

HEAVEN'S LANDING

Like no Place on Earth

October 2012



"The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Drivers and sponsors are already begging us to do this again. This event exceeded all of our expectations!" ~wannaGOFAST President, Blake Hutchison

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A Heavenly Day at the Races

On the first day of fall, the Heaven's Landing airfield was transformed. On Saturday, September 22, the airfield was closed to air traffic, but opened to 125 high performance cars. Blake Hutchison, President of wannaGOFAST.com organized a full day of side-by-side, 1/2 mile shootout racing down Heaven's Landing's 5,069 foot concrete runway. The event brought HL owners, their guests, drivers as far away as Canada, spectators from all surrounding states, and numerous sponsors together for a magnificent and action-packed day at Heaven's Landing.

Following tech inspections, the day was kicked off with Blake's opening address to the drivers and the introduction of Heaven's Landing developer, Mike Ciochetti. "I wish to welcome everyone to Heaven's Landing," Mike began, "we love that you are here, we hope you enjoy the runway, the clubhouse, and all of the 635 acres that make up our fly-in community. Have fun today and most importantly be safe."

As soon as the gates opened, the spectator parking area filled with cars. Many visitors, even from the local community, were eager to see Heaven's Landing's private airfield for the first time. "I am so impressed," Tina Anzo (from [LaPrades Marina](http://LaPradesMarina.com) on Lake Burton) commented, "we were invited to come by one of our customers. This is just a first class place and so unique. We are having so much fun!"

Blake estimates about 1100 spectators visited the airfield during the day. Visitors were given great access to all parts of the airfield, drivers, cars, and sponsors. Guests could stroll down the staging line of cars that included almost every imaginable dream vehicle -Corvette, Nissan GTR, Lamborghini Gallardo, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, Audi R8 and even... a Corolla. "Any car and driver is welcome to enter," Blake states, "we don't discriminate, you want to test your horsepower and ability- whatever you want to bring, all drivers are welcome." Along the way, the public could stop and chat with drivers, watch their on the spot reaction to the competition, and for many cars, you could check out what was under the participant's hood.



WannaGOFAST continued...

Great views were found everywhere. There wasn't a bad seat in the house. It wasn't long before all along the taxiway spectators settled in for the day which included over 8 action-packed hours. Adults and children young and old, speculated on which cars would outperform one another. "We are from Bryson City, North Carolina," a husband and wife began, then paused to shout out across the runway to egg on their friend, "Dr. Tom," who was doing a final inspection on his impressive Dodge Ram SRT 10 Viper Truck. "You just have to see an event like this in person," the husband continued, "you can watch it on TV but it is nothing like this!" Visiting with Heaven's Landing owners, Ron and Rosemarie Mintz whole-heartedly agreed, "I think this is exciting as Hell! I love cars. This is definitely my thing," commented Ron. Rosemarie mentioned they are Nascar fans and experiencing this in their *front yard* was "wonderful."

"It is just a fantastic day," Holly Ciochetti stated while visiting with HL owners, Ginger Tomaszkeski and Luanne Dunn, watching the races from the hangar balcony. "We had a lot of owners and their guests fly in yesterday. It is great to see all our owners 'tailgating' on their balconies and firing up their grills to take in a day of racing."

Blake reports wannaGOFAST has recently upgraded to a state of the art speed measuring device allowing them to give drivers instant and accurate times after each race. Talking with drivers they all seemed very pleased especially with having the instant results, the ability to race all day as many times as they wished, ease of meeting other drivers, and pairing up with competitors. Long into the day as the sun was setting and as it was almost time to reward the winners, drivers continued to test their skills.



The Winners

It was late in the day when the top speed of **190.9 MPH** was recorded by Atlanta based sponsor, [TopSpeed Motorsports](#). They were the **Fastest Sponsor and Overall Winner** with a customer built car, a **Nissan GTR** (owner, John Perrone) driven by **TopSpeed owner Douglas Wilks**. Next was the **Fastest Forced Induction Vehicle**, a **Nissan GTR**, topping **185 MPH** driven by **Mike Wadsworth**; and third, the **Fastest Naturally Aspirated Vehicle**, a **Corvette C6**, came in at **160 MPH** by driver **Marshall Davis**.

