

# HEAVEN'S LANDING

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*Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ciochetti*

*"I knew the moment she said, 'yes' that I would marry a '10' on 10-10-10!"*

*—Mike Ciochetti*

Mike Ciochetti and Holly Macaulay exchanged wedding vows surrounded by their loved ones during a magnificent outdoor ceremony on "Chapel Hill" in Heaven's Landing on October 10th, 2010. Officiated by Mike's boyhood friend, Garry Harper, the ceremony was both moving and spirited.

With the grace of a preacher and motivational speaker, Garry Harper's words visibly touched all who were present with a service connected to God's glory and routed in friendship.

The celebration began with a moment to reflect on the love that surrounds the new couple and the testament of commitment found in the strong long lasting marriages of both their parents. "Weddings for me are very extraordinary things," Garry stated, "...God knows what he is doing" [bringing these two souls together].

Garry recounted how Mike and Holly's relationship grew from the moment they first spoke. It was evident to those who knew them, that they had connected at a high level of respect for where they had each been in life and where they were headed. Playfully, Garry told of Mike's mid-air proposal on the year anniversary of their first date, "Knowing Mike, he wasn't going to land the plane until she said, 'yes!'"

After Holly's father, George Wilson, bestowal his blessings, the couple joined hands under stunningly blue skies and the brilliant backdrop of fall, and directed their attention to Claudette Kingery, who sang Barbara Streisand's "I've Dreamed of You." Her performance left few dry eyes as guests listened to the song that signifies love that is found and deeply treasured.

As an emotional peace fell, Garry turned to the couple before him and proclaimed, "this is the most beautiful wedding I have ever been a part of!" He then began the exchange of vows, paused, and coltishly reprimanded, "stop it [making me cry], or I will not go on!" With great joy, Mike and Holly then turned to one another to recite their steadfast vows — they were ones of promise, support, and devotion for the years ahead.

The guests, which included an intimate group of family and friends, rejoiced as the new couple was presented surrounded by Holly's children, Taylor (26), Vanessa (22), and Sean (8), and Mike's children, Ashley (24) and Michael (20).

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The reception was held at the Heaven's Landing Clubhouse with music provided by Mike's nephew, Elijah Black, on piano, as the happy Ciochettis honored guests with a first dance. "I have a snap shot in my mind of how beautiful she looked when I first saw her in that dress that I will never forget," Mike rejoiced. "There are so many people to thank who made this such a perfect day," delights Holly, "everyone should know how dear they are to us."

As the sun began to set, Mike and Holly climbed into their Cessna 210 and flew off for their "mini-moon" at Chateau Elan. In November, the couple will enjoy a ten day excursion to the Southern Caribbean.



*"God was smiling down on us—perfect weather, perfect setting, and most especially a perfect union. We are so blessed to have our families become one through the love of Holly and Mike."*

- Jeanette Ciochetti, Mike's Mom

*"WOW!!! That was a wedding I'll never forget...the weather was heavenly with blue skies and a perfect panoramic view. I truly believe they were made for each other and will be happily married forever. They got married for all the right reasons. I liked Mike and Holly from the day I met them and I'm proud to call them my best friends. As much as I love Heavens Landing and all the beautiful mountains, it's really all about the people."*

-Tom Nasser, HL owner

*"... we were with beautiful people, on a beautiful day, witnessing a beautiful ceremony".*

-Paul Matyszyk and Mary Ann Lohman, HL owners

*"We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day. Both the weather and the love shown by friends and family made everything perfect."*

-Ashley Ciochetti, Mike's Daughter

*"My favorite part of the ceremony was after they were officially married, and the preacher called our little community, 'Holly's Landing!'"*

- Peter Serodino, HL owner

## October Trade Shows

Despite planning and being the center of a wedding, Mike and Holly were out and about during October.

The **National Business Aviation Association** held it's 63rd convention in Atlanta, GA October 19-21. The general feeling of this year's meeting and expo was one of great success. NBAA Vice President Mike Nichols reports, from every stand point, the feedback was upbeat and there is a renewed excitement about the economic climate over the previous year. Further emphasizing this, NBAA experienced a 5% increase in attendance from 2009. One of the many noteworthy events that took place over the three days was the attendance of Neil Armstrong at the grand opening ceremony. Armstrong has been recently outspoken on the behalf of business aviation and was one of five legends of aviation who received the NBAA's "Master Pilot Award."



