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The crackle of a hardwood fire. The pop of the cork from chilled champagne. The sigh that comes from the deep luxurious massage. The aroma that signals a gourmet meal has been prepared especially for you. Spend a few days and indulge in all that the Heaven's Landing area offers you and the one you love.

Luxury comes in many forms. Enjoy a winter escape and treat yourself to a romantic weekend in the North Georgia Mountains where Bed & Breakfast accommodations are both plentiful and of outstanding quality. Our local innkeepers are all about fine customer service and pleasing their guests.

February is ideal to plan a visit to Heaven's Landing and enjoy that precious time together. Whether you come for the first time or to revisit the place you love, a multiple-day stay is ideal to capture the full beauty and complete amenities that Heaven's Landing owners enjoy year round. Our staff is available 7 days a week to take you on a free, no pressure tour. You can spend the afternoon sight-seeing as you tour the area's country clubs, schools, natural beauty highlights (including a warm season outing on one of our stunning lakes). End the afternoon dining in your choice of several outstanding restaurants, many of which are owned and operated by the [Best Chefs America](#). We believe that this great experience will stay with you forever. Of course, the best marketing is first-hand knowledge and our clients word-of-mouth accolades are why Heaven's Landing continues to grow and flourish as a community. Come fall in love with Heaven's landing and this great lifestyle all in one visit!

This month we highlight the area's award-winning lodging options and share what romantic packages they have advertised.

Call Heaven's Landing at 706.212.0017 or 800.HEAVEN2
to schedule a visit.

Romance in the Mountains—Local Award Winning B&B's

Love is in the fresh mountain air this February. All you need to do is choose which award-winning mountain retreat you will try first. Clear your schedules or fill it with activity that brings you together. Both Heaven's Landing and these accommodations would love for you to visit anytime. Weekdays are always easier to book and lodging rates are typically discounted. Here is a sampling of what is offered:

[Beechwood Inn](#)— Chosen as the “Best Inn in Georgia 2013” by Georgia Magazine, you will delight in gourmet foods (even a cooking class if you are game) and an exquisite wine selection. The Inn is located on wooded property in Clayton, Georgia just minutes from Heaven's landing. The Innkeepers are both award-winning celebrated chefs and maintain their own extensive vegetable gardens. The Beechwood Inn has 7 beautifully furnished rooms with two cabins for rent. Room rates range from \$179-299/night. Please see their website for package rates and available classes. Valentine Special: [Romantic Valentine's Dinner in North Georgia](#).



[Glen-Ella Springs](#)—“Our Goal is to delight each guest and enrich their experience through a combination of an inspiring environment, outstanding food and exceptional service.” Glen-Ella has been the standard for a relaxed retreat. The property is filled with fantastic gardens and the Inn is nestled and surrounded by National Forest. Their 16 spacious rooms and cozy dining room will make you feel pampered. Glen-Ella is also a beautiful setting for weddings, large celebrations, and corporate or group retreats. They have a state of the art meeting room and team building activities. Room and suites range from \$160-280/night. The restaurant features local wines and award winning gourmet dining. Glen-ella offers a variety of packages including romantic getaways, culinary classes, outdoor activities and more. Follow the [link](#) for all the details.



[Historic Lake Rabun Hotel & Restaurant](#)— “Become Enchanted” at this peaceful retreat on Lake Rabun. Built over 90 years ago, and restored to perfection in 2008, Southern Living Magazine calls the LRH, one of Georgia's “Best Winter Escapes”. Indulge in 3 amazing meals a day at the LRH Restaurant priding themselves on farm to table gourmet excellence. Massage and spa services are always available. There are 8 rooms and a separate Innkeepers Cabin. Rates range from \$114-374/night. Please see the website for year round packages. Valentine Special: See [link](#) for details and this [PDF for their Valentine menu](#).



Romance in the Mountains—Local Award Winning B&B's



[Old Edwards Inn and Spa](#)—Named one of the **top hotels in the country** for 2015. This is the place for those needing a jaunt to Europe and wish not to experience the jet-lag. Old Edwards has a completely elegant old-world charm with numerous onsite lounges, cafes, and an outstanding restaurant all in downtown Highlands, North Carolina. The Inn is just 28 miles from Heaven's Landing in the mountain town of Highlands where you will be surrounded by world-class shopping and dining all within walking distance of your room. Room rates begin at \$219/night and packages can range up to \$1,780 for two nights including dining and spa credits. Click this link for their [Valentine's Package](#).



