

FEBRUARY 2018

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# Meet Dave Cooper

Like all young boys of the '50s, I grew up idolizing the knights of air combat. I practically killed myself selling 352 cans of Almond Rocca for my school because the prize was flying lessons. But after I won that prize, the reward fell through, replaced by a mere tourist flight in a Cherokee Six. I never touched the controls.

Instead, the following year I soloed at age 16 through the Civil Air Patrol (still have my uniform). When people ask me why I'm a pilot I tell them:

*"Throughout a million years of human history, no one could fly—no king, no general, no rich man, no inventor, no poet, no priest—until just over a century ago. And now I, just a regular guy, can fly. How could I not become a pilot?"*

I ended up with my dream home at Heaven's Landing through the generosity of Mike and Holly. Although I'd seen photos of Heaven's Landing for years at AirVenture Oshkosh, nothing prepared me for Heaven's Landing at the height of its Fall splendor. Although I had planned to visit for only 1-2 hours, Mike and Holly spent a day and a half with me, and by the time I continued my drive south on that second day, I was hooked.

My retirement home is the perfect place for aviation memories. My home features a number of aviation-themed items, including a propeller carved directly into my mantle, an airspeed indicator mirror in the powder room, soaring spaces, floating bathroom cabinets and toilets, and fans like props.

They remind me of my favorite aviation memory: idling at the Hold Short line before my "return to flight," around 40 years after my childhood first solo, and saying the magic words:

Santa Rosa Tower, SportStar-923-Lima-Alpha, holding short Runway 1-4, requesting touch-and-goes-- **FIRST SOLO**. That memory still gives me a thrill.

As for the rest of my life, my daughter just gave me my first grandchild, Oliver. They live in the suburbs of Portland, OR, and I spent a full two months with them this winter from before Thanksgiving until after New Years.





I continue to drag containers of household goods from my personal hanger. It holds about 100 boxes of donated used and new school supplies from the nonprofit I founded after I returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. I'm trying to connect with an Army unit that's currently in Afghanistan to deliver them. Before I sold my west coast home to start the long design (my third home design) and construction process at Heaven's Landing, my Schools to Schools Aid Project sent over 1,400 boxes to soldiers in Afghanistan, Horn of Africa and Honduras. That Humanitarian Assistance helps keep soldiers safer by developing trust relationships with the local population.

I retired from the US Army after 25 years, which included units in GA, OR, CA, PA and IL. I've had deployments for the Bosnia peacekeeping mission (Operation Joint Guard), which was the birthplace of my humanitarian giving, and the Middle East, with training missions in Japan, South Korea and Belgium.



My military retirement came within months of taking early retirement from the hazardous waste cleanup program of the US Environmental Protection Agency. I've worked with communities hurt by soil and water contamination, like suffering high rates of various health impacts, including one neighborhood with nine cases of childhood eye cancer. But I've also seen neighborhoods turn around when the cleanup created new parks or new business development.



I may even have a distant connection with all of your homes, since I redesigned the construction details for my second home to test energy efficient elements through Oregon's Residential Conservation

Demonstration Project (higher insulation levels and higher performing glass). Built-in monitoring showed that my home heated for about \$200/year, so the next time you notice how comfy your home feels, it might be a little bit because improvements I helped push along.

My life has had many unexpected turns and surprises, but it's been a life of service and I expect to continue that until I die.

Thanks for allowing me to share my story,

*Dave Cooper*



# February Fly-Out

FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> 2018

Once again on February 23rd, 2018 the always fun group of Heaven's Landing Property Owners and friends will be flying down to our beautiful beach side outpost at the Grand Isle Resort in the Bahamas.

While some of our group plan to return the following Wednesday, February 28th, 2018. We invite you to come with an open ended return in mind. Plan to take a few days to soak up the sun and return whenever you like.



Join in on the fun and fly down with us to enjoy the very best that the Bahamas have to offer!