Mike, Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Ciochetti Sr. along with the Heaven's Landing angels welcomed the convention guests to the Heaven's Landing booth. "We certainly had an increase in interested attendees and people are beginning to look into the future and think about making their dreams come true again," reports Mike. NBAA 2011 will be held in Las Vegas next October. Heaven's Landing will see you there!

On October 27-30th, Amelia Island, Florida was a buzz with Piper Owners for the **Malibu Mirage Owners and Pilots Association** (MMOPA) held at the Ritz Carlton. Mike and Holly enjoyed the coastal venue and making many new contacts with the MMOPA attendees.

## High Flying Over Heaven!

Kathy "Suzy" Ford was the lucky winner of an hour flight over Heaven's Landing at the annual Rhapsody in Rabun Gala held in September. Mrs. Ford, a Rabun County School's mentor, knew instantly who she wished to share this experience with... Imagine you are sitting in your 6th grade Social Studies class when you unexpectedly get called to the office...



## ...My Coolest Experience EVER!

*October 15th, 2010 I went on a plane flight! It was so cool. Mike, who was the pilot, explained everything I needed to know about planes. He was really nice, too. First, he pulled the plane out of its hangar with a remote controlled device. It almost looked as if it was moving on its own.*

*I sat in the front seat of the Cessna 210 while my mentor, Suzy Ford, and her sister, Joey, sat in the back. We all had headphones on so that we could all talk to each other. The front had two steering wheels, and Mike let me drive the plane for one or two minutes, but actually the driving is mostly done with your feet. During the flight, I was flying above my school, and I also went over the Tallulah Gorge. We even did a "touch-and-go" at the Toccoa airport! I loved it! I even flew over the tallest mountain in Georgia, which is Brasstown Bald, and it was amazing! We even flew straight through a cloud, and that was awesome!*

*We went over Lake Rabun, Lake Burton, and lake Chatuge, which borders Georgia and North Carolina. Since my flight was in October, (which being so high, I could see the trees) the trees were a bright sun orange and a beautiful sight.*

*The first experience with flying in an airplane was marvelous. I hope someday you too will get to ride on a tiny little airplane like me, but remember to chew gum! (It helps your ears to pop!)*

**By Alexis Nawrocki, 6th grade, Rabun County Elementary School**

## Pilot Club Host Anchor Club Inductees

On October 24th the Heaven's landing Clubhouse hosted a reception for the Pilot International Club. The Clayton chapter of the Pilot Club, a group of volunteers promoting awareness and assistance to brain related disorders, inducted 31 new members into the Anchor Club, the student chapter of the organization. The sophomore, junior and senior students all attend Rabun County High School.





## Owner Profile – Ed and Connie Bowlin

Within the aviation community, you have an eclectic group of people who are united in a shared passion. Many are individuals who support, protect, and promote the industry and the efforts of their peers. Ed and Connie Bowlin have built their lives and careers around aviation and those who have, and continue, to make it great. It is thus fitting with November designated as Aviation History Month, that the Bowlins took an opportunity to share a bit of their story.

When they are not off on one of their many adventures, Ed and Connie live fulltime in Griffin, Georgia on their quiet 115 acre farm with their five horses (3 Arabians and 2 American Quarter Horses). The Bowlins were introduced to Heaven's Landing by friend Jerry Underwood, an LLC partner, at a time when the development was in its infancy. Ed and Connie fell in love with the amazing views and gentle hardwood slopes of Lot #44 and purchased Hangar A-2. The land, along with "an extremely nice climate, attitudes of the people who live here, and the rural quiet touch," offers a retreat and a home away from home.

Their life together began when Connie and Ed met in 1972 while they both were working for Delta Airlines. Ed was a pilot and Connie was a flight attendant with dreams of being up front—where only men had traditionally been... Ed and Connie married in 1974, and it started an amazing aviation partnership. With Ed by her side, and as she puts it, "[I began to fly] everything that came along. I was able to get the ratings and build enough flying time to be hired as a Delta pilot in 1978". Connie was the fourth female pilot at Delta. Both worked for Delta for over thirty years when they retired. The two have a long list of type ratings in both commercial and "fun" aircraft. "I owe everything to Ed, my friend, mentor, and supporter. Sharing the many facets of aviation with him allowed me the opportunity to pursue a great career."

