

# HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

September 2012



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## Takeoff!

The time has arrived to live your automotive dreams as you race down the Heaven's Landing runway at top speed—at least for those brave souls who entered before this extremely popular event which maxed out with 120 participants!

[wannagofast.com](http://wannagofast.com) will host a day of side-by-side, 1/2 mile racing where *your speed* is the speed limit, on Saturday, September 22. This all-day event will delight everyone; so if you aren't racing, be certain to join the thrilling action as a spectator. Tickets are available onsite for \$15 (cash only) and food vendors will be on the field. See the vehicles close-up, feel the adrenaline flowing, witness the high performance engines at their best, and interact with a great community of owners and visitors.

Visit the [Heaven's Landing website](http://Heaven's Landing website) for places to stay, rental cars, and all your family needs to have a fantastic fall get-a-way. Incoming aircraft must plan to arrive a day early.

***The airfield will be closed to air traffic during this racing event from 6 am—7 pm Saturday.***

## Georgia 1/2 Mile Shootout Schedule:

- 6:45 AM - Mandatory Driver Check-In/Cars go through Tech Inspection
- 8 AM - Gates Open to Spectators
- 8:30 AM - Staging Begins for Drivers/First Run of the Day
- 6:00 PM - Last Run of the Day
- 6:15 PM - Awards Ceremony





## Critical Decision Making—Focused Learning & Shared Experiences

With a captive audience of over 25, the Cirrus Owners and Pilots Association Critical Decision Making Seminar began at 11 am sharp on Saturday, September 1. Gathered in the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse dining room, attendees were there for one reason—**safety**. Their common denominator is a love of aviation with a deep passion to uphold the highest flight standards for the welfare of themselves, loved ones, and the reputation of the GA community.



Many of the attendees were COPA members. A nice line up of Cirrus aircraft on the HL airfield.

Organizer Tom Nasser (HL owner) and Mike Ciochetti (HL developer) welcomed participants to Heaven's Landing. The group included seven Heaven's Landing owners, pilots traveling from far northern states, and those from around the southeast. As introductions were made around the room, it was quickly evident that the assembled group would be able to share a wealth of knowledge and experiences, regardless if they'd been flying for decades or recently licensed. Among the group were private and commercial pilots, spouses, instructors, and mechanics.

"One of the reasons that I wanted to hold a CDM session," Tom Nasser opened his address to the group, "well, I love this place [Heaven's Landing] and I love aviation." Tom paused many times with emotion as he conveyed the deeply personal reasons for the importance of continued pilot education and why it is every pilot's duty to strive to make air travel as safe as possible. "Unfortunately, I've lost some friends," Tom continued, "and I think a lot of us in this room have been affected in some way...it really hurts. We are here to look at the decisions we make. I've trained with the best, and I've been a pilot since '78, but I will always continue to learn."



Pilots and spouses in the Heaven's Landing dining room.

The afternoon was facilitated by Trip Taylor and Cliff Izer, both CSIP Platinum instructors from Atlanta, Georgia. The participants were encouraged to jump in with personal experience, additional information, and questions. "We are here to share experiences which will add to what we are showing and reviewing," Cliff told the group, "we also base each course on your feedback which allows us to improve the experience." The course focused on risk assessments leading to aviation accidents (primarily those involving the pilot, aircraft, environment, and external pressures (P.A.V.E.)). "Weather was a big area of concern and discussion," Tom later reported, "as well as, the human factor, especially how our brain works under high stress conditions and how to train to make those critical decisions when there is little or no time to second guess."



Organizer and HL owner Tom Nasser shares his story.

CDM courses can be found all over the county. This one was Tom Nasser's first to organize. "I would definitely enjoy doing this again. It came together very well and was so well received. Mike and Holly Ciochetti provided a great venue, ground transportation, and a wonderful lunch."

Many in attendance have taken seminars multiple times, even yearly. "Not only is it a great course, allowing you to meet other aviators and visit wonderful venues, like Heaven's Landing, but we go away knowing we've bettered ourselves. This also allows us to get a good discount on our insurance," commented pilot Elaine Turrisi.

