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AirCam + Heaven's Landing = A Match Made in HEAVEN!!

A swath of brilliant bright colors danced across the skies and airfield as [AirCam](#) owners from across the country descended upon Heaven's Landing, June 18-22, for the First Annual Heaven's Landing AirCam Fly-In. "Our hosts, Mike and Holly Ciochetti, couldn't have possibly shown more Southern hospitality to us and our aircraft," praised Lockwood Aircraft's Robert Meyer.

Organizers from both Heaven's Landing and AirCam declare it a very successful week of fun and flying. People were everywhere!" Mike Ciochetti joyfully reported, "We welcomed all members of the GA community, and they came in great numbers both to see Heaven's Landing and to experience the outstanding AirCam and the community of owners." Mike reports that the week generated a lot of excitement for Heaven's Landing and likely Phil Lockwood ([Lockwood Aircraft](#) and designer of the AirCam) will soon be getting a lot of AirCam orders. "We certainly broke records for our fly-ins", added Robert Meyer, "AirCam owners flew in from around the southeast, and many other owners came from far-a-way locations including California and Nevada." Great weather with mild temperatures, spectacular scenery, and a plethora of leisure activities, mixed with amazing camaraderie, provided for a very enjoyable stay at Heaven's Landing.

Another great attribute adding to the enjoyment was the fact that participants could tailor their level of activity throughout the week. AirCam owners prearranged lodging at [Kingwood Resort](#), who provided daily shuttle service to and from Heaven's Landing. Participants also rented cars from [Duvall Automotive](#) in Clayton which gave them freedom of exploration. When not flying, guests enjoyed the [Wild and Scenic Chattooga River](#) with a day of whitewater rafting, some played a few rounds of golf at Kingwood, and others explored the numerous amenities found in the area. Group activities included cocktail parties, sunset boat rides around Lake Rabun (thanks to AirCam owners Karen and Keith Campbell), a bonfire, and dinner for all at Clayton's new hotspot, [Fortify Kitchen & Bar](#).

The Friday evening catered dinner at the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse was another highlight of the week. "We had a fantastic time hosting a community party," notes Holly Ciochetti, "We were booked solid with guests filling the house. Many thanks to all who RSVP'd so we could accurately plan this gathering."

Pure Joy in the Air

"Early morning flying was exceptional with cool temperatures and with majestic mountain scenery." AirCam's Robert Meyer's trip report states. "Phil [Lockwood] and I stayed busy giving demo rides both in the prototype enclosure and in the open cockpit. In fact we were so busy we didn't get a break to demonstrate the 30 minutes it takes to remove or replace the enclosure."



Flying in an AirCam is similar to soaring like an eagle across the terrain. That is, if you were an eagle with twin-engines and impeccable redundant systems! In the [Lockwood Aircraft promotional video](#), an AirCam owner describes it perfectly, calling the expression on your face the unmistakable "AirCam Smile." This wide grin appears on all who are fortunate enough to own an AirCam or enjoy a ride in one, and the condition is known to last for weeks! "I am fascinated by the thrill you experience in an AirCam each and every time," Mike Ciochetti states, "I certainly can't wait to get one. Having the group at Heaven's Landing this past week was incredible."

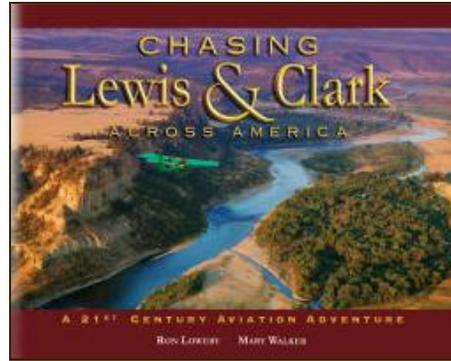
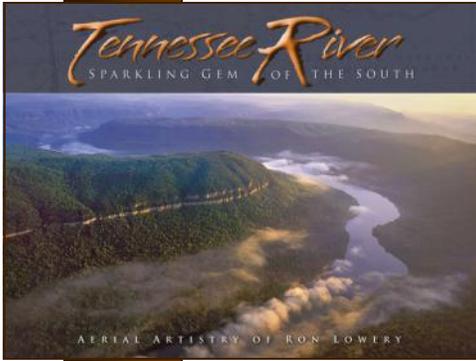
Phil and Robert were happily making themselves available to prospective buyers and their families for demonstration flights. "I anticipate the fly-in will generate a lot of future sales for Phil," Mike adds, "It certainly has been a fantastic opportunity for us. I have given twelve tours of the property and surrounding area in four days with more still scheduled."



