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## ADAPTING IN THE AIR: LESSONS FROM RENO'S EVER-CHANGING SKIES

In aviation, flexibility is just as important as precision. We all love a calm morning over the Sierra and a smooth cross-country plan to the coast, but sometimes the winds Mother Nature, maintenance, or other uncontrollable factors get in the way. The best pilots don't just cancel, they have backup plans. When you are earning your ratings and looking to add to experience this is very important to keep in mind.

Having a backup plan is more than just a smart move; it's essential to keep your skills building at a steady pace. Maybe your flight to California is blocked by incoming clouds over the Sierra but you could still fly south toward calmer skies around Minden or east toward Hawthorne. Maybe you could stay local and work on performance landings or maneuvers. Whatever the case may be, cancelling outright not only prevents progress for you, it has also blocked another pilot from being able to access the plane during that block.

Be sure to reach out to an instructor as your flight date approaches especially if you have any questions about a go/no-go decision and what good options would be to keep your progress going. It's easy to just stay on the ground but if you are going to truly build your skills you want to keep pushing yourself into new scenarios. Never compromise safety but also realize that a good lesson to learn is that there is always a lesson to learn!

So as we head into the colder, windier months, remember to have a plan and then have a backup to that plan! Have the curiosity to keep expanding your horizons. Make sure you consider your growth as a pilot and your end goals. Because the best pilots don't just follow the plan, they learn from the detour.

## REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Please check for wing covers before you start your pre-flight. Do not lower flaps with covers on. Flaps can bind and crack under the fabric, and any damage will be passed on.
- Need some study buddies? Don't forget about Private Pilot Study Groups on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6pm-8pm. Instrument Ground School help, those will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6pm-8pm.
- The weather is great at midday! Sleep in a little and fly when the air is still cool, calm, and beautiful.



**BOBBY YARHI –  
PRIVATE PILOT**

The Sky Rewards the Determined. Every pilot has a story, but Bobby Yarhi's is one that truly inspires. His path to earning a Private Pilot Certificate is a testament to perseverance, grit, and determination. Life threw him its fair share of challenges, yet Bobby faced every one of them head-on, never losing sight of his dream to fly. Balancing the demands of flight training while juggling school and everyday responsibilities is no small feat. Through long study nights, early mornings, unpredictable weather, and the occasional setback that every pilot knows too well, Bobby stayed the course. He showed what happens when passion outlasts every obstacle, and today, that dedication has officially paid off. Now, with his wings earned, Bobby joins the ranks of licensed pilots, ready to take on new horizons. His story reminds us all that persistence and purpose can lift you higher than you ever imagined. A big congratulations also goes to CFI Nicole Gonzalez for her incredible instruction, mentorship, and commitment to her students' success. Bobby, your hard work and heart have taken flight, and we can't wait to see where you go from here.

Family, Flight, and Focus! Huge congratulations to Holden Stone on earning his Commercial Pilot Certificate! This accomplishment didn't just come from flight hours, it came from countless early mornings, late nights, and the kind of determination only a dad with young kids, a full-time job, and a long commute could pull off. Holden's the definition of calm and steady, the kind of pilot who makes everything look easy even when life's throwing in turbulence from every direction. Between diaper duty, deadlines, and distance drives, he still managed to chase this goal with focus and heart. That quiet dedication and "get it done" attitude have paid off in the best way possible.

Next stop? Maybe CFI, maybe something else, but whatever direction he flies, you can bet he'll handle it with that trademark dad composure and a few good dad jokes in his flight bag. (We can already hear it: "You know what the prop said to the spinner? Stop spinning my stories.")

Awesome work as well to his instructor, CFI Eric Harned, for guiding Holden through the training, checkride prep, and the million other details that make this level possible.

Holden, your example shows that you don't have to put your dreams on hold, just strap them into the backseat and keep climbing.



**HOLDEN STONE –  
COMMERCIAL**



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## GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

CHECK OUT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING  
GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES:



# GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES

**\$50 PER  
CLASS (2HRS)**  
INSTRUCTOR WILL SIGN  
OFF TRAINING IN YOUR  
LOG BOOK



**SEPTEMBER**



## 9/20 - AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

The Aircraft Systems class teaches how key systems, engine, electrical, fuel, and control function, preparing you to identify and manage potential issues for safer flight.



## 10/04 - AERODYNAMICS

This class covers how these planes fly: lift, drag, thrust, and weight, helping you understand airflow, stability, stalls, and maneuvering for better control and efficiency in flight.



## 10/18 - AVIATION WEATHER

This class teaches you how to interpret METARs, TAFs, charts, and weather patterns, helping you make informed decisions for safer flight planning and in-flight adjustments.



**OCTOBER**



**NOVEMBER**



**NEXT**



## 11/01 - AIRSPACE

This class covers airspace classes, chart recognition, communication and equipment requirements, plus the weather minimums every pilot needs to know.

## 11/15 - CHARTS AND FLIGHT PLANNING

This class helps you master sectionals, airspace, and chart symbols, ensuring you can navigate safely and efficiently in all flight environments. This class will also cover route selection, fuel calculations, airspace considerations, and weather analysis, ensuring you can plan safe, efficient, and well-prepared flights.



## 12/06 - EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

This class prepares you to handle engine failures, system malfunctions, lost communications, and in-flight emergencies, ensuring quick thinking and confident decision-making in critical situations.

## 12/20 - CHECKRIDE PREP

This class helps you master oral exam questions, flight maneuvers, and scenario-based decision-making, ensuring you are confident and well-prepared for your checkride.



**DECEMBER**



From  
1-3PM



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