



Fall 2019 Newsletter

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From the Tower:

Dear Great Basin Aviators,

As a controller, it's a pleasure to be able to contribute to this newsletter! Let's talk about the construction currently under way... that's right, Runway 16L/34R is and will be closed until the 2nd week of November (possibly late October). That means you get to enjoy using the "big" runway for a few more weeks.



Runway and taxiway closures bring new challenges to our everyday operation. Be alert for changes to available runway exit points! Runway 25 will also be closed for about a week or so. That being said, please pay attention to your runway assignment and taxi route. Be sure to **WRITE DOWN** and **READ BACK** the instructions you receive from the controllers. There are times that controllers forget or make a mistake, so if you are unsure, don't hesitate to ask for clarification. At the end of the day, we are all a team!

Some examples of what you should expect to hear are:

RY16R: "runway 16R at delta, taxi via charlie, delta, cross rwy 16L"

RY34L: "runway 34L at P, taxi via charlie, cross runway 25, hold short of runway 34R"

The above examples contain a lot of information for one radio transmission, so again, please listen. There will be times where the instructions will be "chunked" in order to help reduce confusion.

If you have been flying recently, you may have heard some new voices on the radio. Reno Tower has received some new trainees! Please be patient with them as they are learning. You may hear a lot of "say again". Our trainees are learning how to control and develop their "radio ear".

Let's all work together to keep RNO fun and safe! - **Ashley Doster, ATCS**

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GREAT BASIN AVIATION

Thank YOU for choosing Great Basin Aviation—we really appreciate you! Reflecting on an exciting year here at GBA, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your confidence in us.

We look forward to strengthening our relationships with our students and renters, to growing our Ground and Flight Instruction team, and to expanding our fleet to help you reach your aviation goals.

Stay tuned, GBA will be offering scenic flights. Visit Great Basin Aviation social media and www.GreatBasinAviation.com to stay current on what is going on.

Don't forget to tag us #greatbasinaviation in your social media photos.



Take Off, Fly, Land, Smile, and Repeat!



Stefan pictured with Mark Montague instructor w/GBA and fellow glider CFI enthusiast

INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT STEFAN ARNONE CFI/CFI-GLIDER

Stefan is a CFI-Airplane and CFI-Glider. He grew up in Reno and learned to fly at the Carson airport in 2013. He later completed his instrument, commercial, multi-engine, and CFI-A training at Rocky Mountain College in Montana, where he earned a B.S. in Aeronautical Science, graduating in May 2019. He has also spent summers since 2011 working at Truckee-Tahoe Soaring Association, where he earned his private glider (2014), commercial glider (2018), and CFI-G (2019) add-on ratings. Stefan speaks fluent German and enjoys skiing in the winter and soaring in the summer. He excited to be back home in northern Nevada to continue his aviation adventures as a flight instructor!

Fall Flying *Author - Richard Brong, Great Basin Aviation AGI*

Have you been up early in the mornings lately? Perhaps you have noticed there is a change afoot with the morning temperatures and flying conditions. Certainly, you have already seen that the days are getting shorter as the calendar marches on. That can only mean one thing - fall is coming. With the pending change of season there are a few things that we at Great Basin Aviation would like you to consider so that you can make the most out of the flying time that lies ahead.

For starters, it is getting cooler in the mornings and the flying can be really nice! Most people tend to fly early during the summer days. This still holds true in the fall but it can be downright chilly. It won't be long before you may come out and even find frost on the wings. If that happens, let the morning sun melt it off or ask for help getting the plane into the hangar for a chance to warm up. While the cold morning air can also lead to much improved aircraft performance compared to the heat of summer, don't forget that it will likely still get quite warm later in the day. Pay attention to those density altitudes and know what to expect. Be sure to get a complete weather briefing and never hesitate to ask an instructor or other pilot for their two-cents on the weather brief.

As mentioned earlier, another thing that happens this time of year are shorter days. If you do all your flying in the middle of the day this isn't too much of a concern but if you like flying at the end of the day, you might be butting up against night flying. While we train for that during primary flight training, we don't always stay current for the purpose of carrying passengers. Now is a great time to come on out in the evening and take a flight for some night flying proficiency. If it has been a while, as always, never hesitate to grab an instructor or another qualified pilot to go practice your night takeoffs and landings. Remember the rules for logging, too. Landings must be made to a full stop for night currency. Additionally, if you are planning any cross country flying in the dark, plan your route very carefully to avoid troubles in the mountains. Even better, start working on an Instrument Rating as that can help your IMC skills immensely!

Fall can be a great time to fly. For many, it's their favorite time. The color starts to pop in many of the mountain locations and the cooler temperatures just make flying more pleasant. Get out and enjoy your pilot certificate! Always know that we here at Great Basin Aviation are here to support your safe flying adventures and help to make your piloting as enjoyable as possible. Schedule a flight soon and go find a new hundred-dollar-hamburger stop. Take another pilot friend up and practice flying with another pilot on board. Better yet, take up someone who has never flown before and show them the beauty of the sky. You never know, you might inspire a new pilot! Safe skies and tailwinds.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

www.WAI.org (Women in Aviation) is a wonderful resource for scholarship opportunities. Many scholarships are available now and several will be closing early November. Check out the website and submit your application. Both men and women aviators are able to be part of WAI and most scholarships are available to men and women.

Fall is approaching

Great time to fly!

Temperatures cool down and winds settle



ACHIEVEMENTS

Check out the most recent pilot achievements at GBA!

- James Galatola-Solo/PPL
- Christian Mohino-Solo/PPL
- Jake Velez-Solo
- Robert McDougal-Solo
- Anthony Winder-Solo/PPL
- Chris Buckley-PPL
- Josh Bunker-IPL/CPL
- Connell Ford- Solo
- Kevin Jones-PPL
- Mariah Connel-Solo
- Nik Joshi-CFI
- Kevin Marshall-PPL
- Christopher Steimle-PPL
- Ethan Chinowsky-PPL
- Reese Davis-Solo
- Tate Neubecker-Solo
- Drew Wallace-Solo
- Chris Olivero-Solo
- Casey Dwyer-Solo
- Roger Peralta-PPL
- Josph Hailey - IPL
- Nathan Morin - Solo
- Eric Tallberg - CFI
- Andy Xie-Solo
- Will Adams-PPL

UPCOMING EVENTS

- GBA will be at the Reno Air Races! Visit GBA booth across from the KRTS Tower. The Reno Air Races will be held September 11th-15th. We would love to have you stop by!
- We will be showing the documentary "One Six Right" at Atlantic Aviation on September 22nd at 3:00PM. Please RSVP by emailing GoFlying@greatbasinaviation.com. Movie and snacks will be provided. Space is limited, please contact us today!
- GBA will be tailgating at the UNR/UNLV football game on Saturday, November 30th. Come tailgate with GBA as we prepare to watch the battle for the Fremont Cannon. You do not need a ticket to tailgate. Please join us for food and drinks. If you would like to attend the game, you will need to purchase tickets through the University. Game time is 12:00 PM, we will be tailgating before and after the game.