The Week in Photos:



“Cloud Chaser” ~ AirCam Owner & Photographer Ron Lowery



Ron Lowery at Heaven's Landing.

Left: Click the photo links for Ron's book information.

One lesson learned about AirCam owners while at Heaven's Landing is that they aren't ones to sit around for long, and by nature of owning this aircraft, they are not boring! Ron and Sue Lowery from Chattanooga, Tennessee, own AirCam #16, [Cloud Chaser](#), built by Ron and his son, Alan, in 2000. It took them (mostly Alan, Ron reports), three years to build the kit. The Lowerys love their plane, for fun, adventure, and professional rewards.

Ron is a professional photographer, whose career started as a passion at an early age. Phil Lockwood designed and developed the AirCam for exploration and aerial photography ([see HL Newsletter, Sept. 2013](#)), and Ron was a natural client. Ron had previously owned a MaxAir Drifter, which at the time had its limitations for his purposes, (the Drifter is still in production by Lockwood Aircraft). The unprecedented visibility of the aerial platform and the ability to fly solo at slow speeds, while using a handheld camera, have been vital to his beautiful photographs. "Aerial photography has been a part of my work since 1963," notes Ron, "but you had to rent a plane and hire a pilot." Now with the freedom to fly whenever he wishes, Ron has published two outstanding hardcover books with companion DVDs.

Planning began on Ron's photo-documented treks years in advance, but the details often developed day to day and took both Ron and Sue across some of the most amazing scenery in the United States. Due to difficulties finding funding during and post 9/11, he and Sue scraped together to produce the projects out of pocket.

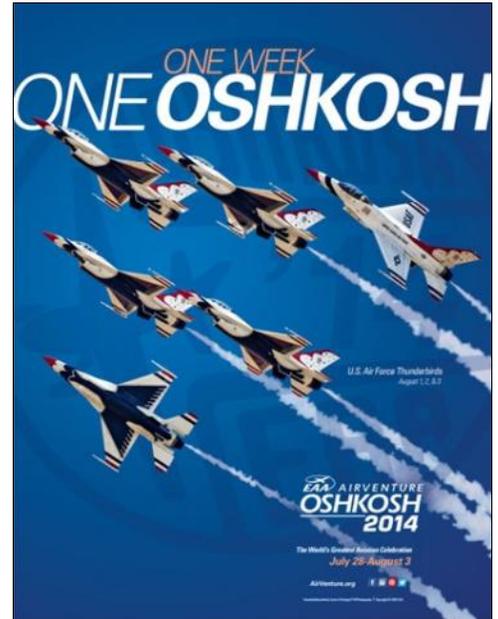
The first book, [Chasing Lewis & Clark Across America~ A Twentieth Century Aviation Adventure](#), (July 2003), covered 14,000 miles over three months, and it was published in time for the bicentennial anniversary of Lewis and Clark's historical journey. Mary Walker, a fellow pilot, co-authored the book and joined Sue as support on the ground as they traveled along in their respective RV's. Ron calls this book his "grandest adventure ever", and it is beautifully compiled in 168 pages of stunning photographs. Ron is happy to share with fellow Lewis and Clark enthusiasts that HBO is slated to run a 6-hour miniseries later this year based on Stephen Ambrose's book, *Undaunted Courage* (author of *Band of Brothers*) executive produced by Tom Hanks and Brad Pitt.

[Tennessee River, Sparkling Gem of the South](#) (October 2013), is Ron's latest creation, which took him far longer to produce and publish. Ron reports the book took about 13 years and had him "living in the sky". Ron spent the years studying locations and lighting effects of various times of day, seasons, and weather conditions. The result is the artist's selections of the most stunning photographs to highlight the entire 652 miles of the Tennessee River. While volumes cover both the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, Ron's website reports, little has ever been written of the importance and beauty of the Tennessee River until this book.

