

# HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

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## Our Heart –The Heaven's Landing Clubhouse

The 14,000 square foot building at the center of Heaven's Landing is the gathering place, the hub, and the heart of the development. For our owners it is an extension of their homes and for our visitors it is a place to relax and be inspired. Our Clubhouse has recently celebrated its first anniversary. A year filled with fly-ins, parties, and weddings.

This coming year will be another one filled with great happenings. Watch for email notices and hard copy invites for holiday parties and aviation events—some will be pot luck and others catered. Every

celebration means we get to know one another better, and we hope you will bring your guests. Our Clubhouse is definitely the heart and our people are the soul. Call our office to make sure we have the most up to date contact information for you (800-HEAVEN 2) and R.S.V.P. today for: Super Bowl Party, Feb. 6th and St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck, March 11th.

The Clubhouse is easy to use, easy to access, and with the attention to detail in design, it brings ample comfort. Multiple wide-screen televisions are throughout the facility as well as lounges, a dining room, billiards, and a racquetball and [wallyball](#) court (don't know wallyball? Click on the digital link for a great video). The fitness room has various equipment for use and space for Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, or other routines. And of course, one never needs an excuse to relax in the steam rooms and saunas located in the downstairs dressing rooms. These luxurious spaces are pristine and always fully stocked with fresh towels and toiletries. Property Manager Gerald Silvius is available weekdays for questions either by phone or in person, and Mike and Holly are always just a phone call away.

We invite you to explore the possibilities to use the Clubhouse for your private events. For owners, the facility is available 24/7 for your enjoyment, but for exclusive functions and our extended community, the facility may be rented by contacting Holly Ciochetti. Family reunions, large group parties, private celebrations, association meetings,... the possibilities are endless and the facility is yours. Just one more reason why Heaven's Landing is a fly-in community like no place like Earth.



## Light Sports Aircraft—Sebring, Florida



The 6th annual Light Sport Aircraft Expo was held in Sebring, Florida, January 20-23. Heaven's Landing's Mike and Holly Ciochetti were among the 145 exhibitors meeting and greeting the LSA community. A highlight of the show according to Aero-News Network's Dave Juwel was the exhibitors who knew how to interact with their market. At top of his list was Heaven's Landing. "They had it all. A great picture display. A running video designed to entice you. Free DVD's. Well designed and informative brochures. And best of all, their enthusiastic representatives."

The sole purpose of this type of expo according to organizers is to get potential buyers face to face with the manufacturer and distributors of LSA's. The draw for the over 11,000 attendees to Sebring this year remains primarily the show's ease of access to the aircraft for demo flights and interacting with new aircraft models and accessories provided by exhibitors. The show is proud to be small and focused creating an opportunity for buyers to make informed decisions. AviationSafety.com editor Paul Bertorelli puts this mission clearly, "...when you buy an LSA, or any airplane, the airplane is almost secondary. What you're really buying is a company." A goal of the Expo is to help foster that intimate relationship.



"I saw so many people with 'that' gleam in their eyes," reports Holly, "...people came who were serious and wanted to learn more." Holly felt a noticeable difference in the energy and enthusiasm of visitors to the Heaven's Landing booth. She is confident that many of the new contacts she and Mike made will definitely payoff in visitations to Heaven's Landing in the weeks to come.

Although no one is ready to proclaim a turn around in the economic environment just yet, more and more LSA manufacturers are reporting modest gains and higher production orders.

This show kicked off the beginning of a year filled with aviation shows for Mike and Holly. Please continue to look for the Heaven's Landing booth and those well-known Heaven's Landing angels. We will soon be posting all of their scheduled shows. Stay tuned.

## Owner Profile—Ken and Diane Kannard

It was love at first “site”. From their first impressions of Heaven’s Landing to the natural surroundings and the hometown feel of the area, Ken and Diane Kannard have enjoyed being Heaven’s Landing owners for over five years.

It all started after meeting Mike Ciochetti at EAA’s Airventure Oshkosh in 2005. “I felt like Mike and I hit it off right away,” recalls Ken, “we both have similar interests in sharing a racing background - I found him to be quite the *character*.” From this initial meeting, the Kannard’s were very eager to see Heaven’s Landing in person; so, in the fall of 2005, the family loaded up their RV with their girls, a visiting foreign exchange student from Italy, and their dog. They journeyed from their home in Wisconsin traversing the Eastern US for a get-away adventure. Once arriving and spending time exploring the Northeast Georgia outdoors, Ken and Diane were sold. Before they left, they initiated the purchase of their now owned lot #132.



Over the years as their girls, Melissa (23), Amanda (20) and Abby (15), have grown into teenagers and young adults, the family has alternated traveling to Heaven’s Landing by road (14 hours) or flying (4.5 hours) in their Piper Cherokee 235. They have found that the RV nicely accommodates the girls, their friends, and other comforts for their frequent trips to Georgia. Averaging about 7 times a year, Ken and Diane have enjoyed getting to know the area by taking the girls tubing, rafting, and hiking, as well as, simply spending their time on their lot clearing undergrowth.