[Rabun Manor](#)—Enjoy history paired with elegance at Rabun Manor. Be whisked away to a time of southern style and stately charm. The Manor offers 7 beautiful guestrooms to choose from. Originally built circa 1846, the Inn was first a school house located in Whitehall, Georgia near Athens.

The owners carefully oversaw the dismantling of the structure, transported it by rail and mule train to its current location perched majestically overlooking Dillard, Georgia. The love and detail that went into the preservation is evident today as the owners pamper and offer a relaxing serene stay to all their guests. Call for room rates and specials at 706.746.2060.



[The White Birch Inn & Laurel Bar](#)—One of the newest fine establishments in the area, The White Birch Inn is located in Downtown Clayton, Georgia within walking distance of all that historic Clayton has to offer. Begin your stay at this boutique B&B in one of six exquisitely decorated guestrooms and suites with luxurious amenities. Owners Brenda and Chuck Patterson show complete attention to detail in all they do from the care of the décor, the quality of fine foods prepared and served, the artisan cocktails, the selection of entertainment, and the service to their clients. Children 12 and up are welcome. Room rates range from \$185-355 with additions of spa and golf packages available.



Road to America— The Cokinogenis Family

Heaven's Landing owners and Native South Africans, John and Susan Cokinogenis (the "Cooks") know all about the "American Dream". John and Susan recently became naturalized citizens. Their son Quentin was first in 2013, Susan was sworn in November 2014, and John celebrated his citizenship on January 16, 2015. It was a long, expensive, and arduous process involving nearly three decades and much personal loss, but to John and Susan it has also been a dream realized and one that will forever be cherished.

The Cokinogenis' first arrived and fell in love with the United States in 1987 on a tourist visa. In 1988, they immigrated to the United States initially settling in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. After some time, they moved to Sweetwater, Texas where John thrived with his brilliant entrepreneurial spirit and gifted business sense. However, the family was always overshadowed by the system of Apartheid in South Africa and the bloody struggle that would finally see it come to an end in 1994. This conflict along with political and bureaucratic issues between the two governments created a hostile environment for South African immigrants wishing to establish permanent status elsewhere.

Through the late 80's, the family managed to stay in the United States and set down roots. They began a flight school and maintenance facility in Sweetwater, Texas. Along the way, they worked with attorneys to meet their goals of becoming naturalized. Suddenly and unexpectedly in 1990, they were given notice that they would have to leave the country and return to South Africa. Despite their attorney's efforts, support from Texas Senator Temple Dixon, and a petition signed by the city and people of Sweetwater, the family was told to leave the country with only three days notice. In those three days, the family went from owning a highly successful and lucrative business, to losing and leaving behind everything, and returning to a country they had very little remaining connection with. John notes during this time immigration status was only granted to "those who had specialties to offer" including skilled surgeons, renown professors, and professional athletes.

Left with nothing, the family returned to South Africa to start over again. They spent the next 8 years rebuilding themselves one-step at a time to eventually owning a successful commuter airline company. In 1999, John and Susan sold their airline business and traveled to Australia where they toured for one year.



Continued—God Bless America!

In 2000, John and Susan came back to United States to build the first customer [Turbine Legend](#) aircraft at Turbine Design Inc in DeLand, Florida. John, having extensive knowledge of the Walter Turbines, found himself once again in business. The three settled in DeLand, Florida where business was very good.

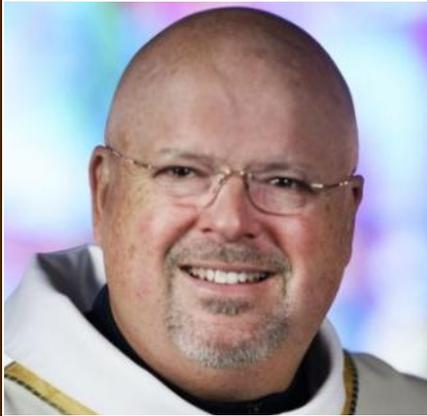
Of course, the family continued to work and go through the proper channels of naturalization. In 2006, news came that the family had just months left before facing deportation again. From their previous experiences, they prepared for the worst by selling all of their business and personal assets for cents on the dollar. Through connections and advice, John met an immigration attorney named [George Rodriquez](#). John credits Attorney Rodriquez with the reason his family is here today. The tenacity and knowledge of Mr. Rodriquez quickly paid off and the long battle finally allowed the family to stay in the United States. In 2008, John, Susan and Quentin found themselves back with a growing business. Since that time, Quentin has run their Turbine Shop, while, John and Susan travel all over the United States, Europe, and Australia maintaining and instructing on Turbine engines and aircraft. John declares that he has “the best job on the planet,” and few would disagree! John notes, “the USA is still the best place in the world to live and thrive, and one of the few remaining places where general aviation still exists.”

