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OFF THE SCHEDULE DOESN'T MEAN OFF TRACK

Weather delays, work schedules, and life in general have a way of interrupting flight training. If you've had a gap recently, you're not alone, this is one of the most common challenges students face.

What often catches people off guard is that the hardest part isn't the training itself, it's coming back after time away.

You may feel a little behind at first. Landings might not be as consistent, flows may take an extra second, and the radios can feel quicker than you remember. That's all completely normal.

Proficiency in aviation is perishable, but it also returns quickly with a little focused effort.

The students who make steady progress aren't the ones with perfect, uninterrupted schedules, they're the ones who return, reset expectations, and put in a few solid flights to rebuild momentum. In most cases, it only takes a lesson or two to get back on track.

As weather improves and schedules begin to stabilize, now is a great time to re-engage. We are also expanding early morning availability, which can help create more consistency in training.

If you've been waiting for the right time to jump back in, this is it. Reach out to your instructor, get back on the schedule, and we'll pick up right where you left off.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Starting this weekend, we'll begin opening the schedule up to 0600. If you plan to have any solo flights during these earlier hours, please coordinate with your CFI in advance in case a night endorsement is required.
- **Dont forget to tell us where you are heading!** Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments in the booking.
- 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 with it prior to the change.

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Huge congrats to Kurt Finney on officially becoming a Commercial Pilot!!

If you've spent any time around the school, you already know Kurt isn't just "in training," he basically lives here. Early mornings, late nights, squeezing flights, sim sessions, and study time around a full-time job like it's just part of the routine. No drama, no shortcuts... just quietly outworking most people. Kurt doesn't show up just to get through a lesson, he shows up to understand it. Usually early, already thinking three steps ahead, and just as likely to be explaining something as he is asking it. Power Off 180s, Chandelles, Eights on Pylons, and those never-ending commercial regs... if there's a deeper layer, he's already digging into it (probably before his CFI even finishes the brief).

There's a level of organization and discipline behind all of this that's easy to miss. This isn't luck, this is structured, intentional, and built over time. And somehow, outside of flying, he's still hitting the gym, cooking real meals, getting out on the water, traveling... and yes, maintaining what we can only assume is world-class tongue-to-nose flexibility. We're not asking questions.

Shoutout to his instructor, Cory Kleidosty, who's been there every step of the way, because professionalism tends to attract... more professionalism.

Nice work, Kurt. Go enjoy it for about five minutes... then we'll see you back here working on the next certificate.



Kurt Finney
Commercial

**Don't miss out on the opportunity to attend the
Rusty Pilot Refresher this Sunday!**



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RUSTY PILOT REFRESHER



Sunday April 19th, 2026

READY TO GET BACK IN THE LEFT SEAT?

This Rusty Pilot Refresher presentation is designed to rebuild your confidence and sharpen the knowledge you need to fly safely again. We'll review key topics including current regulations, airspace structure, airport operations, and effective radio communication—focusing on the practical information every pilot uses on every flight. Whether you've been away for months or years, this session will help bridge the gap between where you are now and working productively with a CFI. This course will meet the requirements for the ground portion of a flight review.

📍 Atlantic Aviation 655 S Rock Blvd

🕒 Sunday, April 19 10:00AM - 1:00 PM

Cost: \$75.00

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