At every given opportunity the couple immersed themselves into their craft, learning new skills and taking the opportunity to fly hundreds of historic and well-known airplanes. Together they have accumulated over 50,000 hours. Their dedication to the industry and involvement in many aviation organizations, including AOPA and EAA, has allowed them to educate the public in all aspects of aviation and make countless and often very notable friends along the way. They began the very popular "Warbirds in Review" for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh which draws large crowds to interact with aviation legends beside many of the aircraft types they flew. (See the [AirVenture](#) website for an overview of the 2010 guest list.) These efforts over the years, have also given Ed and Connie the opportunity to call once childhood heroes, now dear friends. Sadly these are friends of a generation that is fading away. In the past five years, both their hunting buddy, friend, and Flying Tiger ace, David Lee "Tex" Hill (92), as well as their friend and fellow Flying Tiger, Robert L. Scott (97), from Ed's childhood dreams, have passed away.



Flying Jack Roush & Jim Hagedorn P-51's in formation. Connie leads in "Gentleman Jim" with Ed on the wing in "Old Crow".



Ed flew in the cockpit for Connie's retirement flight as a Delta 767 Captain with First Officer Dan Fry.



The Bowlins continue to honor "the greats" through their current business, [Aviation Autographs](#)—a website catalog of collectible books and memorabilia offered to the public that was stored away for decades. In a partnership with friend, Lt. Col. Dave McFarland (USAF, retired) and from their own private collections, [Aviationautographs.com](#) has a very impressive inventory. Lt. Col. McFarland's spent years working alongside the greatest aviators from around the world.

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"Joy" - Connie jumps from her P-51 to greet Ed.  
The photo speaks for its self.

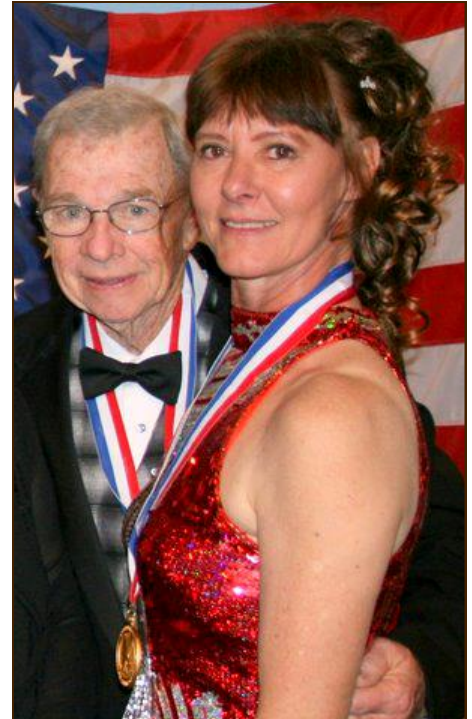
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The Bowlins themselves have been honored many times as they "[join] others who have outstanding and lasting contributions to the advancement of aviation.\*" Their most recent ceremonies were in 2008, when Connie was inducted into the EAA Warbirds of America Hall of Fame, and in 2009, when the Bowlins were jointly honored and inducted into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame\* in Warner Robins, GA. These dedications have given the couple and the GA community an opportunity to reflect on their extensive careers and the amazing impact they have had on aviation.

For Ed and Connie, the passion for aviation that they share began at a very young age. Ed was not even 10 in the late 1940's, an age of daring heroes and a World War. He recalls watching planes fly overhead from a local base in Tennessee. "All I wanted to do was be a fighter pilot," he recalls. "I must have seen Robert L. Scott's "God is my Co-pilot" a dozen time." Ed would get his opportunity during a high school career day when he was challenged to take the entrance exam. Among his many accomplishments, he went on to spend 15 years as a pilot in the Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force, owning an aircraft sales and consulting business, and retiring from Delta in 1990.

Connie had a similar background. Growing up in the North Carolina tobacco country, she recalls being in awe of crop dusters. Her steadfast dreams and determination would take her above and beyond the "glass ceiling" to owning over 200 planes. For a long time, she has been known as the only female pilot certified to fly the B-17, and still turns heads as she jumps from the cockpit of the P-51 (please take a moment to read [Roy Stafford's tribute](#) to Connie). Connie even finds time to write for many aviation journals and magazines. Her latest contribution appeared in the August issue of [Sport Aviation Online](#).

Giving, ground breaking, humble, dedicated—the list of adjectives to describe this couple is probably nearly endless. The Bowlins have contributed to Heaven's Landing in the same fashion that they do in all their other interactions. It was the Bowlins who were instrumental in inviting 5 flying aces to the 2003 grand opening at Heaven's Landing, and it is the Bowlins who have worked diligently for the instrument approach which was recently authorized for the development. It is a gift to have them in our midst as they grace us with their time and talents.



Top right: Ed and Connie at their Ga. Aviation Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Left: Ed, Connie, and "Tex" Hill with the rewards of hog hunting.

