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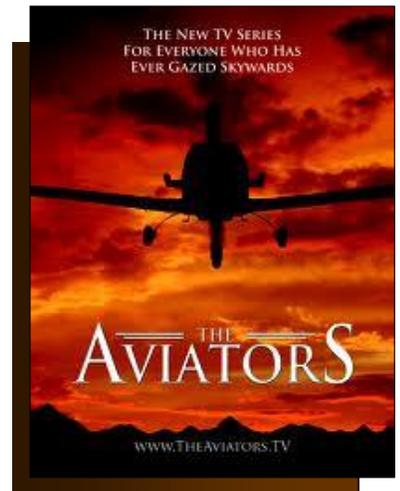
***The Aviators* Film Airpark Living at Heaven's Landing**

The Aviators is a weekly magazine-style general aviation television series that debuted September 2010. Heaven's Landing is pleased to announce that the producers of the show will film a segment featuring our fly-in community, and the show will be scheduled to air this fall. The working title is "Airpark Living—When your Driveway is your Runway, Life is Good!" You can find *The Aviators* on your local Public Broadcast Station.

The production crew will film in Heaven's Landing May 6th and 7th weather permitting. *The Aviators* Executive Producer Lisa Charney stated, "The show [season one] is a big hit with millions of viewers and airs an average of 45 times a day across the United States...we [plan to feature] Heaven's Landing as **the** Airpark portrayed on *The Aviators* Season Two."

"This is a great show and a perfect opportunity with excellent exposure for Heaven's Landing," stated Mike Ciochetti, "Heaven's Landing is uniquely beautiful, unlike any other airpark, and we all know it looks unbelievable in person, but it also looks great on camera as well!"

Cinematographer Jimmy Grosser just completed a new edition of the Heaven's Landing marketing DVD. Jimmy has done some freelance work for *The Aviators* in the past, and his Heaven's Landing footage was sent to the producers of the show. "Perhaps they will use some of my fall color footage in the segment," Jimmy commented. "Heaven's Landing is beautiful and peaceful which brings out the best in my work. The panoramas are epic!"



Easter Brunch

The mid 70's and plenty of sunshine welcomed the morning at Heaven's Landing for the second Annual Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt at the Clubhouse on Saturday, April 23rd. With joyful laughter, the kids rushed forth to gather the hidden eggs. Owners and their guests enjoyed a feast of quiche, ham, fruit, biscuits, Mimosas, and Bloody Mary's. The happy attendees report that the day was "perfect." Check out the gallery pages (9 and 10) for more great Easter photos.



Mission Control Hangar Condominium Association

The Mission Control Hangar Condominium Association, Inc (MCHCOA) held a meeting and barbeque dinner on Saturday, April 30th, for hangar and property owners. A special thanks to all the owners who attended and to Claudette Kingery and Connie Bowlin for their thoughtful preparations along with help from Becky Harben, Peggy Schmidt and others. The after dinner gathering featured a fantastic bonfire created by Fish Kingery, allowing all to swap some entertaining stories. "It was a great night," Claudette said, "we hope to do this again next year. So plan ahead for the next MCHCOA Annual BBQ."



Remembering Memorial Day—By Connie J. Bowlin



The large bonfire danced as embers and smoke drifted around the circle. In Heaven's Landing a group had gathered earlier in the day to conduct the obligatory annual meeting of the Hangar Owners. The meeting blended in to a day of fellowship. Sitting around the fire has become a tradition at Heaven's Landing—a place to relax and enjoy one another's company. On this Saturday evening, the conversation turned to those who were impacted by the recent tornado and storms. With thankful hearts and thoughts for others, the conversation naturally moved to remembering our Veterans and those who have died to provide us with so much.

On this Memorial Day, remember to take the opportunity to ask a friend or family member "Where did you serve?" – "Tell me a little bit about yourself." Start the conversation. Listen intently and feel the words, then say, "thank you." You can learn so much from people by just taking a little time to talk. You can help share their history. Veterans are often reluctant to talk about their service, but by asking and listening, stories become memorialized and the actions of these brave men and women and their friends and family members, who served in a long ago war, are honored.

With just a few questions, the conversation becomes easy. At Heaven's Landing sitting by the bonfire this night, we learned about our very own neighbors. Peggy's dad learned to fly in a Stearman in the Army Air Corp. – a Stearman just like she and her husband Richard own today. Our friend, Fish, flew F-14's in the Navy with some pretty exciting experiences. Rick was in the Air Force, serving at Edwards Air Force Base. Ed flew Fighters and transports in the TN Air National Guard. Our community's stories are precious, so remember to share them with us. How much more can we learn from one another?