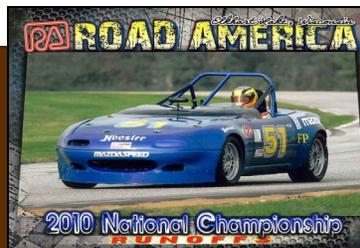
“We have enjoyed every minute of our time... the people, the natural beauty, and the sense of community are all a huge draw for us,” report Ken and Diane. Reflecting on the great people that make up the development, on their last visit, the Kannard’s fully enjoyed the impromptu New Year’s Eve party. “What doesn’t Heaven’s Landing have?” Ken begs to ask, “It is so peaceful and quiet with no road noise, and the City of Clayton has everything you need!”



Ken and Diane met about 26 years ago out with their friends. This month they celebrate their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Their life together has been truly a partnership in raising the girls, managing their company, and in sharing family interests. Ken and Diane own Northwest Cable Construction, Inc. which specializes in underground cable and wire installation. The Kannard’s work side by side along with their thirty employees in three Wisconsin offices. Diane runs the offices, and Ken oversees daily operations along with bidding and managing contracts.

Through the years, Ken and Diane have devoted their time to their girls and their dance interests along with Ken’s love of flying and racing. Ken is currently the only pilot in the family, but Diane has taken ground school lessons and doesn’t rule out the possibility of pursuing additional training in the future. Their youngest, Abby, has spent a lot of time in the air with Dad and will likely follow in his footsteps. Like many others, flying was an early passion for Ken. He’s logged about 1800 hours since he received his license in his early 20’s. He holds his multi-engine, instrument, and rotorcraft ratings including helicopter and gyroplane. It was an earlier passion for racing that became the perfect carryover for learning to fly. For many years, Ken has been a member of the Sports Club Car of America. His success in racing has found him repeatedly on the podium. Ken’s car number is 51, and he has driven a Mazda Miata for the last two years. So far this year in January of 2011, Ken has participated in 4 national races with 3 wins, and 1 track record added to his honor.

The Kannard’s are planning their dream second home in Heaven’s Landing. As the kids transition into their adult lives, Ken and Diane’s future plans are starting to take shape. The Kannard’s are completely correct in their assessment of the strength of the Heaven’s Landing community, with one notable highlight, families like theirs are a cornerstone to what makes Heaven’s Landing continue to grow and thrive.



## Around the Bend—Stekoa Creek Park Project

*Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul. ~John Muir*

Once a year since 1991, local charitable organizations prepare presentations for review by the Rhapsody in Rabun Board in the hopes of being selected as the recipient of the annual [Rhapsody Benefit Gala](#). The 19 member Rhapsody board carefully evaluates these contenders and selects the recipient based on three criteria, which are need, resulting benefit, and level of volunteer support from the recipient organization. This year five applicants, all of whom are worthy charities and organizations that serve the people of all income levels in Rabun County, vied for the honor. The winning recipient for 2011 is the [Chattooga Conservancy](#) for the Stekoa Creek Park Project.

The Conservancy is a membership conservation organization whose mission is to preserve and protect the watershed and ecosystems of the Chattooga River. In 2009 United Community Bank donated a 2.9 acre parcel of land along the Stekoa Creek in Clayton. The Stekoa is a tributary of the Chattooga. At this time, the Conservancy and the City of Clayton joined resources to restore this section of Stekoa and create a city park. Their efforts include overseeing water quality and eradicating non-native plants to make way for walking paths, play area, and gardens with native species (see park illustration above).

Originating in Mountain City, Stekoa runs through mostly private land and bisects a large part of the county with hundreds of homes along its banks. Over the years, the Conservancy has monitored and recorded Stekoa's water quality. The plans for the park will ensure the commitment to conservation, as well as, serve as an educational and recreational resource to residents and visitors further enhancing this part of Clayton. As the recipient of the gala dinner funds and with additional grants applied for, the Chattooga Conservancy will be able to move much faster on the park project and complete the more costly features, such as the renovation of an existing pavilion and the creation of a foot bridge.



Conservancy Director Buzz Williams and the Lion's Club restore native vegetation.

Margret Patrick, President of the Rhapsody Board, reports that over their 19 year Rhapsody in Rabun history, the yearly black-tie event has generated roughly \$900,000 to social projects for Rabun County. Last year's recipient earned \$54K. Mrs. Patrick is excited about the uniqueness of the Conservancy's project which will provide a "tangible" benefit to all in the community. Buzz Williams, Director of the Chattooga Conservancy, is delighted, "our volunteers are thrilled to move forward on the Park and are organizing to create a fantastic event this Fall. We thank the community in supporting this effort and their desire to restore and protect our natural spaces."

