

HEAVEN'S LANDING



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September 2013

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An absolutely amazing weekend unfolded at Heaven's Landing Airfield as [wannaGOFAST](#) returned for two days of side by side racing on September 14-15. Records were broken both on the track (a.k.a. the runway) and as roughly 2,000 spectators young and old poured in, delighting in the sights and sounds.

With a constant flow of activity, wannaGOFAST organizers and their supporting partners provided participants with product demonstrations, expert advice, festive foods, perfect weather, incredible action, a noon time air show (as our aviator visitors arrived during the lunch break window), and of course an incredibly beautiful venue!

"We are so excited that wannaGOFAST offers so much too so many," explains Blake Hutchison, president of WannaGOFAST, "Car enthusiasts come from all over the southeastern United States and beyond. I've been told this is the best event some have ever been to, and that is coming from people who have raced their cars for 20-30 years, that means a great deal to me. For others, this is their first race. They love the fact that they can live out their dreams and attempt to achieve their speed goals in a safe environment. We are so grateful to offer these opportunities."

Noting that Heaven's Landing's elevation is 2,700 feet makes the [record-breaking times](#) even more significant, reports Blake. **A Nissan GT-R recorded the top speed on Sunday afternoon at 203.32 MPH.** The car took the top speed prize for both days (199.45 MPH on Saturday). This Nissan was built by TopSpeed Motorsports, driven by Douglas Wilks, and is owned by Todd Ulmen. **The top speed for the naturally aspirated class on Sunday was 171.83 MPH,** set by Vengeance Racing in a Corvette C5 Z06, driven by Ron Mowen, and owned by Eddie Blackwell. This is a wannaGOFAST record for this division. See all the results at the [wannaGOFAST](#) webpage and "like" them on Facebook to keep up with their events offered in the coming year.

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Fast Cars continued...

Driver positions went very fast this year with word of mouth spreading rapidly as each wannaGOFAST event grows in size and scope. Blake reports that Saturday's spots sold out in 34 days after posting, and the entire event sold out in three weeks. Plans are already in the works to return to Heaven's Landing mid-September 2014. By the chatter on Facebook, the local community is eager and anticipatory.

"We are blown away by how gracious and supportive the Heaven's Landing community continues to be." Blake notes, "I have enjoyed visiting with the owners at Heaven's Landing who come to support the event and seeing their enthusiasm. I am also amazed at the professionalism of the local emergency response teams who are on site the entire event and I have really appreciated and enjoyed working with the Rabun County's Convention and Visitors Bureau's Administrator Teka Earnhardt, who did a fantastic job promoting the weekend at the local level." Blake adds that the Sherriff's officer, Mark Jones, who directed spectators cars did an amazing job, as well as, the local wrecker service, James Paint & Body Shop, who were very quick in clearing the track and always ready to assist drivers and their cars.

All food vendors were delighted to participate and report great success over the weekend. They all look forward to returning next year. Scout Master David Cross of Boy Scout Troop 6 stated his boys were extremely successful at their food booth earning enough money for the group to stay active all winter. "The people in attendance were very courteous, and we all had a great time," David stated. "We are especially appreciative of the kindness of the racing participants. Many of them let the boys sit in their very nice cars and let us take pictures. That meant a lot to the kids."

The pictures speak for themselves, and we have gathered them from many sources for you to relive this great weekend. Also, visit wannagofast.com and their Facebook page for their videos and additional posted photos.



Photo Credit for three photos above Joe Alonzo of wannaGOFAST

The Best Seats in the House



Party in the Sky Box! Lynda and Steve Buck hosted an impromptu community party on Saturday afternoon during wannaGOFAST. What a view they offered their guests! "We all had a fantastic time and the entire field was a sight to behold from their deck," Holly reported. The Bucks pulled it all together in no time and served delicious BBQ ribs and pork.



"Do More, Care More, Be More"

The Heaven's Landing Clubhouse is the chosen venue for the 2013 annual meeting of the local chapter of Pilot International on November 19. This year's theme is "Runway Run-a-way".

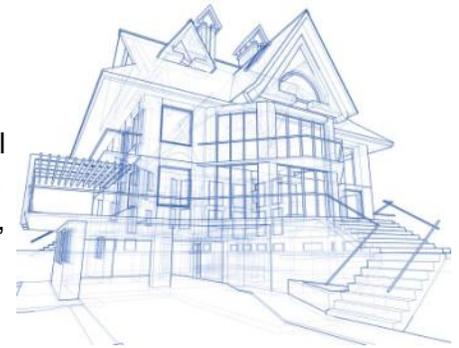


The Pilot Club is a group of community volunteers. The Georgia chapter works with two outstanding programs, BrainMinders and Project Life Saver. BrainMinders is geared toward the prevention of childhood brain injury and project Live Saver is a program that cares for Alzheimer patients and Autistic children through tracking devices.