Blake reports that the sponsors (see page 3) were very pleased with the facility and the amount of foot traffic. "The sponsors are ready to do it again tomorrow! Many had not done a 1/2 mile event like this before, and they were very grateful and enjoyed interacting with drivers and helping participants with their cars."

"My day has been fantastic! This venue was spectacular, the lunch in the clubhouse was incredible, the hospitality and the weather couldn't have been better, everyone seemed really into this, and I hope we are invited back!" ~Ultima GTR driver Jim Nelson

"This is the first event I've done of this type. I really had a great day. Everything was well done. The hospitality was amazing." ~ Sean Freed owner of [Freed Performance](#) (Alpharetta, GA) driving a customer's Turbo 911.

"When you stop to realize that a 1/2 mile shootout is a new type of racing for the United States and that wannaGOFAST and Blake are leading the way, you can't help but get caught up in the excitement," comments Mike, "Blake and his crew did a great job, and I was extremely pleased to have the opportunity to take several guests out on tours of Heaven's Landing and Rabun County throughout the day."

"Cars, drivers, and spectators were evident throughout the county all weekend in restaurants and hotels", Mike continued. "I am looking forward to working with Blake again in the future. I think everyone won with the success of this event."

"My son and I enjoyed seeing all types of cars – from classic muscle cars to foreign exotics. I hope the organizers and Heaven's Landing plan on this event returning next year." ~ Rabun Co. resident, Pat Thompson

According to Blake, Rabun County Services were very helpful in planning and execution. He reports that [Explore Rabun](#) (Rabun County Convention and Visitors Bureau) did a fantastic job assisting with publicity and prepared packets for all the drivers. "We hope they come back and we can look forward to this event again," states Teka Earnhardt of the CVB, "This is certainly an event with huge potential and a very positive meaningful impact on the county."

WannaGOFAST Photos & Sponsors



WannaGOFAST Sponsors:

- Top Speed Motorsports - www.topspeedtuned.com
- Buckhead Imports - www.buckhead-imports.com
- Injected Engineering - www.injectedengineering.com
- AMS Performance - www.amsperformance.com and www.alphagtr.com
- Performing Imports - www.performingimports.com
- Spec Clutch - www.specclutch.com
- Vengeance Racing - www.vengeancerd.com
- Garage Experts - www.garageexperts.com
- South East Piper & Flight Line Group - www.sepiper.com & www.flightlinegroup.com



Sutton Towing & Recovery - "They did a great job for a couple cars who lost power going down the track. Had them off the track in minutes so we could get back to racing!!" ~Blake



[Checkout the Georgia 1/2 Mile Shootout Video!!](#)



Citation Jet Pilots Annual Convention

The Citation Jet Pilots Owner Pilot Association (CJP) knows how to put on a fantastic convention. According to the feedback from Mike and Holly as they reflected on Heaven's Landing's participation in the 4th Annual CJP Convention held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho September 12-16. "This convention," Mike adds, "has grown in attendance each year since it's inception."

CJP is a membership organization with the sole purpose of providing members with the most up-to-date education and resources in order to allow pilots to operate their jet aircraft with the utmost safety and proficiency. This year's theme was "*Fly Safer, Sharper, and Smarter.*"



"From the moment we arrived there was a warm welcome and great appreciation for our participation as an exhibitor," Mike reports. "All five days had a complete line up of activities for pilots and their companions. CJP is a great organization offering so much to their members. For me everything was great, but the standout highlights of the convention were, *The Sled Driver* by Brian Shul, meeting the legendary Arnold Palmer, and attending the Hall of Fame Ceremony."

Sled Driver—"I have never been more captivated by a speaker." Continued Mike, "Brian Shul is a Vietnam and Reagan-Era Cold War hero. Just an absolutely extraordinary pilot; one of only 93 to have ever flown the worlds fastest and highest flying jet, the S-71 Blackbird. Brian Shul survived being shot down, crashing, crawling out of his airplane while severely burned, rescued barely alive, enduring years of recovery, then remarkably returning to active duty." Shul's book, [Sled Driver](#), is available in very limited quantities and has received numerous accolades. A portion of the proceeds of each book goes to the Military Family Assist Programs. Click [here](#) for a sampling of Shul's amazing narrative, an article written by Shul detailing his experiences with Maj Walter Watson (RSO), his flight partner for four years, as they outmaneuvered Qaddafi's "*Line of Death*" during a mission in 1986.



