lewis Design Group](#) of Woodstock, GA.," Doug tells us. "The home will be situated to take advantage of the natural contours of the lot, sitting in the midst of a copse of trees, and will provide a bit of mountain serenity for us away from the big city!"

Owner Profile—Jim and Ginger Tomaszewski

Best characterized as those who live life with a leap-of-faith philosophy, Jim & Ginger Tomaszewski are Heaven's Landing owners who set goals and head off to pursue their future.

Jim & Ginger met Mike Ciochetti in 2005 at Oshkosh. Having already looked at many other estate airparks the Heaven's Landing booth and photos caught their eye. "Some parks had nice homes but were not in an area of the country where we wanted to live, some had grass runways and no pavement, but when we flew to Heaven's Landing, we knew by the time we landed that this is where we wanted to be," recalls Ginger. "Living on Long Island, we have everything a person could ask for," adds Jim, "but with traffic, it is at least 30 minutes away." The Tomaszewski's cite the convenience of area shopping and restaurants, as well as the people in the Heaven's Landing community as the perfect compliments to the natural beauty of the airpark.



Jim & Ginger own Lot 81 and Hanger S-2. They selected the lot based on the ease of the slope, the great views and the proximity to the clubhouse. "Our building plans are already in motion," states Ginger, "I am an HGTV junky and am very excited about house planning and all the details." Having never built a home from the ground up, Ginger looks forward to the challenge ahead. "I really like the French Country styles," Ginger reports, "we plan on having a lot of natural stonework."

The Tomaszewski's transition to Heaven's Landing will occur over the next few years as they balance work and family obligations—two aspects of their lives that are extremely important.

Ginger began her business life working for her parents since the age of six in their flower & Hallmark gift stores. However, after working at Dairy Queen during her high school years it inspired her to open up her own ice cream shop. In 1996 Ginger and her sister-in-law opened up their own 50's themed ice cream shoppe. "One day, I just happened upon the perfect location, and we decided it was the right time to jump into the market." They eventually expanded to two locations and enjoyed success over seven years. After selling the ice cream shops, she now enjoys working alongside her parents at their flower shop, [Ivy League Flowers & Gifts, Inc.](#) in Southold, New York.

Jim is the pilot in the family and works for [Executive Fliteways, Inc.](#), a private jet charter & aircraft management company. For 11 years Jim has flown for EFI averaging about 500 hours per year. He currently is flying a Gulfstream IV, but he is also typed in the DC-8, Lear 60, Falcon 50, Embraer Legacy, and he holds a B727 FE rating. Jim flies to destinations all around the world for some of the most celebrated people. "If you've heard of them, I've probably flown them," comments Jim. "I love my work, and it takes me just about anywhere in the world, at a moment's notice." Jim reports that Ginger sometimes can accompany him, and they have enjoyed trips to Croatia, Hawaii, and the Turks & Caicos.



With 28 years of pilot experience, Jim has directed his career to where it is today. "My dad was a TWA maintenance inspector. Seeing him work made a permanent impression on me. I was 4 years old when I absolutely knew I wanted to be a pilot." As soon as Jim could take to the air, he did. He began flying for a commuter airline, then eventually ended up at American International Airways, a freight operator, flying a DC-8. He was one of the companies youngest captains. "One evening we were stuck in Rochester, New York. As I sat in the cockpit exhausted, not having slept & uncomfortable, I looked up to see a private jet. The flight crews' well rested appearance compared to ours said it all." The next day Jim submitted an application with Executive Fliteways, Inc., and he says it was the best step he could have taken for his mind, body and career.

Being an on-call charter pilot, Jim knows he only has a few days a month that he can call his own. Coupled with running a business, downtime is precious for the Tomaszewski's. They own a homebuilt Van's RV-6A which took him 5 years to complete. Enjoying the process, Jim is now building a highly modified Cozy Mark IV. "Ginger, is the best thing that ever happened to me. She is truly my best friend. Especially for tolerating my addiction to airplanes!"

Jim & Ginger come to Heaven's Landing about 4 to 5 times a year. They enjoy walking up and down the taxiway with their Yorkie "Cocoa", relaxing at the clubhouse and visiting with everyone at Heaven's Landing. They are members of EAA and annually attend AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Warrior Dash—A Challenge of Mud, Fire, and Water...Among Other Things!

Smoking babies, brilliant blue Smurfs, pirates getting their land legs, and just about every imaginable character in between, showed up at the May 14 and 15 [Warrior Dash](#) held in Mountain City, Georgia. [Red Frog Events](#) Alex Yount reports that a total of 19,105 racers tackled the 3.02 “hellish” miles of this unusual endurance and all-things-muddy course complete with 11 formidable obstacles.

