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THE JOY OF WINTER FLYING

As the winter frost settles in, we're diving into the magical world of winter flying. Beyond the cozy scarves and hot cocoa, winter aviation brings its own set of challenges and joys. Strap in as we explore the needed skills and the exhilarating fun of taking flight in our Northern Nevada soon to be winter wonderland!

1. Cold-Weather Cockpit Mastery: Winter flying demands a certain finesse in managing your aircraft in colder temperatures. From pre-flight checks in chilly conditions to ensuring proper engine warm-up, mastering the art of cold-weather cockpit management is key. No starts under 20 degrees.
 2. Ice, Ice, Maybe: Winter teaches us to dance with ice without slipping. Understanding the signs and dangers of icing conditions and employing effective anti-icing strategies are crucial skills that every winter pilot should have in their toolkit. Make sure to check weather for where you are going.
 3. Weather Wizardry: Winter weather can be unpredictable, but navigating through it successfully turns you into a true weather wizard. Analyzing METARs, TAFs, and weather charts with a keen eye helps you make informed decisions and enhances your overall situational awareness.
 4. Smoother Operator: The colder air often means smoother flying conditions. Embrace the opportunity to refine your flying finesse and enjoy the crisp, clear air that winter brings.
 5. Bundle Up and Buckle Down: Flying in winter requires proper attire, and yes, it can be fashionable! Learning to dress for the occasion keeps you comfortable and focused during those frosty flights.
 6. Navigating Winter Wonders: Witness the world below transform into a snowy spectacle. Winter flying provides the chance to navigate over snow-capped Sierras, calm Lake Tahoe, and landscapes that are nothing short of enchanting. We live in such a gorgeous area, go out and enjoy it from the sky!
 7. Teamwork in the Frosty Skies: Winter flying fosters a sense of camaraderie among pilots as we face the unique challenges that colder weather presents. Learning from each other's experiences and collaborating to overcome weather-related hurdles creates a supportive flying community.
- So, buckle up, aviators! Winter flying isn't just a season; it's an adventure. Embrace the skills it demands, revel in the beauty it unveils, and let the frosty skies become your playground.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- 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.