Did you know that The Grand Isle Resort is available to Heaven's Landing owners year round, and group participation is not a prerequisite? Although we do have a wonderful time together as a group, if you feel the need for a get away, The Grand Isle Resort is always there for you any time that you like.



So whether you choose to fly down during one of our scheduled Heaven's Landing group fly-outs, or would just like to fly down on your own, Grand Isle is always available to Heaven's Landing Owners at highly discounted rates. Luxury Villas with up to 4 bedrooms are available, and this Seaside Resort also features a Greg Norman Signature Golf course.

For more information about Grand Isle resort, or flying down to it, contact Heaven's Landing at (800)432-8362.



# Tim Tebow's Night to Shine

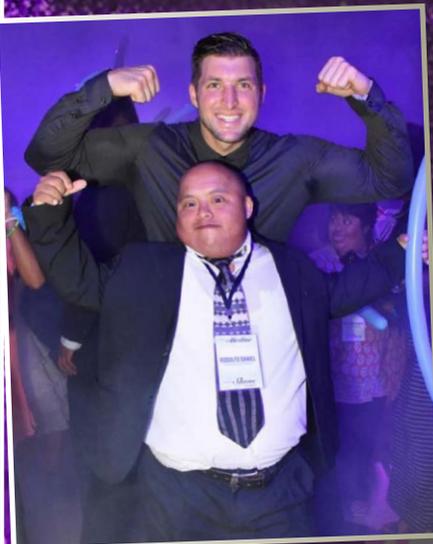
Last Friday, February 9th, 2018 our son Sean participated in the "Night to Shine" event sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

This amazing event is held for children with special needs all around the world. Sean, his escort and thousands of special needs children around the world are crowned King's and Queen's on these very special evenings.

Check out this amazing highlight video from the Tim Tebow Foundation covering the event. [Watch the video here.](#) We appreciate and give all the credit to Tim Tebow and his team who raise awareness about the needs of special children around the world. This Night to Shine event is looked forward to by all.



Left is Sean with his friend Joey Grillo. They are known as Starsky & Hutch! They have been buddies for 10 years. We are so honored to enjoy these evenings with Sean and friends. Tim Tebow Foundation does a fantastic job bringing these events together and giving these amazing children a night that they will never forget. Heres to all the King's and Queen's of the world!





*& Chili Cook off*

**WINNERS**

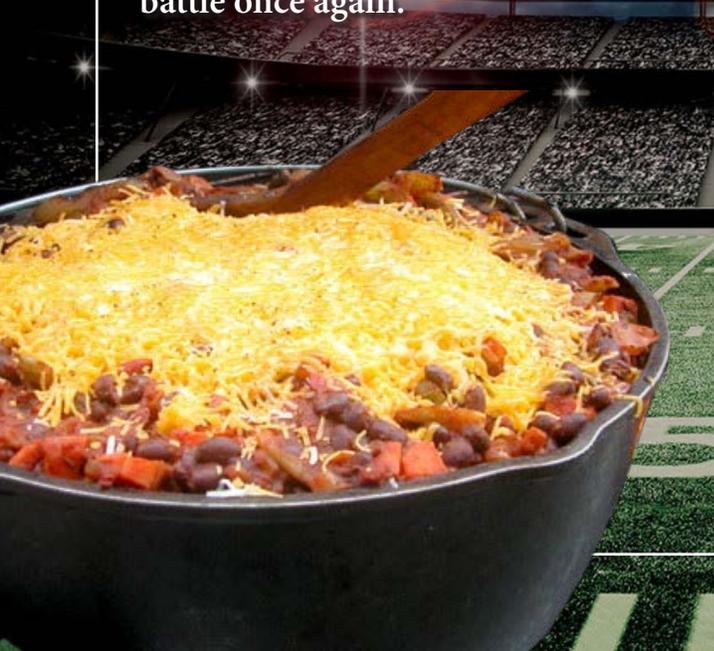


## NEW HEAVENS LANDING CHILI CHAMPION CROWNED!

Nothing goes better with a football game than a bowl of chili. This year several Heaven's Landing owners and guests got together to watch the Super bowl and have their own "heated" competition.

