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WHY WE PRACTICE EMERGENCIES WHEN NOTHING IS WRONG

If you spend time in flight training, you'll notice something that might seem odd to people outside aviation: pilots spend a lot of time practicing emergencies when everything is working perfectly.

The engine is running fine. The weather is good. The airplane is flying exactly as it should. And then the instructor pulls the power to idle.

It might look unnecessary from the outside, but there's a very important reason for it. The worst time to figure out what to do in an emergency is when you're already in one.

When something unexpected happens in flight, stress naturally kicks in. Heart rate goes up, thinking speeds up, and decision-making can become rushed. Training helps counter that reaction. By practicing emergency procedures repeatedly, pilots build familiarity and muscle memory so their response becomes calm and automatic.

And every response starts with the same priority:

Just fly the airplane.

No matter what system has failed or what problem has appeared, the airplane still needs to be controlled. Airspeed, altitude, and attitude still matter. Once the aircraft is under control, the pilot can work the checklist, evaluate the situation, and decide on the best course of action.

Emergency training teaches pilots to slow things down, focus on the fundamentals, and respond with discipline instead of panic.

That's why we practice emergencies when nothing is wrong, so that if something ever is, the response is confident, controlled, and deliberate.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored even after hours.
- Come to the Monday night study groups! Private Pilot is the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6pm-8pm. Advanced rating/certificate study groups will be the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, same time.
- Runway 8/26 at KRNO is closed 3/2-5/1.
- Taxiway signage and names will change on July 9th. There is a map in the GBA if you want to check it out and get familiar prior to the change.

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

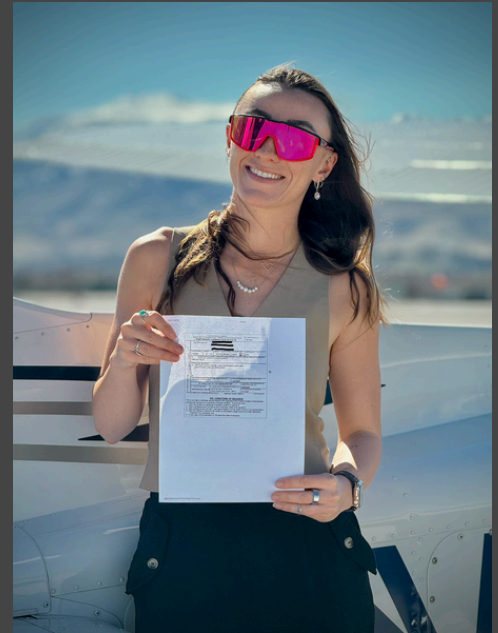
Hayli Stewart just two stepped her way through the clouds and passed her Instrument Rating checkride!

From the very beginning, Hayli has been a total go-getter. Whether she is studying approaches, knocking out flight hours, or keeping everyone laughing along the way, she brings the kind of energy that makes training both productive and a whole lot of fun. She and her instructor Eric Harned have been an incredible team, always showing up ready to work and determined to keep stepping forward.

Hayli managed to line dance her way through holds, approaches, and all the twists and turns of instrument training without missing a beat. When the workload got heavy, she did not skip a step, she just kept boot scootin toward the finish line.

When she is not flying, Hayli is actually a country line dancing instructor, which honestly explains a lot. Turns out the same rhythm and coordination that keep a dance floor moving also translate pretty well to flying precise approaches and staying in step with the instruments. And of course she always shows up in the cutest outfits and coolest sunglasses, proving you can absolutely look stylish while breaking out the instrument scan.

Hayli, you absolutely crushed it. Keep calling the shots, keep leading the dance, and keep chasing those aviation goals. We cannot wait to see where your next step takes you. 🤔✈️



**Hayli Stewart -
Instrument**