"The Heaven's Landing AirCam Fly-In was the first AirCam Fly-In we've attended," states Ron, "being held in the southeast and not so far south as they have been over the years made it practical for us to attend...I received tremendous feedback while I was at Heaven's Landing on both books. Owners came up and told me that my books led them to their final decision to buy an AirCam." What amazing praise for an artist who has poured his passion into his career!

Oshkosh Bound

Oh, you got to love it! [EAA's AirVenture Oshkosh 2014](#) is right around the corner. We are less than a month away and preparations are already in order for what always proves to be a fantastic expo. Mark the date, July 28-August 3, and secure your [tickets](#) because the Heaven's Landing team awaits your visit. Come share your love of aviation with Mike, Holly, and the Angels at the Exhibit D/2084 in the *Bendix King by Honeywell Hangar B*.



Historical Beauty Restoration

Heaven's Landing owner, Jim Frank, has a new project! Jim shared his latest labor of love with Mike and Holly during a recent visit, his restoration of a 1946 Beechcraft Staggerwing G17S.

"I purchased it 3 months ago after several years of getting to know Dr. Freeman, its previous owner." Jim begins the story. "The transfer of ownership was more like a long interview process...he had to feel comfortable... and ensure the plane went to a family that would appreciate its historical value. Dr. Freeman had owned it since 1971!" Rest assured, with three enthusiastic young children and a supportive wife, the Frank family are already in love with this plane and are in it for the long run.

Jim tells us that Beechcraft only built fifteen G Model Staggerwings after World War II, and the G was "significantly different" than earlier models. He also reports that his plane might possibly be the only Staggerwing produced with two cabin doors! What makes this priceless, Jim has a letter that backs up the known history of this particular plane. In 1946, the airplane was exported to Canada, where an escape hatch was required; thus, a second door was outfitted on the copilot's side. The letter "apologies" for the "exorbitant sum of \$825" Beechcraft charged to fabricate the door!

Jim reports that the plane is in very good condition, even though it has been dormant for about 30 years. It has been well preserved and cared for in a hangar at Macon County Airport in Franklin, NC. He feels the restoration will take him about 5 years to complete. The plane is now staged in a hangar at Atlanta's Peachtree Dekalb Airport near his primary home.

The Staggerwing is truly in good experienced hands; Jim completed his Lancair Legacy in 2011, which was his second homebuilt. We can't wait to follow his progress.



Happy Fourth of July!

Rabun County knows how to throw a fourth of July party! It is our Nation's 238th Birthday! Join the fun and have a great safe hometown holiday! There are tons of activities and adventures you can have during the weekend including parades, 5K's, and BBQ's, then come nightfall, the options for fireworks are varied, and it is possible to see more than one great firework displays over the weekend.

Friday, July 4—

- **Sky Valley Celebration (Begins on the 4th and ends late on the 5th):** 10:30 register for rubber duck race; race begins at 11:00 AM. Parade to follow at 11:30 after enjoy a hamburger/hot dog cookout (charge). There will also be fire truck rides, balloon walks, face painting, and games for children. Decorate your bikes, wagons, dogs, and plan on a fun day.
- **Duck Tape Regatta:** The 4th Annual Earl Patton Duck Tape Regatta is being held at LaParde's Marina from 12—5pm on the 4th this year! Teams will be given a sheet of plywood, two 2"x4"x8' pieces of lumber, a pound of screws, a roll of duck tape and three hours to build a seaworthy boat. Boats will then be raced out into the lake, around a buoy, and back to the boat ramp. Fun will be had by all ages. [Registration Forms and Sponsorships](#)
- **Lake Rabun Display:** Boat access is needed to see this spectacular display over Lake Rabun shot from the Earthen Dam at dusk, about 9 pm. Visit www.lakerabun.org.
- **Dillard House:** Live band and BBQ "Ultimate Burger Bar and Cookout!" 5-8 pm. [Tickets by reservation.](#)