## Critical Decision Making—Feedback

Tom et al,  
I wanted to say thanks to Mike and Holly - (owners of Heaven's landing) for their tremendous hospitality as well. Tom, PLEASE make sure to pass this along. Jonathan and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.  
Thanks again Tom for organizing - the event, and hosting the party. What an absolutely fantastic home you have built. (want to adopt me?)  
We had some weather to fly around - but - except for many deviations - an uneventful flight back to Maryland.  
~Jeffry Bassett

Tom,  
Thanks for organizing this meeting. Nice to be able to leverage off everyone's combined experience. Would really like to do a weather seminar, if possible back at the fantastic Heaven Landings. Beautiful part of the country! Thanks again for yours and Jan's generosity!  
~Regards, Mike Froelich

Heaven's Landing is a very special place... Tom gets the lions share of the credit as this was his initiative for HL way back in the summer. He moved it along and through the weekend. He also has a passion for safety and for making a difference. We are all fortunate to have Tom in the aviation community.

We began receiving accolades shortly after safety seminar ended and based on the feedback the objectives were met.

Mike and Holly were exceptional hosts and I received nothing but outstanding comments on the facilities and the day. Several pilots mentioned they would return for a closer look at HL.

Tom's home is truly magnificent. They were gracious and offered for Sarah and I to spend the night which we did. We had plans to leave early but it was hard to leave and we sat over breakfast and chatting for several hours.

~Regards, Cliff Izer

Thanks to Tom, Trip, and Cliff and everyone else who helped create a great CDM today. I always learn something and meet great people.  
~Michael Daugherty

Very nice experience at this CDM. Worth the ride all the way from Maryland. First time in the Georgia mountains and it is beautiful. Thanks to Tom for sponsoring this and Trip and Cliff who are great teachers. The best part about a CDM is the audience participation and there was a great bunch of folks with varying experience levels all giving us a unique perspective. These are great learning seminars for that purpose. So thanks to everyone that was there as everyone added to my learning experience.

~Brian Turrisi

Great turnout with a lot of interest in HL by the Cirrus community and a much appreciated and welcome participation by HL owners

Having been to the Nasser's beautiful home previously, what can anyone say but Wow! Beautiful home and lovely people, HL is blessed to have such great ambassadors

Thanks to all for the gracious hospitality and to Mike. Holly and Tom for the great support for a valuable safety program

~Trip Taylor



## Post CDM and Labor Day Party

Tom and Jan Nasser weren't finished being hosts by the close of the CDM session. By sunset, it was time to party. The Nasser's were kind enough to invite all attendees and Heaven's Landing friends and guests to a Labor Day celebration in their beautiful Heaven's Landing home.

"The Nasser's home is so beautiful and welcoming," commented Holly Ciochetti, "what a great place to relax, eat, talk, and enjoy a most spectacular sunset!"



## Heaven's Landing Family News

- **Best Recovery and Wishes to Mike Senior**

Mike Ciochetti Jr's dad, Mike Senior underwent triple bi-pass surgery on Monday, August 27 at the [Northeast Georgia Heart Center](#) in Gainesville, Georgia. We ask that you keep Mike Sr. and his family in your prayers for is continued strength and recovery.



- **Doug and Sue Johnson Gain a Son-In-Law**

Sue and I are pleased to announce that our daughter, Danielle A. Johnson, was married to William R. Foster III on August 18, 2012 in Jacksonville, FL. Dani and Will live in Kennesaw, Georgia, where Dani is a Rehabilitation Counselor for the State of Georgia, and Will is head of IT at the Packard Company.



- **Loved One Passing and a New Generation Born**

Our dog, Holly, was a very special dog. In a way, she was like our "child."

She developed lymphoma, went through 5 months of chemo, but it just wouldn't go into remission. She was only 6 yrs old. Holly was known to a lot of owners at Heaven's Landing. We rarely went to Heaven's Landing, or anywhere else, without her. She could be found out on Lake Burton, at one of the bon fires, or traveling with us on our plane (even at Sun n Fun!).



