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SAFETY IS ALWAYS FIRST

In the vast canvas of the sky, safety isn't just a checklist—it's the heartbeat of every pilot. Just as a caretaker watches over their charges, pilots shoulder the responsibility of ensuring a safe journey for everyone on board.

One challenge that we all face in the air is the temptation of "get there-itis." It's like a whisper of impatience in the wind, urging us to rush. Yet, we know that not properly planning our journey, from takeoff performance to landing considerations, can cast a shadow on our flights.

In the spirit of our shared commitment to safety, we warmly invite you to explore this insightful video from the AOPA Safety Institute. It's not just a link; it's a beacon of knowledge, a tool that can help us navigate the skies with greater awareness and responsibility.

Discover the AOPA Safety Institute Video Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hguX8DbJTGw>

In the dynamic realm of aviation, learning is a journey without end. As pilots, let's embrace this opportunity to continually enhance our safety practices and decision-making skills. The skies are vast, and together, we can ensure that each flight is not just a destination but a safe and memorable journey.

Here's to safe and genuine flying!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- It is **COLD!!** Dress for it. Allow sufficient time to let the engine warm up.
- if you are interested in Bob's CFI ground school course, please contact the GBA office asap.
- Don't forget about the **FREE** Monday night study group too! Every Monday, 6pm-8pm.
- Watch for wing covers and frost. DO NOT put the flaps down with the wing covers on.



NICK CHLADEK – SOLO

Guess what happened today?? Our very own Nick Chladek, a former Bay Area resident, known for maneuvering office chaos and utterly clueless about driving, made jaws drop as he took to the skies solo! Yes, you heard it right – he left the city of gridlocked roads, bad sports teams, and fellow bad drivers far behind and soared into the boundless blue yonder of Northern NV. This morning at KRTS, runway 08, in the magnificent N37JA, Nick embraced the wind beneath his wings and embarked on his solo flight adventure. While he might be accustomed to the hustle and bustle of the Bay Area, today he traded the rush of traffic for the exhilarating rush of flight. In the office, Nick's always been a good sport (unlike his Giants), but let's be honest – he sets himself up for some epic teasing, and we can't resist. We're over the moon (or should we say, above the clouds?) to share that Nick is now soaking in the wonders of the sky, embracing the freedom and serenity that only flying can offer. Major kudos to his flight instructor, Greg Rudman, for guiding him with expertise and patience, making sure our former Californian became a sky conqueror. So, here's to you, Nick! May your wings stay strong, your flights be as smooth as a freshly tuned engine, and your adventures in the sky be as epic as your departure from the Bay area. Keep up the great work!



ANDREW SPANIER – CFI

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TARA TATE – PRIVATE

Ready for absolutely fantastic news?!? Tara Tate is a Private Pilot!! Tara's journey to becoming a Private Pilot is nothing short of inspiring! With the wise words of her early instructor (Troy Ware) echoing in her mind, it's clear that she embraced the mantra:

"You look good, you feel good. You feel good, you fly good." And boy, did she prove it right! Tara didn't just conquer the Northern Nevada skies; she soared through challenges and pushed her limits with unwavering determination, and looked good doing it! Despite all the curveballs life threw at her, she took each one in stride, showing incredible perseverance and resilience. Tara's tenacity and spirit are truly commendable. A huge round of applause not only for Tara but also for her dedicated flight instructor, Nik Joshi! It takes a skilled and patient teacher to nurture a pilot of Tara's caliber. Together, they've achieved something remarkable, and the skies are now a little friendlier with Tara among the ranks of private pilots. Here's to Tara, the epitome of perseverance, and to Nik Joshi, the mentor who guided her to this incredible achievement! May the skies always be clear, and the winds always be in Tara's favor as she continues her adventures as an aviator!



BRENT WALLACE – SOLO

Yeehaw, saddle up and hold onto your Stetsons, folks! Brent Wallace just roped in a solo flight and now has wings to match his cowboy boots! This rancher-turned-aviator gleefully kicked his CFI Nate Morin out of the cockpit, took command of the plane, and tangoed with the skies over KRTS runway 08. After a few memorable laps, he swung back around, picked up Nate, and came back into Reno with a grin as wide as the open range. This hard-charging 141 student is not just breaking broncos; he's breaking through the clouds, looking to rustle up a new career in aviation. And would you believe it, he's not just a maverick in the air but also a proud member of the Nevada Air National Guard—talk about roping in dreams from the ground up! Hopefully, he's now home, celebrating with his wife and little cowgirls. Keep up the hard work, Brent! Your private pilot certificate is just over the horizon, and you'll be herding clouds like cattle in no time. A big tip of the hat to his trusty CFI, Nate Morin, for being the wingman in this rodeo of flight training. Together, they've wrangled the winds and corralled those elusive solo wings. So, here's to Brent Wallace, the rancher with wings, soaring high and proud. Happy trails, partner and happy Veteran's Day! 🇺🇸