The Day Finally Arrives! For John, his momentous struggle for naturalization for his family came to completion on Friday, January 16, 2015. The day started as a quiet intimate affair with Susan by his side at the General Services Administration Citizenship and Immigration Building in Orlando, Florida. But, unbeknownst to the couple, their son, Quentin shared the details of the ceremony with Heaven's Landing Developer Mike Ciochetti. The Ciochetti family then flew down to Orlando and literally snuck-up and surprised John and Susan. “We just had to be there,” notes Mike with pride. “John has worked so hard to earn this privilege, and it was an honor to watch him take the oath. It was definitely a tears and goose bumps moment.”

Heaven's Landing is so incredibly proud of the Cokinogenis family for their years of dedication and struggle to become United States citizens. We joyfully welcome them to America, a land that they clearly love and have sacrificed so much to become a part of.



Top: John and Susan in the waiting area before the ceremony totally unaware that the Ciochetti family is about to surprise them. Below: John is a happy new American! Left: The proof—John is official.



Michael Gene Mims

The Heaven's Landing community sends their deepest condolences to the family of Michael "Mike" Gene Mims, 51, one of Heaven's Landing own. Mike was a beloved Catholic deacon and community leader from Conroe, Texas. Mike's Safari Helicopter went down in a residential area on Friday, January 16, 2015 in The Woodlands, Texas. He leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Kate, three adult sons, Kevin, Robert and David, and his two grandchildren, Jenna and Camilla.

"My father was the greatest man I ever knew," Robert Mims wrote in a Facebook post Saturday. "He was selfless and kind. He knew when to be stern and when to be loving. He was extreme in his love for all things and all people. He touched so many people and I am lucky to be called his son. Yesterday, the world lost a great man, entrepreneur, deacon, grandfather, father, husband and friend. Dad, pray for us from your place amongst the angels. You always loved flying, may your wings forever take you higher." (The Houston Chronicle)

A beautiful outpouring of support and remembrance to honor Mike's legacy continues in his Texas home community. Mike's impact also followed him wherever he traveled.

Mike has been an owner at Heaven's Landing since 2011 and frequented the airfield every couple of months visiting and working with the local Teen Life Catholic Ministry reports Developer Mike Ciochetti. *"He was such a great spirit who was always positive and giving. He will truly be missed, and we share in grieving and mourn the loss of a wonderful individual along with his family."*

Close friend to the Mims family, Chris Benzinger of [Teen Life Missions](#), (Tiger, Georgia) writes, *On Friday, January 16, we lost a dear friend and brother in Christ in a tragic helicopter accident in Texas - Deacon Mike Mims. Not only was he a great member of the Life Teen Board of Directors, but a man who lived his life all out for Christ everyday. He and his wife Kate opened their house to serve as the Life Teen Mission Base in Houston. Deacon Mike's commitment to leading teens closer to Christ was not only something he spoke about, but something he also backed up with many actions. Deacon Mike was integral in past Life Teen Events at World Youth Days in Madrid and Rio. Deacon Mike brought many teens to [Covecrest](#) for Summer Camp and occasionally flew up some Texas BBQ for our missionaries serving here in Rabun County. Please lift up your prayers for Kate and Mike's family as they mourn and celebrate his amazing life.*

May God's peace begin to fill the void that Mike Mims left in all who loved him.

Heaven's Landing Easter Brunch & Egg Hunt

Save the date: Saturday, April 4 at 10 am for
our annual community Easter celebration.

Everyone is welcome!
Please RSVP to Holly at 706.982.5245

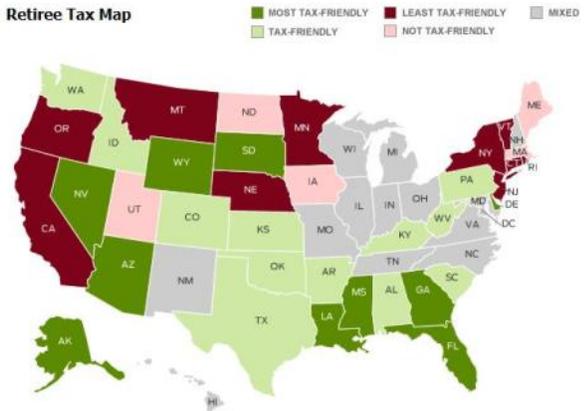


As if You Needed Another Reason!

Thank you to Heaven's Landing owner Tom Deml for sending this informative online article, Kiplinger's "[State-by-State Guide to Taxes on Retirees](#)." It is yet another reason that Heaven's Landing and Georgia should be your next home.