It is an honor to have known a lot of well-known aviators, myself, but just as meaningful are the stories of the "average" guy or gal. As pilots, we enjoy flying the airplanes, but it a bonus to fly an "old" Military aircraft that stirs memories and prompts stories in the pilots who flew them long before we had that opportunity. So many from those early years are passing away, and we are quickly losing the personal histories. I am grateful to share what I have learned of those who did their duty and served their country proudly, but ultimately, fought for their buddies. This Memorial Day, thank a Veteran. Remember those who gave everything for us, and to all those returning veterans, say "thanks and welcome home."



Sun 'n Fun in Review

Although Sun 'n Fun 2011 had a very dramatic and even horrifying start due to the weather, the remainder of the show was possibly the best ever!



Overcast skies and some rain met exhibitors as they set up in Lakeland, Florida, but no one anticipated a tornado and the strength of the strong thunderstorms that barrowed through the Lakeland Linder Regional Airport on Thursday, March 31st, toppling tied-down planes, twisting displays, and damaging buildings. Without a moment of hesitation, however, the Sun 'n Fun volunteers went to work cleaning the airfield. Within 12 hours, the event was back in business. "We witnessed the true spirit of great Americans working together," stated Mike Ciochetti. "I don't know how they accomplished so much clearing and cleaning in such a short time, but the renewed atmosphere was very positive."

Mike reports the attendees were definitely ready to do some business. "We've had the best and busiest post-show period ever," continued Mike, "I feel very positive about this coming year. *Perhaps* we are headed for an uptick in the economy." Sun 'n Fun officials agree and believe that the Saturday attendance was a record breaker for the entire 37 year history of the Expo.

Owner Profile—Dr. Wilbur and Barbara Wood

Warmth, friendliness, and vitality are just a few words that would describe Heaven's Landing owners, Dr. Wilbur and Barbara Wood. Life is great as they enjoy time together and a take advantage of retirement living in two states.

The Woods live the majority of the year in Gainesville, Florida. They are true Floridians with ancestry dating to the original pioneers. However, they stay in Rabun County about three months out of the year (spread out over the four seasons). They own Wilbur's grandparents home in Wolffork Valley which was purchased originally back in the 1950's. The valley home is just three miles from Heaven's Landing, and it has become a labor of love to restore and maintain.



Barbara and Wilbur in on a Colorado trip.

Having been neighbors of Heaven's Landing and because both Wilbur and Barbara share the love of flight, they purchased two lots in 2006 on the far end of the runway. "We love Heaven's Landing! It is by far the most beautiful fly-in home sites we have ever seen," states Barbara. "We wanted taxable lots, and we had the idea that two lots would best allow for building our house and hangar."

The Woods currently own a "small, but fun" 1972 Beech Sport. Wilbur earned his pilot's license while studying at Auburn University in the 1960's, and Barbara who was a flight attendant for Delta (48 years ago), is soon to become a license pilot herself.

Barbara retired about 10 years ago when she sold her mortgage company in Jacksonville, Florida and Wilbur just recently closed his veterinary practice after forty years. The Woods find the Northeast Georgia area a perfect place to come and explore. They often use their home as a waypoint in route to places of adventure. If they are not at home, they might be out flying, sailing, scuba diving, downhill skiing, fishing, camping with grandkids, kayaking, biking or hiking. "When in Rabun County, you can usually find us on some trail or on the lakes on a boat," Barbara tells us. One of their favorite Rabun County trails is the hike to the top of Rabun Bald (Georgia's highest mountain). In the winter their passion is skiing. Barbara learned to ski just before turning 60 and now they like "groomed expert slopes." She states, "We ski 3 weeks a year usually in Colorado." When not in the air or on the land, their other favorite pastime is off shore fishing. They own several boats including a sailboat and fishing boats and often spend weeks at a time out on them.



Wilbur and beloved companion, Holly, on the tower at Rabun Bald.

Wilbur and Barbara have a great story about their relationship that spans almost their entire lives. They first met at about 6 years old, skating at a park when he asked her to use a roller skate key.