**Rhapsody in Rabun will be held Monday, September 12th at the Rabun County Civic Center.** The elegant evening will include dozens of local restaurants who will serve their signature dishes, a local band performing throughout the evening, and a silent and live auction to feature local artists, high-end specialty items, and a wide selection of gift certificates. For individual or group tickets or tax deductible donation, please contact Mary Ann Rich at 706-490-1494.



# Upcoming Events



## Heaven's Landing Events:

### Super Bowl Party

**Sunday, February 6th**

The Heaven's Landing Clubhouse transforms into "tailgate central" for the game of the year. Join us one hour before kickoff for a great evening with big screen action, munchies, beverages and friends.

### Saint Patrick's Celebration

**March 17th**

The luck of the Irish is strong at Heaven's Landing. Bring a pot-luck dish for our second annual St. Pat's party at the Clubhouse. RSVP with Holly at 706-212-0017 or (800) HEAVEN 2.



## Area Events:

### Cirque X



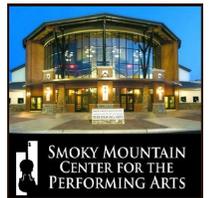
**February 3-5th**

It is time again for the Rabun Gap Nacoochee School students to showcase their amazing acrobatic and performing arts talents in Cirque X. Performances are Thurs., Fri., and Sat at 7:30 pm; Matinees are Fri. 4 pm; and Sat. at 2 pm. Call 706-746-7716 for tickets.

### DE-LOVELY

**February 3-5th**

A delightful dinner show featuring the music of Cole Porter. Slow roasted pork BBQ with all the sides. Visit [www.greatmountainmusic.com](http://www.greatmountainmusic.com) for details and pricing.



### F.A.I.T.H.'s Sweetheart Ball

**February 12th**

Mark the date and select the dress for an evening of wonderful local food, dancing, and benefit auction! It is time for FAITH's Sweetheart ball. All proceeds go to supporting FAITH's efforts in protecting women and children in Rabun County. Rabun County Civic Center; 7 p.m. Call 706-782-1003 for tickets.

### Chocolate and Wine Weekend

**February 12**

Tiger Mountain's annual Chocolate and Wine Weekend will feature chocolate fondue, artisan cheeses, wine tastings and live music. Saturday - 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with music from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday - 1 to 5 p.m. with music from 1:30 to 4 p.m.



### Sportsmen Banquet

**February 19**

The 9th annual banquet begins at 4 and runs until 9 pm. World Champion Juggler David Cain will be guest speaker. Rabun County Civic Center; tickets are available at Reeves Hardware and Rabun Chamber of Commerce.

### Oil Painting Workshop

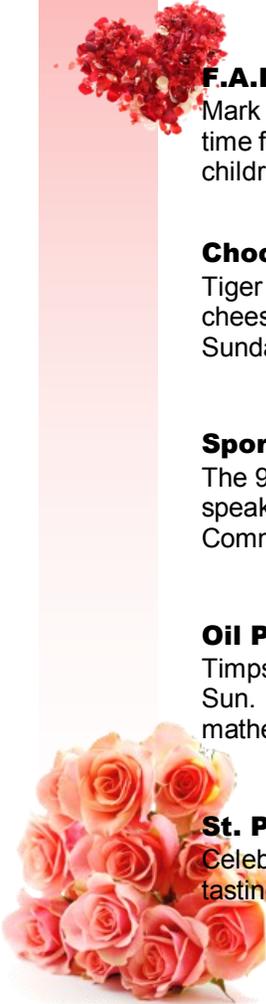
**February 19-20**

Timpson Creek Gallery and local artist Libby Mathews will host a two day workshop. Sat. 10 a.m.—4 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Cost is \$150 which includes a complimentary lunch. Contact libby-mathews@windstream.net to reserve your spot.

### St. Patrick's Day Event

**March 12**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Tiger Mountain Vineyards. Noon to 4 p.m. Celtic fiddling, Irish cheeses and wine tastings. \$10 per person. Tasting room open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Our Community



- **Wi-Fi** is now 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".

- **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 (60's this past weekend!), we wish to remind all 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

### Private Pilates Instruction



Our very own **Holly Ciochetti** is now offering private instruction in Pilates, the exercise program that builds flexibility, strength, and endurance without adding bulk. With over two years of instruction experience, Holly specializes in beginner and intermediate levels. Call her at 706.982.5245 to set up an appointment to work out in our beautiful Clubhouse.

### 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	\$4.25/gal*
JET A	\$3.50/gal*



*\*Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of February 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!

**Original Price: \$685,000 \*\*\*Now reduced to \$550,000 for quick sale\*\*\***

For a virtual tour: <http://tour.getmytour.com/public/vtour/display/1538/?idx=1>



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