The Clayton Chapter of Pilot International Anchor Club will host the event. The Anchors are a group of sophomore, junior and senior high school students at Rabun County High School.

Breaking Ground

Heaven's Landing owners Graham and Julie Croman have broken ground on their two lots (#62/63) overlooking the Heaven's Landing runway 23. When we profiled this delightful couple in the [March 2011 Newsletter](#), we learned they are from Chicago, totally committed to [Pilots 'n Paws](#) volunteer program, and are both avid pilots. We look forward to following their progress and see what will emerge from the ground up!



Construction Friendly Loans

Word on the street is that the ice is beginning to thaw when it comes to the new housing market, and Mike invites the community to inquire what our local banks are offering. Mike commented, "The local banks know the beauty and unique nature of our community and have a proven track record of working with those in the market to build. It just got me thinking that anyone who is waiting for the right time to build might start looking now."



Construction Loans

We have several banks in the area including:

[Community Bank and Trust](#)

[Rabun County Bank](#)

[Regions Bank and Trust](#)

[Stephens Federal Bank](#)

[United Community Bank](#)

Good "Sprints"



Most of you all know that Mike and Holly Ciochetti also own ABC Package in Clayton. Mike is please to announce the promotion of his long time employee, Chris Young to manager. The Ciochetti's are very excited for Chris and wish to also share that Chris and Holly will be bringing a new sophistication to the wine selection in the store. "We want to offer our community the finest selection of wines available to us," Holly reports, "we are so excited to seek out and offer varieties that can't be found anywhere else locally in addition to our already great offerings." Checkout the store often, and if you have a rare favorite, let Holly know!

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We also sell Georgia Lottery and other miscellaneous items.

Please visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rabunABC

New Hotspot—White Birch Inn and Laurel Bar

If you are a fan of Grapes & Beans, located on Savannah Street in Clayton, you probably have been witnessing the transformation of their neighbors in the 100+ year old building while enjoying your lunch from their back porch. The **White Birch Inn and Laurel Bar** is owned by Chuck and Brenda Patterson, and from the looks of it, they have poured their heart and soul and decades of collective talent into this beautifully remodeled location.

The Laurel Bar is now open and features a impressive selection of premium wines, liquors, and mixed drinks, as well as, a great selection of mouth watering appetizers to be enjoyed indoors or out. Brenda has been an interior designer for 25 years, and in 2011, turned her creative talents towards culinary arts. Chuck is an architect and is responsible for the stunning design of the business. The bed and breakfast located on the second floor opens Valentine's Day 2014.

"We are excited to see more of the place as they complete the work," notes Holly Ciochetti. "I love the fact that we get so many wonderful businesses so incredibly close to Heaven's landing allowing our owners, their guests, and our visitors comfortable, beautiful, and convenient places to relax and stay."

[Peter McIntosh](#) captured this newly open B&B and tapas bar with perfection in a photo shoot last month. (The Patterson's do not have a website yet, but it is coming soon.)



Foxfire—Mountaineer Festival

The Foxfire Mountaineer Festival is a single-day celebration of the rich heritage of the Southern Appalachian mountains, featuring traditional music from numerous regional performers, showcases and demonstrations of time-honored handicrafts and trades, and all manner of mountain-flavored games and challenges for young and old alike. The Festival also honors the people of Southern Appalachia, represented at the event by the kind folks who have shared their tales and their lives with Rabun County high school students since 1966 and allowed those stories to be shared with the world through the pages of Foxfire books and magazines.



Go ahead and plan on making a day of it — lunch won't be a problem, with everything from burgers to hot dogs to peanuts to funnel cakes on offer. There will be top-notch local and regional music on stage throughout the day, ranging from true traditional to current styles, but all mountain-grown, through and through. Keeping the old skills alive, the crafts folk will be showing finished goods and/or demonstrating mastery of time-honored talents including woodworking, blacksmithing, folk pottery, textile crafts, and many others. The outdoor field events give more-adventurous visitors a chance to see how they would fare in the days of old in the mountains, with physical and mental challenges from the past: brute-strength and endurance contests like wood chopping and cross-cut sawing, skill and speed trials like archery and greased-pig chases, and simple schoolyard fun like three-legged and sack races.