The map at right gives you a preview. Click the article link above for the full report and here for the specifics regarding the favorability found in [Georgia](#).

Retiree Tax Map



Comanche Fly In Coming this June

Heaven's Landing welcomes the [International Comanche Society](#) to Heaven's Landing June 13-14, 2015. This will be the first time the Society will come to our airfield, and we know they will love what they see. Stay tuned for details as the schedule is developed. The event promises to be enjoyable for both the Comanche owners and the extended General Aviation community, so save the date!

International Visit and Coverage

Mia Hu from China Aviation Industry General Aircraft Co., Ltd (CAIGA), a leading general aviation company in China and the owner of Cirrus Aircraft and cooperation partner of Cessna, visited Heaven's Landing this past fall as part of a study and appreciation of General Aviation in the United States.

Ms. Hu reached out to the Heaven's Landing sales office sharing her own personal passions of aviation and highlighting how general aviation and fly-in living are becoming incredibly popular in China. She expressed her company's desire to "learn about how a real fly-in community should be..." Gerald Silvius, part of the Heaven's Landing sales team, did a fantastic job welcoming Ms. Hu. He gave her the complete tour of the development and surrounding community. Ms. Hu returned to China with weeks of first-hand research from airparks she traveled to all over the United States. As promised, she has written several flattering articles about Heaven's Landing for distribution in major print and online publications which of course is an exciting step into a market of extraordinary potential.

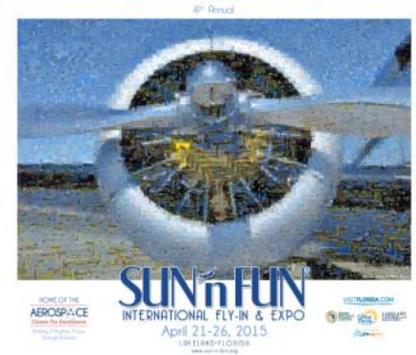
Click here for the [link](#) to one of Mia's articles and pictures from her visit (not translated).

(According to Wikipedia, CAIGA is wholly owned by the People's Republic of China.)



Heaven's Landing Schedule for 2015

The calendar is filling up with all the events and Expos that are so important to the Heaven's Landing marketing effort. Each year the Heaven's Landing team works long weeks away showcasing the best of our area to prospective clients, and year after year, that effort pays off with exciting new owners and lasting relationships. As always, Mike, Holly, and the Heaven's Landing Angels love seeing old friends, current owners, and making new contacts during their travels. It is time to fill your calendar and share these great shows with us and your entire family. Here are the current events that are already locked in (with much more to come):



[Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In and Expo](#)—We all welcome a fantastic week in Florida. The Heaven's Landing Exhibit Booth is D 83/84.

[AOPA Regional Fly-Ins](#)— Join us at the two AOPA fly-ins East of the Mississippi. First, Frederick Municipal Airport, Maryland (FDK), on June 6 and then again in Tullahoma Regional Airport, Tennessee (THA) on October 10, 2015.



Airport Day at Spartanburg Memorial Airport—Come visit us so close to home during this great airport open house, June 6, 2015.

[EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#)— Heaven's landing loves AirVenture! Bring the entire family to this one and stay the week. It is a great Expo and has something for every age and member of our family. July 20-26, 2015.

Heaven's Landing 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 pre-arranged fee.



Some of our commonly requested services include the following:

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



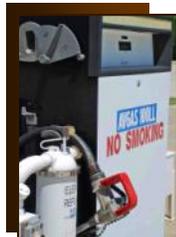
Building Resources

- [The Engineer/Designer](#)—Ken Risley; Specializing in Hanger Homes. Enjoy his [blog](#) on Heaven's Landing.
- [Montana Log Homes](#)— One of the nation's best know and premier hand-crafted log home manufactures. Builder of Tom and Jan Nasser's fantastic Heaven's Landing home.
- [Pioneer Log Homes](#)— Enjoy a fun new series, [Timber Kings](#), on The Discovery Channel featuring Pioneer Log Homes, out of British Columbia, Canada in action. Saturday's at 10 pm (E/T).

Quick Links

- **Weather Link.** Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA weather conditions and forecast from [NOAA](#).
- **Heaven's Landing Facebook Page:** ["Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark."](#)
- **Marina and Boating Information:** [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.
- **Local Events and Information:** [Rabun County Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Rabun County Visitors Bureau](#).
- **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

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| AV GAS | \$5.30/ gal* |
| JET A | \$4.80/ gal* |

*Prices Subject to Change.



Prices as of February 1, 2015



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