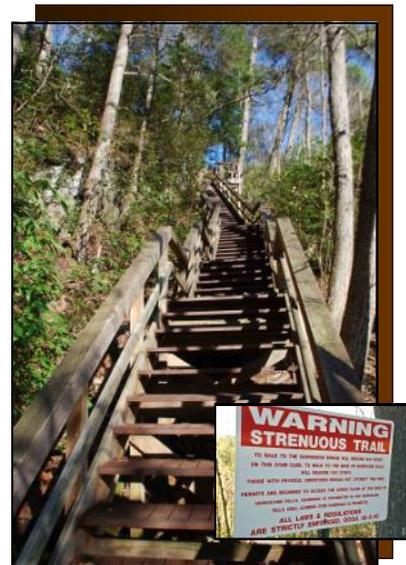
Wilbur was in town visiting his grandmother who lived only a mile from Barbara's home. At 8 years old, they encountered one another again attending separate family gatherings at Manatee Springs State Park. Barbara was swimming and a pesky little boy kept pinching her and "skittering" off under the dock. It turned into a fun afternoon of play. After fifty years and separate adult lives, they met again recalling their old memories of each other and their mutual friends. The Woods have been married for 11 years now, and their story continues to be written. Barbara has three children and five grandchildren, and Wilbur has two children and one grandchild with whom they love to share their love of the outdoors and adventures.



Around the Bend—Tallulah Gorge State Park

[Tallulah Gorge](#) is one of Georgia's Seven Wonders. Lucky for us, it graces the southern border of Rabun County just minutes away from Heaven's Landing. This spectacular 2 mile long and 1,000 feet deep narrow gorge was formed over eons of time by the Tallulah River eroding away the hard rock dome. It is thought to be one of the oldest geologic features in North America and is home to very rare wildflowers and small animals.

Many have described the Gorge as a magical place, and you'll often hear it called the "Niagara of the South." The Cherokee are said to have avoided the area, but once it became accessible to the masses via railroad in 1882, it became an extremely popular tourist hotspot. By 1913, Georgia Power created the lakes and dams in Rabun County, and with that, the flow of the Tallulah was dramatically reduced. Hotels and resorts closed and fewer and fewer people made the journey to see it. Throughout the last century many worked to conserve the Gorge, but it wasn't until 1992, that it finally became a State Park. Today, the park has an extensive trail system, scenic overlooks, and scheduled aesthetic and whitewater releases which allow visitors to see the river in its full natural splendor.



The stairs say it all— if not, the sign.



I invite you to take an hour visit or even a weekend camping get-a-way. Whether you fancy hiking, biking, climbing, kayaking, fishing, picnicking or camping, the 2,739 acre Park, and the Park's Jane Yarn Hurt Interpretive Center will please the entire family.

Simply taking in the views is something you can do in a short visit around the rim of the Gorge. The easy walking path has great views from 10 overlooks. Another option, taking just a little more time, is a much bigger challenge. It includes the thousands of stairs you will have to navigate to go into the Gorge on the Hurricane Falls Trail. It is a commitment. Once you start down the stairs

the only way out is up, but it is all worth it. About 1100 steps lead to the very bottom of the gorge. You can begin on either side. From the North Rim you descend to the spectacular suspension bridge swaying 80 feet above the Gorge floor. You can then continue down the Hurricane Falls Staircase where you'll be eye to eye with Hurricane Falls (one of six that make up the 'Tallulah Falls'). From this lowest point, if you acquire a free permit from the Interpretive Center, you can then rock scramble down the gorge to Bridal Veil Falls, the only area you are allowed to swim down in the Gorge. The Gorge Floor Trail is a whole other adventure...



Hurricane Falls, Gorge floor crossing, Five-lined Skink, and Trailing Arbutus (Epigaea repens).

Stair Challenge: Going from the parking lot, to overlooks 3 and 2 then down the stairs to the bridge then down the Falls Staircase, rest, then back up to the South Rim to overlooks 8, 9, and 10 then retrace all of your steps. This will take in over 2200 stairs! It is great for your heart and legs! My first visit had me resting constantly and taking long breaks with plenty of water. In the end, it is really a great accomplishment.

Regular State Park passes begin at \$50 and are valid for a year from purchase. Best to start the challenge now during spring. Going in the heat of the summer is another challenge in and of itself.

FAAST– Safer Skies through Education

[“How to Safely and Legally Fly a General Aviation Aircraft to the Bahamas”](#) was the FAA’s Safety Team’s (FAAST) topic at American Flyers (PDK Airport) on April 20th. With over 476,000 General Aviation visitors to the Bahamas each year, as well as, how very accessible the islands are to the Southeastern United States, there is an increasing need to educate GA pilots.