Lake Rabun by Peter McIntosh



Lake Burton by Peter McIntosh



Dillard by Peter McIntosh

Saturday, July 5—

- **Lake Rabun Ramble:** Registrations begins at 7:30 am. Sign up early and save on the entry fee at www.active.com for this annual 5 and 10K along the scenic Lake Rabun Road. Participants are welcome to walk or run. All proceeds go to local charities and scholarship funds. For details, email [Sandy O'Brien](mailto:Sandy.O'Brien).
- **Lake Burton Fun Run:** Celebrating 30 years! Race begins at 9 am. Signups go fast. Checkout [Facebook](#) for all the updates. Online registration is now closed but drop in at LaParades Boathouse for sign up.
- **Lake Burton Fireworks:** Shot from Billy Goat Island, you'll need a boat or a boat ride. It is a magnificent display in the sky and across the water! Show begins about 9:30 pm.
- **Sky Valley:** Pancake Breakfast 8-10am; Barbecue to benefit the Sid Weber Cancer fund from 6-8 PM. Fireworks begin at dark. Bring chairs or blankets. Barbecue tickets will not be sold at the door, so please call Lynda Brett at [706-746-5676](tel:706-746-5676) for reservations and information.
- **Dillard House BBQ and Fireworks Display:** [Limited Tickets](#) are available for the extensive offering of BBQ to enjoy dining out on the Lawn of the Dillard House from 5:30—8pm. Firework display begins at **9:15 pm**.
- **Fireworks from the Lawn of Rabun Gap Nacoochee:** Enjoy the Dillard House fireworks relaxing with your friends and family on the beautiful campus of Rabun Gap Nacoochee School. Come early and picnic and watch (and participate) in rolling and sliding down the great Hodgson's Hall hill! The public is welcome and may park anywhere there is space on campus or where it is safe along the road. Bring your lawn chairs and sparklers!



Clayton Crawl

If you like great food, good music, award-winning local wine, and the taste of the area's finest brews, join your friends and neighbors for the 6th Annual Clayton Crawl! It is an all-things-in-one street festival, July 19 from 6 pm-9pm, **on** Main Street.

Make it a date night, a family outing, or block party, the *Crawl* is a fantastic social event. Twenty-one local restaurants set up right in the middle of Main Street with their finest creations for you to sample. Each selection ranges from 1-3 tickets (1 ticket=\$1), purchased at the head of the street upon arrival. You can also purchase wrist bands for unlimited beer and wine for \$25 which includes a custom collectible "Crawl" beer or wine glass. Of course, plan ahead with a designated driver if you wish to *fully* participate. "*Don't Drink and Drive....Crawl.*"



Imagine a block party in downtown Clayton with great food, a variety of music, and all of your dear friends. My family has gone for the last two years. We have two children, 13 and 15, and it has been very safe and wonderfully "family-friendly."

Wall Street Journal

In early June, the Wall Street Journal Online posted a story on the upsurge in popularity of airparks entitled, "Living in Luxury". The article and corresponding video segment features a number of airparks across the county including Heaven's Landing with a brief interview by Heaven's Landing owner, Doug Johnson. You will find the article/video [HERE](#).

Port-A-Cool

Port-A-Cool is a must for hot spaces! We profiled these cooling units, that you are probably familiar with along sporting event sidelines, in the [December 2013 Newsletter](#). As the summer heats up, you will often find the need to cool both indoor and outdoor locations. Whether you are spending more time relaxing or working in your hangar or out on a patio with guests, Port-A-Cool has a variety of units to fit just about anyone's need. Port-A-Cool can efficiently cool your hangar from 10-30 degrees Fahrenheit depending on the application.

Last year, Heaven's Landing was given two Port-A-Cool units to demonstrate on consignment for the community. Now is the perfect time of year to drop by Mike and Holly's hangar to see the units in action. Give Mike a call at the Heaven's Landing office, 706.212.0017.



~Events~

July 6 ~ "The Return: A Tribute to the Beatles"

"[The Return](#)" returns to the Readan Theater on the Rabun Gap Campus as part of the Rabun County Music Festival. Show begins at 4 pm. Tickets are \$21 and available [online](#).

