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## HEAVEN'S LANDING

ON a recent trip to Georgia to visit my sister, I came across a new mountain estate airpark called Heaven's Landing. Located about 100 miles northeast of Atlanta, Heaven's Landing is situated in the Blue Ridge Mountains about three miles from the town of Clayton. It is surrounded by National Forest and covers 635 acres. There are 300 "estate sized" lots averaging 1.5 acres each, only a few of which have direct taxi-way access. About 95% of the lots will be "non-taxiable". The community will be gated to keep rif-raf like me on the outside looking in. The runway is 5,069' long X 50' wide and concrete, as are the taxiways and the residential streets. The field elevation is 2,724 ft., and some of the lots are as high as 3200 ft, which by my calculations means the aircraft on downwind will be a mere 500 feet above the highest houses. My sister's house is just a short mile away. Hope she likes airplane noise as much as I do!

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***JUNE MEETING - JUNE 10, 2006, 7:00 PM,***

***Jefferson County Airport Terminal building, Mount Evens Room (upstairs).***

**Stephanie Wells will be doing the June program about her time as a NASA pilot and all of the cool planes that she has flown.**

## May Meeting Minutes

The May meeting was a rather informal bit of an addendum to the picnic. Roger Newman conducted a raffle, selling tickets for a ride on the EAA's B-17 when it makes it's upcoming visit. Roxie Juul won. We won't mention who was picking the tickets out of the hat. Think that was the only real item accomplished. I believe Roger said they paid for the ride and put \$40 in the chapter treasury.

Gene Horsman told the group that if they weren't able to open the two cover pages on the roster, sent out by Bruce, to contact him and he would send it to them separately. Guests were introduced but no ~~roster~~ was passed around.

Treasurer Lynn Miller gave the report on the state of the Chapter's financials.

Herrill Davenport introduced his guest, Roy Maneely, who was a long time member of the chapter now living in Ohio.

Picked up one new member. W. Earl Allen of Broomfield.

Lots of good food, approximately 75 attendees. Watched the Sky divers off and on all day. Mike Sevall brought his Maverick twin jet over for display(which was there last year also).



## May Picnic

Thanks to Bob Wilson for providing this photo in addition to his hangar for our annual picnic! Mike Sevall's Maverick Jet can be seen in the background and provided an interesting flair to the affair.

### Heaven's Landing, continued.

For those unable to pony up for the taxable lots, there will be 38 double-decker hangars centrally located on the field. They range in size from 50' X 45' to 60' X 50', all with electric bi-fold doors, bathrooms with showers, radiant heat, low bay lighting, and some have balconies. Built on the side of a hill, the hangars are unique in having planes on the upper and lower levels, with access from each side on different levels. Prices for the hangars range from \$175,000 to \$205,000. There will be horse properties and stables available as well, with an additional equestrian village located among the top 18 lots.

In case my sales pitch hasn't grabbed you, how can you pass up the price - ranging from \$500,000 up to \$3 million. Oh yeah, the lots are priced separately and range from \$125,000 to \$260,000. Homes must be at least 2,500 sq. ft. Did I mention it is located just three miles from Lake Burton? Maybe you could have a seaplane as well. Sorry, no golf course on the premises. The best part? It is a private strip restricted to residents only (can't even land for gas), but you can call for "clearance" to land if you can sound like an interested buyer. Call 877-207-0017 to schedule a tour. If you buy a lot there, we can all fly down to visit you!

The developer is Mike Ciochetti Jr., a pilot and former NASCAR driver (driving for Cale Yarborough Motorsports). He flies a Cirrus SR22. If you just have to have more info, check the web site at [www.heavenslanding.com](http://www.heavenslanding.com).

*Dave*



Mike Ciochetti Jr.'s Cirrus SR22 parked in front of the double decker hangars at Heaven's Landing residential airpark development.

## NEW IDENTIFIERS AT AWOS AIRPORTS

With the FAA certification of recently-installed **Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS)** equipment, a number of Colorado airports are receiving Airport Identifier changes.

<u>Airport</u>	<u>Old Identifier</u>	<u>New Identifier</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nucla	6V6	AIB	April 13, 2006
Buena Vista	7V1	AEJ	April 13, 2006
Delta	1V9	AJZ	April 13, 2006
Salida	0V2	ANK	April 13, 2006
Longmont	2V2	AMR	June 8, 2006

It is anticipated that Identifier changes will be happening soon at Erie Municipal and Fort Morgan Municipal Airports as these sites become active.

## FSS REVAMPS SERVICES

Lockheed-Martin, as the federal contractor designated to assume management of the nation's Flight Service Station facilities, has announced that it will begin refitting its operations starting in February 2007.

Included in the overhaul is the **Denver Flight Service Station**, which is scheduled to close on May 14, 2007 to be re-opened as **Flight Service 21 (FS21)** on June 26, 2007.

Denver and Seattle facilities are the only Flight Service Stations in the FAA Northwest Mountain Region that will remain in operation when the make-overs are complete.

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## EUROPEAN FUEL PRICES

*The following letter has been stored in the editor's files for a while - long enough that he doesn't remember where it came from. Sorry he can't give credit where credit is due, but it does demonstrate an interesting perspective on our fuel situation. ed.*

Thor

If it makes you feel better, I'll share my local prices with you.

Unleaded from the local Texaco 78.9 pence per litre (equals USD 4.50 per US gallon) 100LL at local airfield 95.4 pence per litre (equals USD 5.45 per US gallon)

With some of the highest road-fuel taxes in Europe (if not the world) you won't be surprised to hear that there are rapidly developing alternative aircraft engine solutions in the form of diesel engines (diesel fuel is available for non-road use at 19 pence per litre) and Liquid Propane Gas (also available for non-road at 15 pence per litre). One of the companies developing a 100 BHP diesel engine is using an 8A as the test platform, and last report I heard (about a month ago) the flight testing was almost complete. I don't have info on the LPG system for aircraft, but I can tell you that I am seriously considering buying a system for my car (costs approx USD 1800 fitted). LPG fuel for road use is half the price of unleaded at 39 pence per litre, giving a payback time of less than 12 months.

If approved LPG kits for Continental/Lycoming engines can be developed, I would be surprised if their uptake was less than phenomenal assuming the fuel supply infrastructure matched the demand.

Gerry

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