

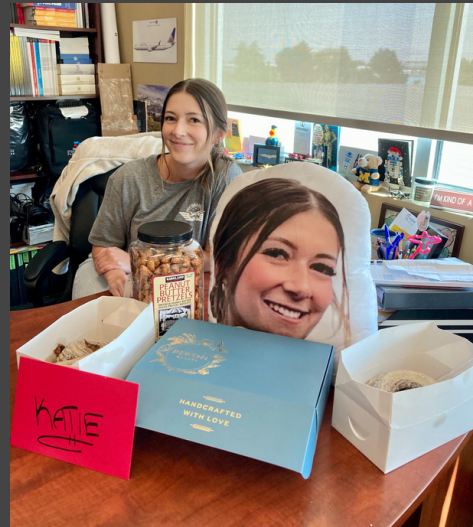
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KATIE IS OFF TO OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL!

Hold onto your foggles folks, because we've got some major news to share! Our very own office dynamo, Katie Newberry, is taking her talents to the skies! From office shenanigans to aviation dreams, Katie's trading her admin desk for a cockpit. Air Force Officer school and a C-17 pilot slot at Travis AFB. Yep, she's not just flying high – she's soaring to superstar status! Katie's departure leaves us with empty chairs and full hearts and maybe some tears. The office won't be the same without her snarky comments, Instagram reels (the ones that actually get likes), reusable sandwich bags, and Lululemon attire. But, whenever we miss her, we will be able to see her smiley face on her face pillow now in place at the GBA office. Katie, keep those skies safe, have a blast in officer school, crush Air Force pilot training and remember, you've got a fan club cheering you on from Reno. Thank you for your service and congratulations on this incredible selfless path you are taking to pursue your aviation dreams! Aim High...Fly-Fight-Win



REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Next FREE Sunday Ground School Supplement**
 - Sunday, September 10 at 2pm
 - Topic is Systems taught by Great Basin Aviation AGI, Trey Casini
 - Will start in the classroom and head to the hangar
 - Because we are limited with people on the ramp, you will need to RSVP. Max class size is 15. Please RSVP to goflying@greatbasinaviation.com, first come first serve.
- **Staggering Schedule**
 - Because of back up at the run-up area, we will be working to stagger the flight schedule. Some planes will be even hours for booking, and some odd. Please watch for these changes. Without disrupting current, it will not be in full effect for a couple months,
- Don't forget about the **FREE** Monday night student group too! Every Monday, 6pm-8pm.

Stop the presses, hold the phones, and brace yourselves for the news of the day– Erik Shy is a full-fledged Private Pilot! All while dodging the Burner Express aircraft heading back and forth to/from the Playa. This Californian has defied all stereotypes, proving that he's not just a bad driver– he's a pilot extraordinaire. And guess what?

He's not stopping there. Erik, with the spirit of adventure, is gunning for the big leagues – he wants to become an airline pilot! But wait, there's more! This aviator isn't just about flying and runway struts. He's also a UNR Alumni and, in his spare time, can be found swinging a golf club. Huge congrats to Erik on his newfound wings!

Here's to soaring higher, landing safely, and creating a story that's even cooler than those aviator sunglasses. A special shoutout also to Erik's CFI, Nathan Morin, for being the guiding force behind this incredible accomplishment!



ERIK SHY – PRIVATE



ETHAN VINCENT – CFI

Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to give a standing ovation to none other than the legendary Ethan Vincent – now officially rocking the title of Certified Flight Instructor! But hold up – Ethan isn't just your regular new instructor. Nope, he spent his day schooling a designated pilot examiner on how to own the skies like a boss. It's like teaching Einstein how to do math! And guess what? He even threw in some pro tips on avoiding Burners on the ramp. Let's not forget Ethan isn't just a flight maestro; he's also casually juggling the college life over at Southern Utah University. Books, wings, and probably a fan club – this guy's living the dream. Congratulations on earning your instructor wings Ethan! Your journey is just beginning, and we are excited to see where your flight path takes you.

Congratulations as well to Ethan's legendary instructor, Bob Bennett!



KEVIN STODICK – SOLO

Hold onto your aviator shades because we've got news that's hotter than a runway on a summer day – Kevin Stodick just owned the skies with a solo flight at KRTS, rocking it out on runway 08 with N670CS! Did we mention there was smoke in the air? (All legal under VFR visibility requirements) No biggie for Kevin. He cut through that smoky sky like a true aviation hero, proving that success shines through even the cloudiest (smokiest) challenges. mean, who needs a clear runway when you've got determination lighting up the way? And – that's not all! Kevin's not just a flight maestro; he's also a proud Nevada National Guard member. Skies, ground, is there anything he can't conquer. Kevin, your journey is an inspiration to us all. Your dedication, resilience, and commitment shine like a beacon in the sky. Congratulations on this incredible milestone! Great job as well to his CFI and personal cheerleader, Ryan Mill!

Shelby Sellers Soloed at Stead!! Shelby Sellers Soloed at Stead!! Shelby Sellers Soloed at Stead!! That's a tongue-twister and a victory chant all in one! Runway 08 at KRTS was the stage, and N328ME was the star of the show as Shelby Sellers rocked her solo flight! Smoke, Burners, and TFRs – it's like the universe tried to challenge Shelby, but guess what? This awesome lady laughed in the face of obstacles and soared to an incredible accomplishment! Shelby, you've defied gravity, conquered the skies, and become the embodiment of inspiration. Your solo flight is a testament to your determination and passion. Keep reaching for those clouds – they're just the beginning of your endless flight! A huge congratulations for her incredible CFI, Ryan Mill, who guided her on this journey to solo greatness!



SHELBY SELLERS – SOLO