Farmer's Market (May-November)

[Simply Homegrown Farmer's Market](#) is open for business. Open 9 am—1 pm each Saturday until November at their new location, the Covered Bridge Shopping Center (on Hwy 441). You will find the freshest organically grown produce from our area's finest farmers; delectable breads, baked goods, and prepared items; and featured artists and chefs are scheduled throughout the season. Your supports means everything to local small farms!

July 12, 26 & August 9 ~ Foxfire Children's Heritage Days

Let your children experience a day back in time. Foxfire Children's Heritage Day Activities include: Blacksmithing, Rope-Making, Animal-Tracking, Candle-Dipping, Folk Art Painting, Woodworking with projects to make and take home including: Decorative Hook, Hand-made Rope, Candles, Folk Art Piece, Hiking or Walking Stick. Each session is one day from 9am-3pm. For ages 8-18; Cost: \$40/person; \$5 sibling discount. Call Michelle Bourlet at 706-490-3977. An application can be downloaded at [foxfire.org](#).

July 12 ~ Hambidge Artists Talk

The Second Saturday Artist Talks offer the community a chance to meet the artists-in-residence and to gain insight into the creative process. Beginning at 7pm at Lucinda's Rock House, each of the participating residents gives a short reading or presentation. Questions and discussion will be encouraged. The group may drift up for a studio visit if an artist feels inclined to welcome visitors. [Free](#) to Members or give what you can (\$5 suggested). The Hambidge Saturday Series invites the public to the campus on almost every Saturday for a series of rotating activities. Check the [calendar](#) for other Saturday events.

July 12~ Full Moon Suspension Bridge Walk

Enjoy a 1.5 miles Ranger led hike that takes you down the stairs and across the spectacular Tallulah River Gorge and around the rim to the viewing platforms under the light of the full summer moon. Register in advance; \$5/person plus \$5 parking. Call 706.754.7981 for registration and details.

July 24,25,26, 27 ~ The Little Mermaid

Performed by the North Georgia Community Players, this children's production is guaranteed to delight the entire family at the Dillard Playhouse. Purchase tickets [online](#).

August 1 ~ First Friday Fest (May—October)

Bring your lawn chair to the Rock House in Downtown Clayton for a night of great music. Food vender are on site as well. Sponsored by the [merchants of Clayton](#). Admission is free.

August 1-2 ~ Dillard Bluegrass and BBQ Festival

Each year people come from across the nation to compete in this once a year event, and to listen to real Bluegrass music played by numerous bands from all over, and to savor the mouth watering smells and sights of smoking meats of all kinds. There are always lots to do and things to see for the whole family at this wonderful event. The cooking rigs are a sight to behold, and the vendors serving the many foods and delicacies are some of the best in the world. 1 day pass – \$10 per person, 2 day pass – \$15.00 per person, Children 12 & younger – free. Visit this [link](#) for more information

August 2 ~ Farm Winery Day

Welcome to the [4th Farm Winery Day](#)! Enjoy local foods and paired wines for a taste of the mountains. You'll be visiting three vineyards along the "Rabun County Wine Trail" including Stonewall Creek Vineyards, Tiger Mountain Vineyards, and 12 Spies Vineyard. Charge is \$10 at each winery and will include wine tastings, local food, and a collectible wine glass.

August 16 ~ NBHA Horse Show

NBHA Horse Show, Rabun Arena, Tiger, GA Sponsored by Shane Beck and Matt Beck. Come out to watch some great barrel racing and Exhibitions and have a lot of family fun. The Exhibitions will start at 10am and the actual Barrel Racing will begin at 2pm. For more information call the Arena Director at 706 982-0792.

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 |



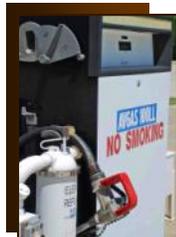
Building Resources

- [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

AV GAS	\$6.15/ gal*
JET A	\$5.30/gal*

*Prices Subject to Change.



Prices as of July 1, 2014

Let Us Hear from You!

The Heaven's Landing Newsletter is all about community. Share your photos and stories anytime ~birthdays, anniversaries, events! Proud of your children? Overjoyed with memories from an amazing vacation? Just learned something new in aviation? Purchased a new aircraft? Or, do you have some spectacular photos or video of the Heaven's Landing area? All would be ideal to share!



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