Arnold Palmer and Mike

The Hall of Fame Ceremony on Saturday evening closed out days of great activity. The focus of the event was to honor "Mr. Citation" himself, Russ Meyer. Mr. Meyer served as Chairman and CEO of Cessna Citation from 1975-2003 and has been recognized with the highest honors in aviation numerous times over his very distinguished career. Russ Meyer is a Harvard and Yale graduate, has over 17,000 hours under his wings, served both in the military and for several presidents, and was named Kansan of the year in 1989.

Masters of ceremonies and current CJP President Tom Poberezny, EAA AirVenture Chairman Emeritus, welcomed everyone and introduced his distinguished guests. Presenting Russ Meyer with his honor was pilot and golf legend, Arnold Palmer. "Mr. Palmer stated, 'this is my best friend,'" Mike recalls, "and then he broke down with emotion that affected the entire room." Mike adds that it was Arnold Palmer's use of general aviation that gave him a competitive advantage on the golf course. As a private pilot, Palmer was able to easily

transport himself around to scheduled events without relying on commercial flights with related delays. "That type of flexibility was available to very few of his competitors in the early days of the PGA," Mike reports.

Although it was a joyous occasion there was also a time of remembrance and sadness. The very private Astronaut Neil Armstrong wished to and had agreed to present to Meyer as well. Armstrong had surgery in early August 2012 and succumbed to complications a few weeks later. Armstrong was laid to rest September 14, the day before Meyer's ceremony.

Holly reports that not only did the convention offer so much inspiration to owners and pilots, CJP also provide a lot of opportunity to enjoy time out on the town for companions. Holly and Crystal Millhulland, enjoyed a tour day shopping, dining, cruising, and sightseeing in and around Sandpoint, Idaho.



Mike and Holly are thankful to have flown to the convention with Heaven's Landing owner, Peter Serodino and Crystal in Peter's Citation 501. "I totally enjoyed the trip out west," states Holly, "I could just snack, read, rest, and relax the entire trip." Mike and Holly also got the opportunity to visit with friends and business partners, Brian and Linda Deutsch from Seattle, WA. See photo of Peter and the Deutschs at left.



Citation Jet Pilots—HL Owner Recognized

Well, when you get Peter Serodino in the room there is seldom a dull moment. During the CJP convention Peter was awarded with a Citation Owners Diamond Pin for achieving 1000 hours in flight. Peter was equally honored to be presented to by Russ Meyer.



Peter's response, "One great gold and diamond pin, \$500.00, 1000 hours PIC in a Citation - Priceless!!

Congratulations Peter!

Stuart Woods Novel

Peter is also often surrounded by some sort of adventure, and at some point during the CJP auction on Friday evening, he found a most unusual opportunity. Peter bid for and won the opportunity to be named as a character in the next novel written by prolific and world renowned author, [Stuart Woods](#). "I'd love to play the villain!" Peter was heard to state...

Soon after winning his bid, Peter came and strolled by the Heaven's Landing exhibit and shared the news with Mike Ciochetti. "Wouldn't it be great if Heaven's Landing could be part of this?!" he joked. Peter just happen to be with the Event Coordinator for the CJP Convention, Mr. Bill Alberts. "Bill knows how to do things in epic proportions," Mike states, "he creates amazing shows and oversees everything so well, taking care of us all. Bill just simply walked away but soon returned with the news that Stuart Woods would allow us [Heaven's Landing] to match Peter's bid offer." Mike was in! *How will this all develop? Will our good man, Peter, turn villainous? Stay tuned...*

Driving Jaguars!

If you needed another reason to support CJP and attend their annual convention, how about sleek high-performance Jaguars. Jaguar USA is the exclusive automobile sponsor and first non-aviation partner for the group.

"The high performance, speed and dynamic handling inherent both in jets and the current Jaguar model line-up, especially the 550 hp XKR-S, surely will resonate with the association's membership."

~David Pryor, Brand VP North America



Mike, Peter, and Crystal all had a great time on the Jaguar Experience course at CJP. Mike had the fastest time of all drivers (but due to being a professional, he was disqualified). "It is great to know that I still have it," Mike reports. Crystal beat Peter but had a little mishap at the end... [Click here for the video](#).

