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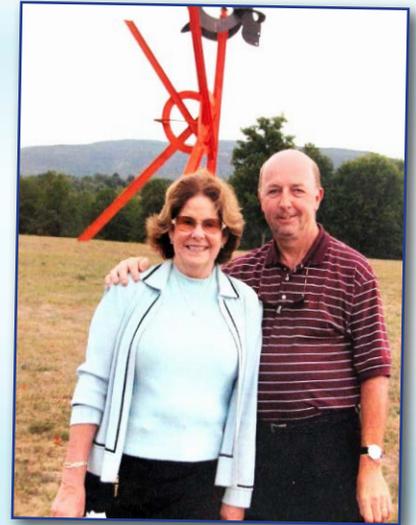
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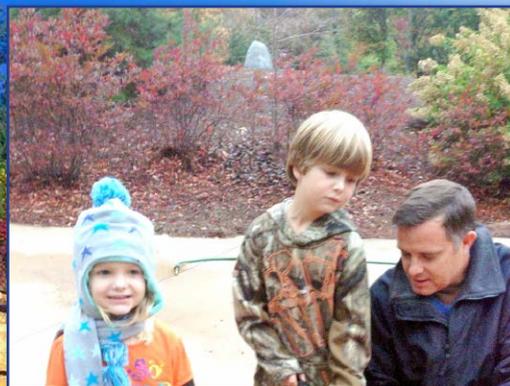
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# Meet Steve & Lynda Buck

In 2005 Lynda's sister and brother-in-law built a home above the runway at Heaven's Landing. After everything was finished they invited us, our grown children and grandchildren to come to their home at Heaven's Landing for Thanksgiving. We of course accepted. As Thanksgiving approached, something came up and they had to cancel but told us to come anyway and enjoy ourselves, and that we did! We had a wonderful, relaxed, stress-free Thanksgiving and fell in love with all of Heaven's Landing. So naturally, when things changed and they decided to sell, they gave us first dibs and we took it! So here we are, and here we will stay.



Our family success came from in the Full-line Food Service Distribution business (like a Sysco distributor) serving all of Florida and parts of Georgia with a good-sized family business that was founded in 1919 by Lynda's granddad. It grew to be about the tenth largest food service distributor in the U.S.! In 2001, we were bought out by U.S. Food Service which allowed us to retire.



Lynda's dad decided to buy a small jet to shuttle back and forth to South Carolina where they had another home, so Lynda and I went partnered with him on the plane.

The jet lasted for several years until they no longer traveled and so it was sold. Lynda and I then purchased a new **Beechcraft Bonanza** and it was piloted by our son-in-law, Robert Williams, since neither of us were pilots. That is what prompted us to buy at Heaven's Landing.

In the Bonanza our home in Florida was about a 3 hour flight from Heaven's Landing. Last year, our brother-in-law offered to go 50-50 with us on a new **Piper Meridian**. After selling the Bonanza, we did. Now it's, a two hour flight.

Having our plane and quick access to Heaven's Landing has provided many wonderful memories with kids grandkids, sister and brother-in-law and many friends who love to come visit and watch for planes taking off or landing since we have such a front row seat. We love to come and

take side trips all over, hiking to the falls, looking for hickory nuts, going to Highlands, or driving our four wheelers around Heaven's Landing (and some lesser known trails!). Thanksgiving continues to be a favorite time.

Our permanent residence is in Lakeland, FL. Lynda was actually born here. We love it and are very active in our community. Lynda now serves as Chairman of The Board for our wonderful local art museum, The Polk Museum of Art. It is a wonderful museum and has recently developed a close relationship with nearby Florida Southern College which has allowed a tremendous synergy between education and art. (Steve Buck also serves as a Trustee of the college.)

Lakeland is also home of the famous Sun-N-Fun Fly-In (April 10-15, 2018). We have a hangar at the airport and in good sight of all of the activities. We especially enjoy having a casual BBQ for 50 of our close friends at the Friday Air Show (come visit if you can!).



# Meet Joe Sabom & Meredith Birchfield



Our story starts in May of 1968 when a mutual friend introduced Meredith and I. I was living in Enterprise, Alabama and Meredith was living in Fort Rucker, AL. She was an army brat, who had traveled all over the country (and to Japan) and I was a small town science geek. I was immediately enamored with her! Meredith left in June to attend Auburn University. We dated that summer, and in the fall, I went to Birmingham-Southern College. We continued to try to see each other, for a few more months, but going to two different colleges, it was difficult to have a long distance relationship. We went separate ways, and I lost track of Meredith for quite a while.