The first annual Heavens Landing Chili cook-off and super bowl party was hosted by the Mission Control Hangar Owners Association. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed some terrific chili, and an exciting game to boot.

All party goers sampled the different entries and voted for the best pot. Jean White house was named the champion and received the coveted Chili Trophy. We are looking forward to next year when the crock pots will battle once again.



# FOR THE VETERANS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces. It is the nation's oldest major veteran's organization.

Those eligible for membership in the VFW are those that have received a campaign medal for overseas service; have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea; or have ever received hostile fire or imminent danger pay.

Those eligible for VFW Auxiliary Membership must be citizens of the United States or a United States National, and at least 16 years old. They must be the immediate relatives of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

- Husband/Wife · Widower/Widow · Father/Mother
- Grandfathers/Grandmothers · Sons/Daughters · Brothers/Sisters
- Grandsons/Granddaughters

VFW Post 4570, here in Clayton has been recently renovated. It boasts a great little sports bar that offers great food and awesome specials. The current members are a great group and they are very welcoming to prospective new members and guests. Additional information is available here. <http://myvfw.org/ga/post4570/>

If you have any questions, feel free to call the post directly or contact our neighbor John Waddell at [cap10john@gmail.com](mailto:cap10john@gmail.com) or (706) 782-4670.



# CHALLENGE AIR

*for Kids & Friends*

**FLY DAY APRIL 7TH, 2018**

*Calling All Hero Pilots!*



If you're a pilot that wants to make a profound difference in the lives of others while very likely making a big difference in your own, we have a great opportunity for you! On Saturday, April 7th, 2018, Heaven's Landing will once again be hosting an event called Challenge Air for Kids & Friends.

This unprecedented event promises to change the lives of everyone who chooses to attend. Please make your plans to join us for a fun filled day of activities starting at 9:00 a.m., highlighted by the gift of flight being given to 25 young children with special needs. A complimentary lunch will be served to all attendees.



Whether you fly or not, feel free to come out and join in the festivities. Witness the smiles and excitement as we lift the spirits and expand the horizons of these especially lucky young individuals as they take to the sky for a private flight around Rabun County.

A handful of great pilots have volunteered their aircraft and personal services for this event so far, but more pilots and aircraft are always welcome if you or anyone you know are interested in helping out.

Donations & sponsorships are also highly appreciated and fully tax deductible. Challenge Air for Kids & Friends is a non-profit 501C3 corporation.

**Please contact Holly Ciochetti for more information.**

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# Celebrate!

# Clayton

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presented by:



Painting by J. Aldrich, Guild Member

# APRIL 28-29, 2018

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[www.CelebrateClayton.com](http://www.CelebrateClayton.com)

# SPACEX



## A Spectacular Launch For SpaceX Heavy

By MARY GRADY

SpaceX launched their Falcon Heavy test flight from Kennedy Space Center on Tuesday, and wowed the crowds with a picture-perfect flight of the world's biggest rocket. From the blue Florida skies and billowing white smoke on takeoff, to the incredible double upright in-sync landings of the two booster rockets, the team couldn't have asked for a better show. Topping it off, the Falcon Heavy carried a bright-red Tesla Roadster into space, complete with a spaceman mockup wearing a SpaceX high-fashion version of a spacesuit. The Tesla and its driver will travel as far as the orbit of Mars, and then settle into orbit around the Sun for millions of years. "It was everything you could ask for in a test flight," enthused one of the crew during the live online feed.

The flight wasn't without its glitches though. The center core didn't land on the drone ship as planned, SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk told the press in a conference call on Tuesday evening. In the live feed, the cameras went blank, and the on-air commentators blamed it on a video transmission glitch, due to vibrations from the landing. But Musk said the core "hit the water at about 500 kilometers an hour, about 100 meters away from the drone ship, and that was enough to shower the deck with shrapnel and take out two of the engines." He said the company hadn't planned to re-use the core anyway, so he didn't consider it a major problem. He said SpaceX has a number of commercial customers already lined up for Falcon Heavy and will be proceeding with the program.