These Hills, They are a Changin'



It is October 1st and the leaves in Rabun County are already beautiful! It is starting with the yellows and a few reds. It all happens so fast and the transition over the next few weeks is something to behold. Get out and fly or drive our scenic roads. The leaves will be with us typically until the second week in November. Visit the [Heaven's Landing](#) website for places to stay and activities. Also see what is happening on: [Georgia State Parks Leaf Watch 2012](#).

If you are a dual-sport motorcycle rider feel free to email [Jan](#), for a great off road route through the area.

Ciochetti'



Many warm blessings to Mike and Holly Ciochetti as they celebrate their second wedding anniversary (10.10.10) and await the birth of their baby in late November!

Enjoy the Holidays in Northeast Georgia

Once the leaves have fallen, the Blue Ridge Mountains quiet as the “shoulder season” begins. If you are looking for holidays with a hometown atmosphere, Rabun County has plenty to offer. See Explorerrabun.com for updates.



Halloween:

- [Beechwood Inn Halloween Dinner](#)—Sat. Oct. 27, Clayton, Georgia (geared toward adults).
- Halloween Hay Day, Family Festival, Downtown Clayton (see page 7).
- Trunk or Treat Wed. Oct. 31, 6-8 pm, Mt. City United Methodist with Clayton Cruisers at the Rabun County Court House Parking Lot
- [Hillside Orchard Corn Maze](#)—Tiger, Georgia
- [North Georgia Corn Maze](#)—Cleveland, Georgia



Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners:

- [Lake Rabun Hotel](#)—Lakemont, Ga. Open November 22 from 11 am—4 pm. Serving a delightful 5 course, 21 item, buffet-style meal including roasted turkey, glazed ham, pecan crusted trout! Check the website for their upcoming Christmas menu and [reserve your table online](#).
- [Beechwood Inn Traditional Southern Style Thanksgiving Dinner](#)—Clayton, Ga., Thursday, November 22. Serve family style with 16 expertly crafted dishes, see the link for the full and extensive menu.
- [Glen Ella Springs](#)—Clarksville, Georgia. Check the website often for their specialty menus or call 1.888.455.8786. Best way to find the Inn: N 34° 43.261 W 083° 26.944.
- [Fromage and Other Fine Foods](#)—Clayton, Ga. Call Jenny, who will cater your holiday gathering with a personal touch 706.212.7349.
- [The Dillard House](#)—Dillard, Ga. Call for catering and dining during the holidays 1.800.541.0671.

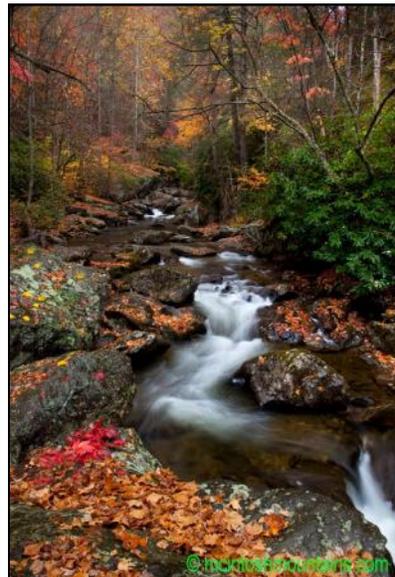


Through the Looking Glass

This is your opportunity to travel the North Georgia Mountains capturing the majestic beauty that surrounds us. Treat yourself to a workshop session from Rabun County's premiere photographer, Peter McIntosh. There is nothing like watching the sunrise emerge on the horizon, clouds drift and change, and the colors of the landscape transform before you. See it all through your lens and capture the moment. Peter will teach small groups or individuals the fundamentals of camera work. Classes are tailored to your abilities. Call Peter at 706.490.1247 or email petermac@windstream.net for details.



Please join Peter at [Timpson Creek Gallery](#) on Friday, October 12 from 5-7 pm.