Bottom left: The Bowlin's horses graze at Heaven's Landing.

Middle: Ed, Connie & Jack Roush next to Jack's P-51 Mustang "Old Crow".

Bottom right: Ed & Connie with friends: C. E. "Bud" Anderson (World War II Triple Ace) and David Hartman (Former host of Good Morning America).

\* Please see additional photos in the gallery section, page 12.





## Around the Bend– Rabun Gap Nacoochee School

The 2010-2011 school year is well on its way in Rabun County, but it is primetime to consider the options available for the next academic year.

Heaven's Landing is fortunate to have three excellent educational choices which serve the community: Rabun County Schools (RCS), Tallulah Falls School (TFS), and Rabun Gap Nacoochee School (RGNS). A daunting reoccurring question that many parents face becomes, "what will be the best environment for *my* child and their future goals?" As my family begins this quest, we wish to share a sampling of this journey. It is a big decision for parents and grandparents of middle and high school-aged children. Here is a quick look and a little insight into one of these three great NE Georgia opportunities.

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee is a well-respected fully accredited college-preparatory day and boarding school for grades 6—12, located in Rabun Gap, Georgia (4 miles from Heaven's Landing's gates). The 1,400 acre campus boasts a student body of less than 400, with 19 states and 15 countries represented. Class size is currently 13 for the middle school and ranges from 8-16 for the upper school. For over 100 years, RGNS's mission has been to offer a high quality education which engages students with eager minds to "become exceptional" and "move mountains."

Rabun Gap Nacoochee is a liberal arts school with a broad base of core studies and extracurricular opportunities. Coupled with state of the art facilities, the school offers a multitude of choices available in performing, visual, and industrial technology arts. The curriculum is taught using the Socratic method emphasizing a hands-on approach to course work with advanced placement courses available in all departments. One will find that the afterschool activities are as varied as children's personalities. Students may chose from athletics, a range of clubs, an outdoor program (complete with a high-angle ropes course and multi-use lake), and an extensive farm husbandry program.

One of the many charms found at RGN is in the created culture which inspires and develops students' individual gifts as a result of the guidance and support provided by faculty and peers. Dorm life appears to be rich and well supervised, and both boarding and day students have advisors and mentors to aid in learning responsibility and accountability.

To further strengthen student pride, two events showcase the extraordinary efforts and abilities of the student body—the annual Cirque performance and MAD Fest. Now in their tenth year and based on the tradition of the world renown Cirque du Soleil, RGN's Cirque is a production like no other. Performed each February, Cirque engages over 20% of the student body in acting, singing, spectacular acrobatic training, and behind the scenes roles in writing, design, technical support, and all other aspects of a production.

Signaling the end of the school year, MAD Fest is the springtime celebration of Music, Art, Dance, and Drama! The halls, galleries, and theater at Rabun Gap Nacoochee teem with student work. It is an event that brings staff, students, family, and the community together to honor a year's worth of amazing accomplishments.

The admission process is a journey of discovery and invitation. RGNS host "Front Door Fridays" welcoming perspective families to visit, tour the campus, and discuss any questions they have about the school, the experience, and dreams for the future. Students may apply online at [www.rabungap.org](http://www.rabungap.org).





## Fall Comes to Heaven

It is a fantastic fall in Heaven's Landing with weeks of dry air, perfect day time temperatures for exercise and leisure complete with soup and fire inspiring evening low's.

The US Forest Service website states, that the brighter the days are in early fall with mild temperatures and chilly nights, lead to the bright yellow, orange, and red color production in leaves ...it appears this is absolutely correct. You will find there are many other prognosticators who will tell you a variety of ways to predict the fall color, but simply getting out and about will testify to the amazing drama playing out in the forest. It came on very suddenly. Rabun County residents woke one morning in early October to little change and by that afternoon the first brilliant day of fall 2010 in the Chattahoochee National Forests was upon us.

And, just look to the streets! The influx of motor vehicle traffic is evident along our local highways as leaf season comes into swing and keeps on going! Take time to enjoy the abundant natural beauty especially around the Rabun County lakes, US Highway 76 West to Hiawasse, Georgia and 197 South to Clarksville, Ga. Even as the peak of the season comes to a close, you will still fully enjoy the understory colors along the road sides.

The change in the season doesn't mean staying in doors. The last few weeks in November are a perfect time to hike your favorite trails and experience the leafless vista views adorned by the evergreens.