The Falcon Heavy generates 4.7 million pounds of thrust at takeoff, and can lift up to 70 tons into low-Earth orbit, the heaviest payload and highest thrust of any rocket in operation today. The booster rockets can be recovered to fly again, keeping the costs relatively low. The day before launch, Musk told The New York Times he couldn't predict the outcome: "I'm looking forward to it."

It's either going to be an exciting success or an exciting failure," he said. "One big boom! I'd say tune in, it's going to be worth your time." Future versions of the Falcon Heavy could someday be used to launch missions to the moon or Mars, according to the Times. SpaceX lists a price of \$90 million for a Falcon Heavy flight, compared to \$62 million by the smaller Falcon 9.

In case you missed it, here's the [full launch video](#).



Click [here](#) to see the video of the Launch

# Heaven's Landing HALF MILE

May 19th-20th  
HIGH SPEED  
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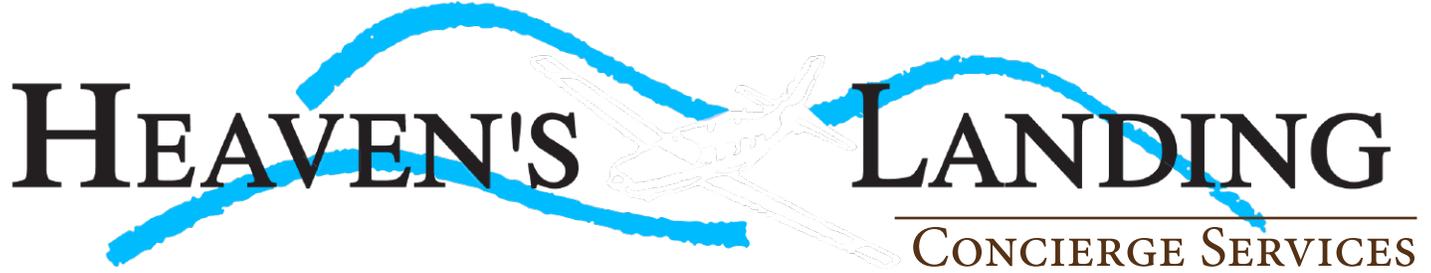


## THE "HEAVEN'S LANDING HIGH SPEED HALF"

Heaven's Landing once again hosts ultra-high speed auto racing, May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> on its beautiful 5,200 foot private runway! Make your plans to be here for all of the excitement, as Speed Addicts, LLC brings some of the **fastest exotic cars** in the world right into the **Heaven's Landing** front yard!

Come and enjoy all of the action and atmosphere of this ultra-high speed family friendly event. **This will be the fastest and most exciting Heaven's Landing Half Mile exotic car race to date!**

**Competitor Registration and Advance Ticket Sales** for this event go live on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information go to: [www.SpeedAddicts.racing](http://www.SpeedAddicts.racing), or email Speed Addicts, LLC at [info@SpeedAddicts.racing](mailto:info@SpeedAddicts.racing).



# 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 per-arranged fee.

Some of our commonly requested services include the following:

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

## Quick Links:

- Weather Link — Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA conditions and forecast from [NOAA](#)
- Heaven's Landing Facebook Page — ["Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark"](#)
- Rabun County Tourism Development Authority — [ExploreRabun.com](#), (706) 212-0241.
- Marina and Boating Information — [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at (706) 782-5193
- Local Events and Information — [Rabun County Chamber of Commerce](#) at (706) 782-4812 and [Rabun County Visitors Bureau](#) at (706) 212-0241.
- 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

AV GAS \$3.99 / gal\* JET A \$2.99 / gal\*

\*Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of December 2, 2016