Experience the Rabun County Autumn with Peter McIntosh

Upcoming Events

Heaven's Landing Schedule

Look for Mike and Holly at these major aviation fly-ins and events:

- [Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association \(AOPA\) October 11-13 in Palm Springs, California.](#)
- [National Business Aviation Association \(NBAA\) October 30– November 1 in Orlando, Florida.](#)

Heaven's Landing Christmas Party

Join us this December for Christmas in Heaven! Everyone is welcome to join us in our Heaven's Landing Clubhouse for an evening of great food, friendship, and of course a visit with Mr. Claus. Santa is taking time out for an evening in NE Georgia to find out first hand what all the good little pilots want for Christmas—come with your list. More details soon.

Area Events:

Foxfire Mountaineer Festival

October 6 Over 35 exhibits including crafts,

blacksmithing, berry basket making, cornhusk dolls, spinning, broom making, pottery, BBQ, music, children's games, and more. Foxfire Magazine students will also be present to autograph and sell their current issues. Admission: \$4, age 11 up; Children 6 to 10, \$2. All proceeds benefit Foxfire's local educational programs. www.foxfire.org.

Downtown Clayton Sidewalk Art Show & Sale

October 6

Welcome to Main Street Clayton, Georgia! Join us for our inaugural event showcasing regional art and great family activities corresponding to the Foxfire Festival held at the Civic Center.

Great Artdoors

October 13

All are welcome to the [Hambidge Center](#) for their eco-friendly Fall Festival. Visit artist-in-residence studios. Enjoy the day filled with a pottery show, U-Do-Raku (glaze your own pottery), art installations and performances, BBQ and food tastings, and music to dance to all day long. 10 am—4 pm.

Georgia Mountain Jubilee

October 13

A premiere event showcasing the beauty of the mountains. Music, food, arts & crafts, games, children's activities, and see what business make Rabun strong. Located on Ramey Blvd, North Main Street, Clayton, Georgia 10 am—6 pm free admission and free parking.

Wateree Cutting Horse Show

October 13-14

Held at the Rabun Arena, this event is open and free to the public. Begins 9 am. See the [WCHA](#) website for details.

Halloween Trick or Treat and Hay Day

October 27

Spend the day in downtown Clayton for a hometown Halloween. Starting at 10 am enjoy games and food at the City Hall Complex. At 1 pm visit the shops on Main Street as the Clayton Merchants and Business Association host trick or treating.

Fall Farm Day

October 27

[Hillside Orchard Farms](#) will host their annual fall farm day. Enjoy the entire farm with demonstrations, petty zoo, country store, gem mine, and corn maze. 9 am—5:30 pm; 706.782.4995.

Great Pumpkin Contest

October 31

Kids bring your decorated pumpkin to the Rock House in Downtown Clayton from 5-7 pm. Pumpkins can be carved, painted, or styled any way you'd like. Enjoy the evening with cookies, cider, and prizes for best pumpkins!

Tallulah Gorge Whitewater Releases

November 3-4; 10-11; 17-18

On a typical day, the water flow through the gorge is 35-40 CFS (cubic feet per second). During whitewater releases, the flow is 500 CFS on Saturday and 700 CFS on Sunday. It is a spectacular sight with the boats coming through the gorge. This is a sight you do not want to miss. For more information call 706-754-7981 and go to www.gastateparks.org/tallulahgorge.

Stay Informed



- **Weather Link.** Stay up to date on the Clayton, GA weather conditions and forecast from NOAA. <http://forecast.weather.gov/>



- **Wi-Fi** is 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. (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 and make sure we have your latest email address, so you will stay informed.

- **Stay in Touch.** "Like" us on [Facebook](#), "[Heaven's Landing Residential Airpark.](#)"



- **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.



- Fish year round and enjoy our local lakes. When in Rabun, go boating! Rentals are available at [Anchorage Boat Rentals](#) at 706-212-0534 or [LaPrades Marina](#) at 706-947-0010.

Personal Trainer—Elisa Hopkins

Elisa Hopkins is a certified Personal Trainer and tailors training for men and women to the individual's interest and goals. Elisa currently conducts five classes ranging in aerobic, kick-boxing, dance aerobics, and strength training at her new studio in Tiger, GA. She has offered to conduct classes and specialized instruction for Heaven's Landing owners and their guests in the Clubhouse fitness room.

Contact Elisa at 706-982-2302.



Heaven's Landing Services

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 information: 706.212.0017 or sales@heavenslanding.com.



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Our Current Fuel Prices



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