Presenters Yassmina Platt, Richard Binkley, Matt Conway and our own Mike Ciochetti spoke about the requirements and safety precautions pilots should consider before heading over water. Topics covered included preflight planning and filing guidelines, details on oceanic weather patterns, FAA regulations, emergency preparedness information and associated equipment, and limitations. The course gave participants eligibility for WINGS credit.

Mike’s portion of the talk included customs do’s and don’ts, things to consider to ease going through customs, safety tips while flying around the islands, checklists, resources and special promotions to save money. Click on the title above for the PDF of the presentations.

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.



“I have been involved in athletics all of my life. In college, I was introduced to a different world of sports as I was nestled in one of the most rugged, extreme and intense environment for outdoor activity. In Gunnison, CO, I became involved in mountain biking, snowboarding, kayaking, hiking and trail running. All of these activities were accessible within minutes of my front door. I was trained by the best - Gunnison is saturated with experienced and competitive athletes who were generous enough to have ‘shown me the ropes’. I lived for nearly 8 years in this rich environment.

*While in Colorado, I battled knee injuries and surgeries due to one of my first attempts at downhill skiing. This experience has helped me tremendously in working with and preventing injury. My old knee injury often rears its ugly head during my continued quest for new thrills - but it has never stopped me. From my experiences, I have formed an incredible respect for the importance of maintaining good physical form through strength training, cardiovascular and flexibility training. **I love helping people reach their goals and I am eager to encourage people's desire for a healthy lifestyle.** Working on one’s goals and seeing the results, brings more rewards than one could ever imagine!”*

According to one of Elisa’s clients, who was recently entered in Fitness Magazine’s Face of Fitness Cover Contest, “Elisa is an excellent trainer. She listens to and focuses on your long term fitness goals through challenging, innovative and constantly varying workouts. Elisa takes a dynamic approach to what you, as her individual client, see as your desired result. She does this with enthusiasm, personality and boundless energy. She is one fitness guru who makes you actually want to workout!”



Contact Elisa at 706-982-2302.

Heaven's Landing Trade Show Schedule:

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.

Pilatus Owners and Pilots Assoc.	Westminster, Co	June 9-11
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:

1st Friday Fests

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.

May 6

Stamp Out Starvation of Horses Ride

Ride leaves Old Time BBQ in Clarkesville at 10 am. All proceeds benefit Georgia Horses. \$15 per rider with each additional \$5. Call 706-754-2039 or info@sosofhorses.com for additional information.

May 7



Wild and Woolly Plant Festival

Join us for a native plant sale, food, wine tasting, and noted speakers. Stay for an evening of Contra dancing and a potluck dinner. Sautee Nacoochee Center. Purchase tickets online at www.gafw.org or at the door.

May 7

Tallulah Fest

A three day outdoor event celebrating whitewater kayaking and music. Enjoy food, vendors, and video premiers. For more information visit Tallulah Fest at www.bbbpaddling.com.

May 13-15



Spring Farm Day

Join in the fun at [Hillside Orchard Farms](#) in Tiger, Ga. for the spring planning celebration, 9 am—5:30 pm; Crafters, music, food, and special deals.

May 14

Warrior Dash

The Warrior Dash heads back to the Southeast for a second crazy year! Join this "mud crawling, fire-leaping, extreme fun from hell" event. Mountain City, Georgia; 11 am -4:30 pm.

May 14-15

Taste of Sautee

Join us for our 2nd Annual Taste of Sautee. Wine tasting, fine food, and music all day. Contact 706-878-0144 for more information.

May 21

Summer Open House ART TOUR

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>.

June 10-12



Saint James Flower and Liturgical Arts Festival

"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.

June 10-12



Mountain Lakes Classic Antique Show

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

June 17-19





A Special Day

Holly Ciochetti' son Sean, age 8, participated and received a gold medal for the non-motorized wheelchair race during the Special Olympics held at the Rabun County High School track field April 15th.

Congratulations Sean!



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.** As we look toward warmer weather, we wish to remind all owners and visitors to take advantage of our area lakes this spring and 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.

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.



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Our Current Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

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



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

Heaven's Landing Home For Sale



Beautiful Pasture Home for Sale: 3 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath. 2 car garage 3,332 sq. ft. living space, fireplace, hardwood floors, great room, vaulted ceiling. Located on an equestrian pasture. Beautiful Mountain views with the ability to have a horse right in your back yard!

*****Asking \$550,000*****

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