Holly



Molly

We are still in mourning and weren't ready for another dog, but we found out that Holly's sister was having her last litter. It meant a lot to us to be able to have a direct line to Holly. Even though there was a long waiting list, the breeder (from Scaly Mountain, NC—near Heaven's Landing) was able to get the others to wait a little longer so that we could get this puppy. Her name is **Molly**. Molly is 9 wks old, and she is bringing us great joy.

- **New Yorkie for Tomaszewski'**

Ginger Tomaszewski is pleased to announce their new Yorkshire Terrier, **Pebbles**. Pebbles will join the Tomaszewski' Yorkie, Cocco at their Long Island, NY home.



Pebbles

- **Continued Prayers**

The Tomaszewski' also ask that you continue to hold Ginger's brother, Jeff Balducci, who is battling Follicular Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in your prayers. Please see Ginger's [website](#) or contact [Ginger](#) directly.

## Peter McIntosh Under the Gold Dome

Friend of Heaven's Landing and magnificent photographer, [Peter McIntosh](#) was selected along with 28 other Northeast Georgia artists to exhibit their work in *The Art of Georgia: Celebrating Georgia's Landscapes and People* at the Georgia State Capital in Atlanta.

Peter is honored to have two of his photographs selected, *Chattooga River in Autumn* and *Wolffork Valley Pastoral*. The pieces will be displayed in the Executive Offices in the State Capitol until the end of January 2013.

Heaven's Landing owners will recognize the Chattooga River photograph as the same that hangs over the dining room fireplace in the Clubhouse. Congratulations Peter!



Peter McIntosh is honored to have had two pieces on exhibit at the Georgia State Capital in Atlanta. Peter stands with Georgia Governor Nathan Deal.



### Learn from the Master Himself

Peter McIntosh will offer *Photo Adventure Workshops* starting this fall.

- Learn the fundamentals of your camera.
- Acquire techniques to capture the beauty you see
  - Explore the Southern Appalachians
  - Enjoy classes tailored for participants.



Call Peter at 706.490.1247 or email at [petermac@windstream.net](mailto:petermac@windstream.net) for details.

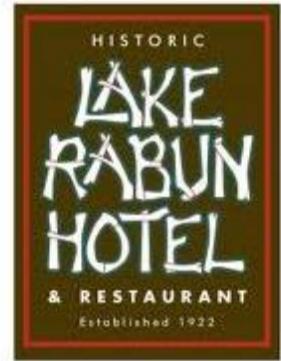


### Arrival

Heaven's Landing owners, Terry and Jamie Stiles, arrive with their guests – *all* of them in true Heaven's Landing style! Welcome to (L to R) Bob and Mary Dwors, Phil and Donna Keagy (steps), Terry and Jamie Stiles, Steve and Linda Palmer, & Pilot Martin Lowe with their six canine companions.

## Lake Rabun Hotel and Featured Farmer Thursdays

Our area has so much to offer especially when it comes to off the beaten path amenities. As you journey the byways taking in our coming fall colors checkout the [Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant](#) in Lakemont, Georgia which offers exquisite food prepared by their Executive Chef Jamie Allred. Chef Jamie has brought his award winning talents and farm to table fresh gourmet cuisine to the diners in Rabun County.



LAKE RABUN HOTEL



Each Thursday, Chef Jamie's skillfully creates masterpieces and special menu selections from items produced from regional farms. Chef Jamie's goal is to capture the essence of each featured farm.

The Taylor Family Farm will be the featured in mid-October. This will be their second time. Their fall crop will include a variety of greens, turnips and radishes. "It is so much fun for us," reports Teresa Taylor, "it's like watching art being created. We get to see the end product of our work, as it is transformed by the Chef." Teresa says her husband, Dave ("Chief Farmer"), really enjoys mingling with the guests who wish to know more about the *farm to table* relationship.

Reserve your dinner out, Thursdays from 6-10 pm. For additional information call the Lake Rabun Hotel at 7106.782.4946.