Warriordash.com describes their event as “a mud-crawling, fire-leaping, extreme run from Hell... a fierce running series...held on the most challenging and rugged terrain across the globe. Warriors conquer extreme obstacles, push their limits and celebrate with kick-ass music, beer, and warrior helmets.” “Waves” of 500 participants lined up at the starting gate each 1/2 hour. As the MC began the race, 20 foot flaming plumes blasted into the air. A few of the highlights encountered by the participants included scrambling over scrap cars, scaling 30 foot walls, careening down a giant slide, avoiding barbwire over mud pits, and concluding with a leap over two flaming beds of embers before crossing the finish line. Here, tired exhausted but victorious competitors received a medal and refreshments. Each participant also got a pint of beer, a fluffy warrior Viking-esque hat, t-shirt, and the most important— bragging rights.



Heaven's Landing Stacey and Jeff Green celebrate their finish!

This was the second year Red Frog Event's Warrior Dash has come to Mountain City with many hoping it will return. Former Rabun County Commissioner Pete Cleveland reports that an estimated \$1.5 million was spent locally. When asked about how they select event sites Red Frog's spokesman Alex stated, “We carefully scour the area for locations that have just the right mixture of natural terrain for the race course and also easy accessibility for our participants. Mountain city was an area that we just could not pass up.” Support from the local businesses and city government also make the area attractive. Will they return next year? Alex states they are still working on their 2012 schedule. You can get updates from their [website](#) and by signing up for their newsletter.

The warrior dash was so much fun. I thought the event was very well organized. It is definitely a bunch of silliness, and it is a great way to blow off steam. It was our first year, and we will definitely do it again next year. The costumes were fun and crazy. The obstacles were just right. Some were a little scary like the wall you have to climb up and over. Some were pure fun, like the fire at the end. I have to admit for me the best part was the finish and the accomplishment. After, we settled in on the lawn in front of the stage to listen to the bands play and to watch the other muddy warriors on the 'Jumbotron.' The only thing that would have made it more fun would be to have a Heaven's Landing team participating!! It was a great day to enjoy the beauty of the mountains amidst the 'mud, sweat, and beer'.

Stacey Green, HL Owner



Upcoming Events



Heaven's Landing Trade Show Schedule:

Heaven's Landing Fly-In

June 25

Join us for Lunch in Heaven. BBQ plates \$10 adults; \$5 children ages 6 –12. Meet our community and see the property in its summer glory. Call [Holly](#) today to plan your visit 706-212-0017 or (800) HEAVEN-2.

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.

AirVenture Oshkosh	Oshkosh, WI	July 25-31
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

Saturdays

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.



1st Friday Fests

June 3

Bring your picnic basket to downtown Clayton to the Rock House lawn for the first of many 1st Friday events. Local musicians; May—October; 6-9 pm; www.downtownclaytonga.org.

Professional Rodeo

June 3 & 4

[Bar W Rodeo Company](#) comes to the Rabun Arena on East Boggs Mtn. Road, Tiger. This certified professional rodeo will please the crowds. Show is 8-11pm. Adults \$12, children 6-12 \$6; 5 and under free. Contact Van Canup for additional information 706-781-9880.



Wild and Local Foods Weekend

June 4-5

[Lake Rabun Hotel](#) presents Patricia Kyritsi Howell with chef Jamie Allred to show you why the latest culinary innovators across the country are turning to the wild ingredients of traditional Appalachian mountain cuisine. Package starts at \$105. Call for details and bookings 706-782-4946.



Mystery Dinner Theater

June 10 & 11

Come enjoy this fun fundraiser to benefit the Sid Weber Memorial Cancer Fund and North Georgia Community Players at the Rabun Room at Kingwood Resort. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$75/couple and \$40/single. Contact Helen Kleiber at 706-746-5958.



Summer Open House ART TOUR

June 10-12

Plot your own course and set your own pace through four counties of art. To download your [art tour map](#) and for additional information of venues visit <http://artstour.org>.



Saint James Flower and Liturgical Arts Festival

June 10-12

"Easter Morning ...Every Morning" Easter is a time of rebirth, new beginnings, and hope. The festival will capture that joy in our flowers, music, and other arts. [St. James Episcopal Church](#), Clayton, Georgia 10 am—5 pm both days. For more information please call 706-782-6179.



Mountain Lakes Classic Antique Show

June 17-19

Featuring some of the finest antique dealers from around the United States. Friday and Saturday 10am -5pm, Sunday 11am - 4pm. Rabun County Civic Center.



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.



- **Plan Ahead.** 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. **Especially for the fourth of July.** Owners and guests prepare by calling [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.



"Work with someone you know and trust."

Our Current Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS	\$5.25/ gal*
JET A	\$4.25/ gal*

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





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Heaven's Landing Photo Gallery June 2011