It will not be long before the time for renewal settles into our mountains as our air temperatures stay mild, the holidays approach, and a new year begins. Of course all aviators know, from the air, you will never be disappointed with the view. With or without leaves the beauty of the Georgia forests will delight. It is just another reason why Rabun County, Georgia excels at year round perfection!





## Upcoming Events

### Heaven's Landing Events:

#### **Heaven's Landing Fly-Ins**

**December 4**

You do not want to miss our great fly-in Saturdays where food and friendship are in abundance! See what's new at Heaven's Landing. Tours are available all day with food served from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. RSVP today at **800-HEAVEN 2**. In the event of rain, fly-ins will be rescheduled the following day (Sunday).

#### **Heaven's Landing New Years Party**

**December 31**

Celebrate a new year with us in the Heaven's Landing clubhouse.

### Area Events:

#### **North Georgia Community Players "Jungle Book"**

**Nov. 6,7,12,13,14**

The classic children's story adapted by Vera Morris is bound to please young and old. Dillard Playhouse, Dillard, Georgia. Visit [www.ngcommunityplayers.com](http://www.ngcommunityplayers.com) for show times and tickets.

#### **Veteran's Appreciation Dinner**

**November 11**

Rabun County Civic Center, 5:30 p.m. hosted by the Rabun County Chamber of Commerce. Please call 706-782-4812.

#### **Northeast Georgia Arts Tour**

**November 12-14**

Driving arts tour through Rabun, Lumpkin, Habersham and White Counties. Plan your route at [www.artstour.org](http://www.artstour.org). There will be "Art Zone" sings to signal your stops.

#### **Christmas in Downtown Clayton**

**November 26**

An old fashioned Christmas tradition for the whole family. Many merchants will be collecting for the Rabun Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Clayton Merchants and Business Association. 5-8 p.m.

#### **Holiday Shopping Extravaganza & Festival of Trees**

**November 26 -27**

Join us for an old fashioned Christmas tradition with caroling, Santa Claus, and special sales. Downtown Clayton, 5-8 p.m.

#### **Rabun County Christmas Parade**

**December 4**

Downtown Clayton 5-7 pm.

#### **"The Man Who Came to Dinner"**

**December 4-5; 10-12**

Presented by North Georgia Community Players at the Dillard Playhouse. Tickets: Adults \$10, children under 12, \$5. Visit [www.ngcommunityplayers.com](http://www.ngcommunityplayers.com) for times.

#### **Rabun County Christmas Tour of Homes**

**December 5**

All proceeds for this annual event benefit the Rabun United Christmas Fund. This year features six stops with refreshments and silent auction. Contact Rabun County Board of Realtors for tickets, 706-782-7751.

#### **Clayton First United Methodist Church**

**December 12**

All are welcome to join us for our Cantata, "Canticle of Joy" at the 11 o'clock service.

#### **Oak Ridge Boys**

**December 17**

Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$25 available at [www.greatmountainmusic.com](http://www.greatmountainmusic.com).

### Aviation Shows:

#### **AOPA Aviation Summit**

**November 11-13**

Exhibits, forums, static display and demonstrations, AOPA Aviation Summit is the place. Held in Long Beach, CA. Visit [www.apoa.org/summit](http://www.apoa.org/summit) to register today. See Heaven's Landing at booth 647.





## Special Offer

Heaven's Landing newsletter readers are invited to take advantage of the following discount offer:



### AVIATIONAUTOGRAPHS.COM OFFERS 20 PERCENT DISCOUNT TO EAAERS

Aviationautographs.com is offering an exclusive **20 percent discount** on all items to EAA members. Simply enter "**EAA**" in the Coupon Code field on the checkout page, click apply, and the 20 percent discount is applied to all items in your shopping cart.

The discount also applies to special sale items, including signed limited edition numbered prints, such as Ray Waddy's *Double Trouble* and Harley Copic's *Into the Unknown* and others - in effect providing a 40 percent discount.

Go to <http://www.aviationautographs.com> for all your holiday needs.

## 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.** Join 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.



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## Heaven's Landing Services

### Private Pilates Instruction



Our very own **Holly Macaulay** 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.

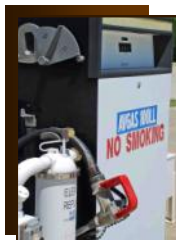
### Heaven's Landing Concierge Service

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).



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## Our Current Fuel Prices



### Self Serve Pumps

AV GAS	\$3.99/gal*
JET A	\$3.25/gal*



*\*Prices Subject to Change. Prices as of October 1, 2010*



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# Heaven's Landing Photo Gallery Early Fall 2010