Saturday, October 5; 10 am—6 pm; Rabun County Civic Center

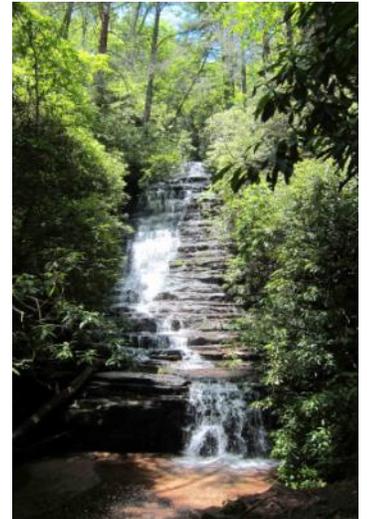
\$5 per person (maximum \$20/family), children under 5 are free

Around the Bend—Panther and Angel Creek Falls

This beautiful outing is long over due! It is another incredible area to explore right here in Rabun County just a short drive from the gates of Heaven's Landing.

Panther and Angel Falls trailhead is located in the middle of Loop 2 at Lake Rabun Campground. It is a short trail (1.6 miles with a 720 feet elevation gain) and delightful with two beautiful waterfalls. You will find it completely dog and kid friendly and fascinating any time of year. Catch the lush greens of early fall, the array of colors as the cooler months progress, journey out in the middle of winter, or take in the delicate wildflowers that emerge each month of spring.

While walking enjoy the natural beauty that is obvious on the large scale, but also take some time to get a much closer look at the waterfalls, ground cover, and forest canopy. There is much more to see than first meets the eye.



I love looking up at the kaleidoscope of tree leaves and branches in the canopy. I am always reminded of Eva Cassidy's rendition of *Tall Trees in Georgia* (originally written and performed by Buffy Sainte-Marie).



Annie's at Alley's Market & Deli

Either pack a lunch to enjoy at the waterfalls' platforms or use the picnic benches at the campground parking lot (day use parking \$3 during the season). Please note that after October, the US Forest Service closes the facility gates, but the falls are still accessible by parking outside.

Another idea if you don't want to carry food is to plan for [Annie's at Alley's Market & Deli](#) in Lakemont ([8476 Old Hwy 441S](#)). They have unbelievable homemade sandwiches, other lunch items, and a neat selection of refreshments.

Directions: (Remember go to Loop 2 for Trailhead)

Take U.S. 441/23 south from Clayton for 5.4 miles; turn right on Wiley Connector for 0.1 mile; turn left (south) on Georgia 15(Historic 441) for 1.4 miles; turn right on Lake Rabun Road (County Road 10) for 5 miles. Or if you wish to camp and are taking an RV, this route is straighter: to go west on Hwy 76 for 7 miles; turn left on Charlie Mtn. Road for 3.5 miles; turn right on Bridge Creek Road for 2 miles; turn left on Burton Dam Road for 5.4 miles. The campground will be on your left. [View a map.](#)

Fall Color on It's Way!

We are beginning to see the early signs of fall color with the peak color expected late October and early November. Right now, a few yellows and a lot of reds are peaking through the lush of green. Fall Color Season is a great time of year in Rabun County with visitors coming from all across the country. Plan you trip early to [secure accommodations](#).

You might even want to go on a fall hike with [Peter McIntosh](#) who always captures the most outstanding scenes and views! Contact [Peter](#) to sign up for a hiking adventure. See mountaintops, waterfalls, sunsets or sunrises!

If hiking and photography isn't your thing, but appreciating it is, then checkout Peter's amazing prints available at [Timpson Creek Gallery](#). (From Heaven's Landing: Take Devil's Branch Road to the right out of the HL gates, you will continue left onto Persimmon Creek Road. Make a left on Persimmon Road take a left onto 76 West go .8 of a mile and Timpson Creek Gallery is on your left.)



*****REPEAT REMINDERS*****

Heaven's Landing Fall Expo Travel Schedule

October 10-12 [AOPA Aviation Summit](#) is billed as "The Gathering" with "Texas Sized Fun!" This year enjoy the expo in Ft. Worth, Texas held at the Ft. Worth Convention Center. AOPA has a great promotion video that speaks for itself (see the link above). Information, experts, shared knowledge, advancements in technology, and of course Heaven's Landing! Make sure you look for the Heaven's Landing booth in the exhibit hall.

October 22-24 [NBAA Business Aviation Convention and Exhibit](#) lands in Las Vegas and held at the Las Vegas Convention Center and Henderson Executive Airport. NBAA is the sixth largest trade show in the United States and the finest opportunity for networking in all aspects of business aviation. You will find Heaven's Landing at booth site N318.



Mark Your Calendar!

We often laugh at the seasonal decorations on display in retail stores months before the actual anticipated holiday, but we all know how busy fall will be and before you know it, Christmas is here!