- **September 6** [Ladybug Farms](#) in Persimmon Valley specializing in heirloom veggies, flowers, and herbs produced the natural way.
- **September 13** [Stack Farms](#) of Tiger, Georgia specializing in Vinifera wine grapes, Asian pears, and Oriental persimmons.
- **September 27** [Loganberry Heritage Farm](#) of Cleveland, Georgia. This 5th generation farm offers veggies, fruits, flowers, herbs, eggs, grass fed beef, and pastured poultry.
- **October 4** [Tiger Mountain Vineyards](#), Tiger, Georgia with a fine selection of their wines.
- **October 11** [Gibson Farms](#), Westminster, South Carolina specializing in certified organic beef and It's All Okra of Clarkesville, Georgia specializing in herbs.
- **October 18** Taylor Family Farm, Lakemont, Georgia specializing in salad greens, tomatoes, and sweet peppers.
- **October 25** [Mill Gap Farm](#) Tiger, Georgia specializing in heirloom and open pollinated vegetables. The Mill Gap Farm is devoted to the care of the soil.

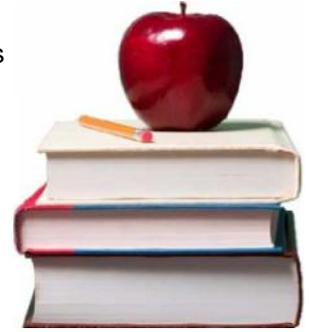


Be sure to visit the [Simply Home Grown Farmers Market](#) each Saturday until late October at the Clayton City Hall Complex. The growers are overflowing with bountiful variety!!!



## Back to School

All students in public and private schools have just returned to their classrooms in Rabun County as of late August. For families, the education options are numerous, accredited, and as diverse as our kids are.



### Pre-schools include:

- [Creative Learning Center](#): Clayton, Georgia. An outreach of the Clayton United Methodist Church. Pre-school and day care. Contact Lisa Wall, 706.782.1567.
- [Little Way Montessori at Covecrest](#)—Montessori in a Catholic Tradition located on the [Covecrest campus](#). Call for details at 706.782.4400.

### Elementary Schools:

- Meadowlark School and Tutorial Center; Offers a schoolhouse atmosphere, experiential learning, and is dedicated to a small teacher to student ratio. 706.746.3799.
- [Little Way Montessori at Covecrest](#)—Call for details at 706.782.4400.
- Rabun County Primaries—[Rabun County Community School](#) and [South Rabun Elementary](#). Will soon be consolidated into the Rabun County Primary School on E. Boggs Mtn. Road, Tiger, GA. Currently serving K-2 grades.
- [Rabun County Elementary School](#)— Located also on E. Boggs Mtn. Road RCES is a 3-6 grade facility.

### Middle Schools:

- [Rabun County Middle School](#). Public school for grades 7-8. Tiger, Georgia.
- [Rabun Gap Nacoochee Middle School](#). *Work Study Worship*. Offering college preparatory for day and boarding students grades 6-12. Rabun Gap, Georgia.
- [Tallulah Falls Middle School](#). *The Light in the Mountains*. College preparatory for day and boarding students grades 6-12. Tallulah Falls, Georgia.

### High Schools:

- [Rabun County High School](#). Public school for grades 7-8. Tiger, Georgia.
- [Rabun Gap Nacoochee Upper School](#). *Work Study Worship*. Offering college preparatory for day and boarding students grades 6-12. Rabun Gap, Georgia.
- [Tallulah Falls Upper School](#). *The Light in the Mountains*. College preparatory for day and boarding students grades 6-12. Tallulah Falls, Georgia.

### Home School Organizations:

- [Christian Home Educators of Habersham County](#).
- [Relaxed Christian Home Education of NE Georgia](#).



# Upcoming Events

## Heaven's Landing Schedule

Look for Mike and Holly at these major aviation fly-ins and events:

- [Citation Jet Pilots Association \(CJP\) September 12-16 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.](#)
- [Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association \(AOPA\) October 11-13 in Palm Springs, California.](#)
- [National Business Aviation Association \(NBAA\) October 30– November 1 in Orlando, Florida.](#)

## **wannaGOFAST**

**September 22**

Fly-in and stay the weekend for a great fall get-a-way in Heaven's Landing.