After college, some graduate school and a short time working in a clinical laboratory, I became a forensic scientist for the state of Alabama. I worked for the State for 26 years and during that time went to Law school at night. In 2000 I passed the bar and practiced part-time until I retired from the State of Alabama and began to practice Law full-time in 2005. At that time I was living in Montgomery.

During the time that we were apart, Meredith traveled with her family around the United States following jobs that her husband occupied. She even went to Romania in 1991 to adopt a child. They separated in 2010, and Meredith moved to Auburn, AL from the Chicago area.





After 43 years of living separate lives and raising families, we found each other again (accidentally) on Facebook, amazingly at the same time that we were both involved in divorce proceedings. We rekindled the old flame and in 2016 we got married. It has been amazing ever since!

I have 2 children, 4 grandchildren all of whom love to fly as well. One of my Grandsons wants to be a pilot already and he is only 5 years old. Meredith traveled the world with her family and 2 children.

My love for aviation began as a child. I grew up right next to the Fort Rucker Army Air Base. As a boy

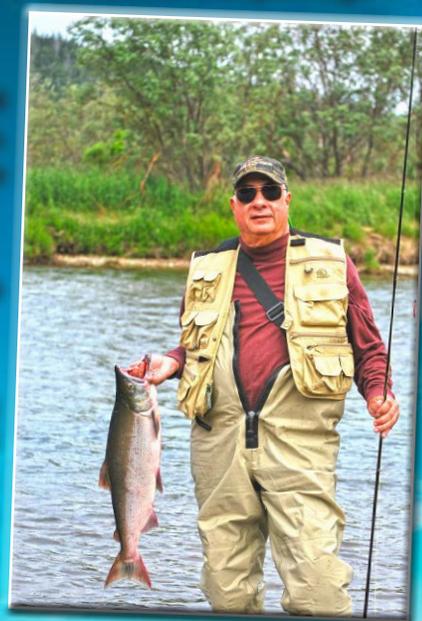
I watched airplanes flying over me daily. I always wanted to be a pilot but couldn't join the military because of a deafness in my left ear from early childhood.

At 42 years old I got my license and have been flying ever since, 26 years now. I am instrument and multi-engine rated. I have spent a lot of volunteer hours flying for the civil air patrol, and have volunteered to take passengers for Angel Flights.

Meredith has been flying as a passenger since she was a child. Her father was an army aviator, and their family flew all the time, even bringing the pets with them. One trip even included two ducks! She is the greatest non-pilot passenger I have ever had in an airplane – nothing bothers her!

We just love flying our twin engine 1984 Piper Mojave. It is a pretty cool airplane since only 50 were ever built.

Our journey at Heavens Landing began when Meredith and I started looking for our 2nd home. We needed a runway long enough to use our airplane and most places we looked at had either turf runways or runways that were too short for our plane to take off. Last year we were at Oshkosh and saw the Beautiful Heaven's Landing display. We had to go over and take a look, and it was then we learned about the 5000 foot runway that Heaven's Landing provided. As soon as we got back home we called Mike and wanted to visit.



Turns out the Total Eclipse was coming up and was heading right over Heaven's Landing and Mike invited us to join them to witness the event of a life time, with one of the best views of it in the world. We of course said yes and decided to come see the place. The picture to the left is one that I took during the event.

We had to borrow an airplane (ours was in for repair), to come; and were so happy we did. We made arrangements to come back and spend a weekend in October and it was everything we wanted and had beautiful views. Mike and Holly were gracious hosts and really welcoming. We love it at Heaven's Landing. It's close enough to drive there if we need a weekend away or fly over any time we like.

Four Planes, 8 people and unlimited good times!

# Three Perfect Days

By Alan Sowell

Always open for an adventure, we pushed the throttle up and turned Southbound toward the Bahamas. What a great flight - excellent weather. Once south of Nassau, we canceled IFR and had a little fun for the remaining flight into MYEF...dropping to 1,000ft for sight seeing.

Wow, perhaps the most beautiful water we've ever seen....anywhere.

Landing in Georgetown, ground handling was quick and easy (customs paperwork sent earlier and all forms filled out by FBO and ready for customs). Soon we're in the rental cars headed to Grand Isle Villas. It's been nearly 10 years since my last visit here and was still just as beautiful and inviting.