We want everyone to celebrate the holidays with us, but space is limited due to the amazing popularity of our annual Heaven's Landing Christmas Party. It certainly has proven to be one of our most anticipated events of the year, so we want to give a shout out early. Plans are already being made, (but no décor hung yet) with a return of "The GREAT Italian feast!"

Contact us today to reserve your seats!

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: TBA

Location: Heaven's Landing Clubhouse

RSVP: Contact Holly at 706.982.5245 or email her at holly@heavenslanding.com



Upcoming Events

Heaven's Landing Events:

*See HL Travel Schedule Page 7.

Heaven's Landing Christmas Party

December 7

Save the date for our most popular community event, the annual Christmas Party! Holly is planning a spectacular Italian Feast and Santa has locked us in his GPS. RSVP's are a must to ensure you have a seat for you and your family and friends. Call or email [Holly](#) at 706-982-5245.

Area Events:

First Friday Fest

First Friday through October

Enjoy free concerts in the park sponsored by the merchants of Clayton. Enjoy great music at the Rock House on Main Street, 6-9 pm.

Featured Farmer Thursdays

Every Thursday May through Nov.

Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant, 6-10pm Come enjoy a freshly prepared meal by Chef Jamie with featured food grown from one of our local farms. Learn more about the local farmer and their methods of farming. Dinner is served from 6-10pm. For more information go to www.lakerabunhotel.com or call 706-782-4946.

Dave Coulier

October 5

A night of laughter awaits you at the Smoky Mtn. Center for the Performing Arts as Dave Coulier comes to town. Most of us remember Dave from his days of hosting *America's Funniest People* and his loveable character in ABC's *Full House*. Dave's family-friendly solo performance comedy show is filled with impressions and amazing stories. Visit www.greatmountainmusic.com for tickets.

Great ARTdoors Festival

October 12

This yearly events is the only time to tour the artist-in-residence studios. Enjoy the pottery show, U-Do-Raku (glaze your own), and special art performances by Hambidge Center Fellows. BBQ and local treats including Hambidge grits and honey. Great music all day! For more information and tickets checkout the [website](#).

Georgia Mountain Jubilee

October 12

The Premiere Event for Showcasing the Beauty of the Mountains! We invite you to join us at the first ever networking festival. A day filled with rock climbing, axe throwing, music, great food, demonstrating artists, exhibitions from blacksmithing to karate, pony rides, art and craft vendors, dunking booth, clogging and more... Ramey Blvd., Clayton, GA, 10am – 6pm For more information go to www.georgiamountainjubilee.com.

Fall Children's Heritage Days

October 19 and November 23

This popular summer program is being offered twice this fall at the Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center. Make a walking stick, finger weave a scarf, track animals, make hand-dipped candles in October and holiday gifts and ornaments to take home in November. To register your child, ages 7-18, contact Michelle Bourlet at 706.490.3977. Cost is \$40/child.

Kimberly Adams Glass Bead Making

October 26-27

The beginners workshop, at Timpson Creek Gallery, will introduce students to the magic of glass bead making, using the technique of lampworking. We will cover safety and basic studio set-up. Many decorative techniques will be explored over the two days of this seminar giving students the opportunity to make lots of beads. \$225 per student, advanced [registration](#) is a must.

Tallulah Falls Whitewater Release

Nov. 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17

Come watch as the damn is released and the Kayakers brave the rapids. On a typical day, the water flow through the gorge is 35-40 CFS (cubic feet per second). During whitewater releases, the flow is 500 CFS on Saturday and 700 CFS on Sunday. This is one of the most spectacular events you will see on the river. The North Rim will be open. Watch from Overlook #1 or Inspiration Point for the best views. You will not be able to get to the suspension bridge during the release.

Stay Informed



- **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 always stay informed.

- **Stay in Touch.** "Like" us on [Facebook](#), "[Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark.](#)"



- **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.



- Fish year round and enjoy our local lakes. When in Rabun, go boating! Rentals are available at [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

Personal Trainer—Elisa Hopkins

Elisa Hopkins is a certified Personal Trainer and tailors training for men and women to the individual's interest and goals. Elisa currently conducts classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at a new studio in Tiger, GA, [Studio e.](#)

Join Elisa and the four other instructors in feeling more energetic and healthier this year. There are over 20 classes to choose from.

Contact Elisa at 706-982-2302.



Heaven's Landing Services

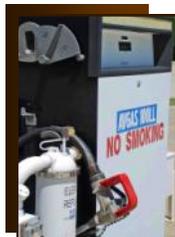
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Our Current Fuel Prices



Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS	\$5.95/ gal*
JET A	\$5.30/gal*



**Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of October 1, 2013*



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