## Area Events:

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### **Historical Rock Hike**

**September 15**

Go off the beaten path at Tallulah Gorge State Park. 10 am-1pm; \$5 participation fee and \$5 State Park parking fee. See the Gorge walls up close along steep cliffs, treacherous embankments and rocky terrain. Bring lunch and water 706.754.7981.

### **Song Writer's Showcase**

**September 21 and October 19** Showcase

and cultivate your talents at the Promenade for the Arts in Mountain City. 7-10 pm Open to all ages \$5/person held on the 3rd Friday of each month. 706.982.4162.

### **Barrel Race**

**September 28-29**

The 5th Annual James Soares Memorial Barrel Race comes to the Rabun County Arena for a two day event. Starting at 4 pm. See the [Arena's website](#) for updates and ticket information.

### **Foxfire Mountaineer Festival**

**October 6**

Over 35 exhibits including crafts, blacksmithing, berry basket making, cornhusk dolls, spinning, broom making, pottery, BBQ, music, children's games, and more. Foxfire Magazine students will also be present to autograph and sell their current issues. Admission: \$4, age 11 up; Children 6 to 10, \$2. All proceeds benefit Foxfire's local educational programs. [www.foxfire.org](http://www.foxfire.org).

### **Downtown Clayton Sidewalk Art Show & Sale**

**October 6**

Welcome to Main Street Clayton, Georgia! Join us for our inaugural event showcasing regional art and great family activities corresponding to the Foxfire Festival held at the Civic Center.

### **Great Artdoors**

**October 13**

All are welcome to the [Hambidge Center](#) for their eco-friendly Fall Festival. Visit artist-in-residence studios. Enjoy the day filled with a pottery show, U-Do-Raku (glaze your own pottery), art installations and performances, BBQ and food tastings, and music to dance to all day long. 10 am—4 pm.

### **Georgia Mountain Jubilee**

**October 13**

A premiere event showcasing the beauty of the mountains. Music, food, arts & crafts, games, children's activities, and see what business make Rabun strong. Located on Ramey Blvd, North Main Street, Clayton, Georgia 10 am—6 pm free admission and free parking.

### **Fall Farm Day**

**October 27**

[Hillside Orchard Farms](#) will host their annual fall farm day. Enjoy the entire farm with demonstrations, petty zoo, country store, gem mine, and corn maze. 9 am—5:30 pm; 706.782.4995.

### **Tallulah Gorge Whitewater Releases**

**November 3-4; 10-11; 17-18**

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. It is a spectacular sight with the boats coming through the gorge. This is a sight you do not want to miss. For more information call 706-754-7981 and go to [www.gastateparks.org/tallulahgorge](http://www.gastateparks.org/tallulahgorge).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 five classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at her new studio in Tiger, GA. 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](mailto:sales@heavenslanding.com).



*"Work with someone you know and trust."*

## Our Current Fuel Prices



### Self Serve Pumps

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

*\*Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of September 1, 2012*



## ***Lawless* in Rabun**

The movie *Lawless* premieres this week. The film was originally called "The Wettest County," and it was partially filmed in Rabun County last year. Although most of the movie was shot in Coweta County, GA, we had several scenes shot here.

Places to look for in the movie:

- Popcorn Overlook (Hwy 76 W just pass Hwy 197) with Shia LaBeouf.
  - Persimmon by the former Winery. (Persimmon Creek Road)
  - Rocky Grove (Bridge Creek Road) -- this may be a shot in the opening credits. Might be an aerial shot.
- The location work for these shots was coordinated by Pam Thompson, our Camera Ready Liaison for the CVB. She was supported by Jim Reaves of Black Bear Antiques who did most of the onsite work.

The movie is currently showing locally at [Habersham Hills Cinema](#) and [Ruby Cinema](#).

Enjoy,  
Pete Cleaveland  
Executive Director, Rabun County Convention and Visitors Bureau



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