## DAY ONE:

Started out with breakfast overlooking Emerald Bay followed by beach-side R&R. Noon and time to head to ferry dock to meet up with Mike & Holly for boat ride to "Chill and Chat" and a day of fun, beer, BBQ and Conch Salad (made fresh on the beach), later a hike on the Oceanside beach then a boat ride back to the main island. Once back at Grand Isle Villas - dinner and lots of laughs.



**DAY TWO**

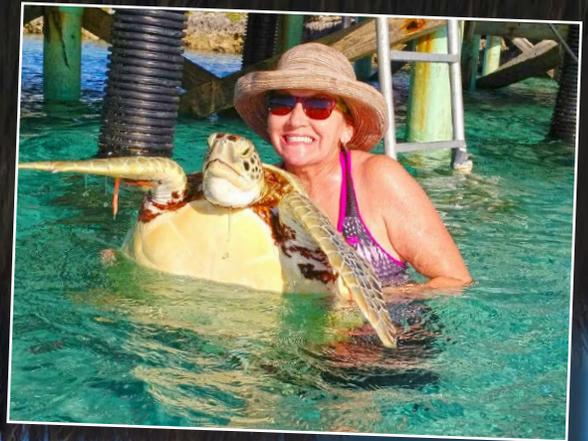
We decided to chill today and hang at beach, pool and a few in our group played Golf today.....total relaxing day! Dinner...excellent!

**DAY THREE**

More fun! Today a boat tour with Tyrone Munroe and joined by Mike, Holly and family. Great scenery and as one in our group later stated....."one of the most fun filled days of her life". Starts out with a Shark Swim, a snorkel swim through James Bond "Thunderball Grotto" at Staniel Cay, Lunch on Farmers Cay, swimming with Green Turtles, trip to Pig Beach and finally Iguana Beach.

What a great day....Thank you Tyrone!

Trip home was just as fun as the one down, 1000 ft island hopping through the Exumas, up the Eleuthera Chain to the Abacos and then a climb to altitude to pickup an IFR clearance to Fort Pierce for Customs and lunch at the Tiki Hut.



All those in our group would like to again thank Mike and Holly for making the trips to Exuma available to us as Heaven's Landing Owners. We can hardly wait for the next trip!

Thanks for allowing us to share our adventure with you!

# The Sowell's



# CHALLENGE AIR

*for Kids & Friends*

**FLY DAY APRIL 7TH, 2018**

*Calling All Hero Pilots!*



If you're a pilot that wants to make a profound difference in the lives of others while very likely making a big difference in your own, we have a great opportunity for you! On Saturday, April 7th, 2018, Heaven's Landing will once again be hosting an event called Challenge Air for Kids & Friends.

This unprecedented event promises to change the lives of everyone who chooses to attend. Please make your plans to join us for a fun filled day of activities starting at 9:00 a.m., highlighted by the gift of flight being given to 25 young children with special needs. A complimentary lunch will be served to all attendees.



Whether you fly or not, feel free to come out and join in the festivities. Witness the smiles and excitement as we lift the spirits and expand the horizons of these especially lucky young individuals as they take to the sky for a private flight around Rabun County.

A handful of great pilots have volunteered their aircraft and personal services for this event so far, but more pilots and aircraft are always welcome if you or anyone you know are interested in helping out.

Donations & sponsorships are also highly appreciated and fully tax deductible. Challenge Air for Kids & Friends is a non-profit 501c3 corporation.

**Please contact Holly Ciochetti for more information.**

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## THE "HEAVEN'S LANDING HIGH SPEED HALF"

Heaven's Landing once again hosts ultra-high speed auto racing, **May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** on its beautiful 5,200 foot private runway! Make your plans to be here for all of the excitement, as Speed Addicts, LLC brings some of the **fastest exotic cars** in the world right into the **Heaven's Landing** front yard!

Come and enjoy all of the action and atmosphere of this ultra-high speed family friendly event. **This will be the fastest and most exciting Heaven's Landing Half Mile exotic car race to date!**

**Competitor Registration and Advance Ticket Sales** for this event go live on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information go to: [www.SpeedAddicts.racing](http://www.SpeedAddicts.racing), or email Speed Addicts, LLC at [info@SpeedAddicts.racing](mailto:info@SpeedAddicts.racing).

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## 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 per-arranged fee.

Some of our commonly requested services include the following:

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

### 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”](#)
- Rabun County Tourism Development Authority — [ExploreRabun.com](#), (706) 212-0241.
- Marina and Boating Information — [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at (706) 782-5193
- 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 \$3.99 / gal\* JET A \$2.99 / gal\*

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