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FALLING BACK, FLYING FORWARD

As we roll into November, the clocks are about to fall back, which means earlier sunsets, cooler air, and some of the smoothest flying of the year. But it also means less daylight for training and cross-country flights, and a greater chance you'll find yourself landing in the dark sooner than expected.

With the time change coming up next weekend, it's a good time to double-check your currency and night readiness. Remember, for carrying passengers at night, you'll need three takeoffs and landings to a full stop within the past 90 days, and they must be done between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Even if you're not planning any passenger flights, brushing up on night operations is a great way to sharpen your skills and confidence.

A few quick reminders as we head into darker evenings:

- Plan your lessons with the earlier sunrise in mind. Sunset will sneak up faster than you think.
- Bring a flashlight or headlamp (and a backup), and make sure it has a red-light option to preserve night vision.
- Check your airport lighting procedures, know how to activate pilot-controlled lighting before you need it.
- Review night illusions in your textbook or the AIM, they can play tricks on even the best pilots.
- Enjoy the calm skies, cooler temps mean denser air and better performance, perfect for practicing precision flying.

The time change is also a great reminder that proficiency doesn't stop with daylight. Schedule a night flight with your instructor soon, there's nothing like seeing Reno's city lights from a thousand feet up to remind you why you fell in love with aviation in the first place.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Please check for wing covers before you start your pre-flight. Do not lower flaps with covers on. Flaps can bind and crack under the fabric, and any damage will be passed on.**
- Need some study buddies? Don't forget about Private Pilot Study Groups on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6pm-8pm. Instrument Ground School help, those will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6pm-8pm.
- Check out the new time logs in the binders. Renters and/or CFI need to sign that the post flight checklist is completed.



TYLER MACKE- SOLO

Huge congratulations to Tyler Macke!

Tyler just completed his first solo flight, and we couldn't be more proud! From day one, he's brought an incredible work ethic, a sharp sense of humor, and a genuine love for aviation to every lesson. He's always here bright and early, 6 a.m. sharp, ready to preflight, learn, and take off toward his goals. Tyler is one of those students who never cuts corners; he studies hard, asks smart questions, and gives 100% effort whether he's in the pattern or in ground school. Today, all that dedication truly paid off as he took to the skies solo for the very first time!

Originally from Las Vegas, Tyler is working toward becoming a commercial pilot, and if his determination so far is any indication, he's well on his way. When he's not flying, you can find him at the gym, at work as a server, or spending time with friends, but we have a feeling his favorite place to "serve" might now be a few thousand feet above the ground. Big shoutout to his instructor, Cody Klein, for guiding him through every checklist, crosswind, and confidence boost that led to this milestone. Congratulations, Tyler, your solo flight is just the beginning. You've truly earned your wings, and we can't wait to watch your aviation journey keep climbing! ✈️

From mastering the ramp to mastering the hold entries, Lucas Murphy is officially a CFII! Humble, sharp, and always up for a challenge (or a HIT workout), Lucas brings the same energy to the gym that he does to the cockpit. Total precision, no excuses, and a steady, coach-style vibe that lifts everyone around him. If you've seen him on those early-morning briefs, you know: weather, approach plates, frequencies, and plan B/C are dialed before the Hobbs even turns.

As a CFII, Lucas is stepping fully into the clouds: teaching rock-solid instrument scan, radio calm under pressure, holds and entries, approach strategy, missed-approach discipline, and real-world ADM. He's the instructor who turns "I think I get it" into "I've got this" building confidence one briefing, one procedure, one stabilized approach at a time. Our safety culture is better because of the way he prepares, teaches, and cares about every student's progress. Huge congrats as well to CFII Cody Klein for top-tier mentorship and guidance along the way. The teamwork shows.

Cleared for the ILS to Awesome, Lucas! If you're ready to level up your IFR game, come train with Lucas.



LUCAS MURPHY- CFII

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

CHECK OUT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING
GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES:



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**\$50 PER
CLASS (2HRS)**
INSTRUCTOR WILL SIGN
OFF TRAINING IN YOUR
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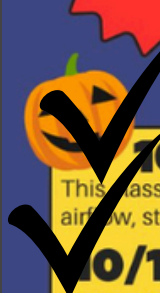


SEPTEMBER



9/20 - AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

The Aircraft Systems class teaches how key systems, engine, electrical, fuel, and control function, preparing you to identify and manage potential issues for safer flight.



10/04 - AERODYNAMICS

This class covers how these planes fly: lift, drag, thrust, and weight, helping you understand airflow, stability, stalls, and maneuvering for better control and efficiency in flight.

10/18 - AVIATION WEATHER

This class teaches you how to interpret METARs, TAFs, charts, and weather patterns, helping you make informed decisions for safer flight planning and in-flight adjustments.



OCTOBER



NEXT

11/01 - AIRSPACE

This class covers airspace classes, chart recognition, communication and equipment requirements, plus the weather minimums every pilot needs to know.



NOVEMBER

11/15 - CHARTS AND FLIGHT PLANNING

This class helps you master sectionals, airspace, and chart symbols, ensuring you can navigate safely and efficiently in all flight environments. This class will also cover route selection, fuel calculations, airspace considerations, and weather analysis, ensuring you can plan safe, efficient, and well-prepared flights.



12/06 - EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

This class prepares you to handle engine failures, system malfunctions, lost communications, and in-flight emergencies, ensuring quick thinking and confident decision-making in critical situations.

12/20 - CHECKRIDE PREP

This class helps you master oral exam questions, flight maneuvers, and scenario-based decision-making, ensuring you are confident and well-prepared for your checkride.



DECEMBER



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