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### PILOT OF THE MONTH

CARSON SMITH Wait, Carson Smith? More like catching fish. This avid fisherman and aviator is the July Pilot of the Month! Since Carson started training, he has been flying multiple times a week, and has really accelerated his training. He continually impresses his CFI by showing up prepared and ready to learn on his flights. As you may have guessed, when he isn't flying, you can find him pulling out trout at his favorite watering hole. After Carson finishes up his PPL, he will be heading to Texas to continue his training! We are sad to see him go, but lucky to have had him as a pilot in training at all! Congratulation Carson, and keep up the good work!



#### REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

Some accounts have been falling behind. To ensure accounts are kept current, moving forward, accounts need to be kept current with no more than two flights behind. As a small business, managing account balances is crucial for maintaining a healthy cash flow and offering the best possible service to all of you, our valued students. By keeping your account up to date, you not only help us optimize our resources but also contribute to the efficiency and reliability of our services.

To comply with this policy, we encourage you to check your account status regularly. You can easily access your account through Flight Schedule pro.

We genuinely appreciate your understanding and cooperation in adhering to this account policy. Your support is essential to our continued growth and commitment to providing you with exceptional flight experiences.

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# **GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT**



ENRIQUE CALDERON - PRIVATE PILOT



ZAK MAHANNAH -INSTRUMENT RATING



GREG ANTHENIEN INSTRUMENT RATING

Enrique Calderon is a Private Pilot!! He got an early start to the day and airborne before the heat and winds, just the usual summer thermals and bumps. Enrique showed the examiner he has those Private Pilot skills and walked out with a huge smile and a temporary certificate in hand. Earning his certificate was indeed a result of hard work and perseverance, but it was well worth it! Check out that smile!! Aside from flying, Enrique also leads a busy life. His work schedule is full-time, and he even finds time to participate in local commercials, which makes him a local celebrity. However, despite his busy schedule, he always makes sure to prioritize spending quality time with his family. And now he can share his love of aviation with them. Awesome work on sticking with it Enrique! This is an incredible milestone and you should be super proud. Great work as well to his CFI Ryan Mill!

Congratulations to Zak Mahannah on earning his Instrument Rating!! Nothing like spending an afternoon under the foggles. Earning this rating is a huge achievement and one step closer to his goal of a career in aviation. Zak earned his PPL in a tail-wheel aircraft which adds an extra layer of challenge to training. This showcases Zak's skills and adaptability as a pilot which carried into his instrument training. Not only is he impressive as a pilot, but he was also an impressive former UNR football player and

now alumni. Balancing sports and academics can be demanding, and it speaks to his determination and discipline. Zak works full time and flies full time, plus probably has a little fun. He trained under the rigorous 141 curriculum and handled the fast-paced training like a champ. Now onto Commercial! Zak's accomplishments are commendable, and we are sure we will see that same focus and success moving forward. Awesome job Zak and congratulations as well to his CFI Greg Rudman!

Greg Anthenien is now an instrument-rated pilot! Can you imagine him up there, flying in the clouds, with his long, luscious locks of hair flowing in the wind? Our rockstar pilot up in the sky! And get this, he drives all the way in from South Lake Tahoe for his flying adventures. He arrives at the airport like a superstar, ready to conquer the skies. Maybe he even has a personalized "Pilot Hair, Don't Care" license plate for his car! Seriously, though, we are so happy for Greg! It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to become an instrument-rated pilot. Now, he can strut around like a boss, knowing he can handle those clouds like a pro! Here's to Greg and his fantastic flying journey. May he always have smooth skies and wind in his fabulous hair. And who knows, maybe one day we'll see him on the cover of "Pilot Monthly" as the best-looking pilot in the skies! Keep soaring high, Greg! Congratulations as well to his CFII Chazz Sandoval!