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INCORPORATE THE SIM IN YOUR TRAINING AND SAVE BIG!

Are you training for your instrument rating? Don't overlook the incredible value of incorporating the simulator (SIM) into your flight training!

The FAA allows you to log up to 10 hours of SIM time toward your instrument training requirements. Not only does this enhance your skills in a controlled, focused environment, but it can also save you around \$2,000 compared to the cost of flying an actual aircraft.

The SIM is a powerful tool for mastering key skills like instrument scans, holding patterns, and approaches—all without worrying about fuel costs or weather conditions. Plus, it provides a safe space to work through challenging scenarios and improve your confidence.

Take advantage of this opportunity to maximize your training efficiency and savings. Schedule your SIM time today and make the most of this invaluable resource! Use the SIM—it's a win-win for your wallet and your skills!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Make sure you fly all cockpits!** We all love the G-1000 but, especially if you are considering CFI, get out from behind the glass. As well as for scheduling, make sure you diversify your cockpit management.
- Watch for wing covers and frost. **DO NOT** put the flaps down with the wing covers on.
- In the event of frost formation on your aircraft, you and your CFI will be put to work in helping remove it. Please make sure you have a line technician or a CFI helping you with frost removal. Teamwork is crucial here!
- **Ground School!** Get ahead of it. It will wind up extending your training and your costs if you are not staying consistent on ground school. For Private Pilot, best practice is to have the Knowledge Test completed prior to solo. However, we encourage it to be done well before then. You will be learning daily, so get that solid theoretical knowledge base as early as you can so it all makes sense.



**BRENDAN O'BRIEN –
PRIVATE**

Sky's the limit for Brendan O'Brien, who just took a major step in his aviation journey with earning his Private Pilot's License! His sights are set on becoming a Navy Pilot, and today's milestone brings him one step closer to achieving that goal.

Brendan can now navigate the skies as confidently as he drafts his fantasy football team. Whether he's charting a course or managing his fantasy roster, his determination and focus are unwavering. As he continues to climb toward his ultimate goal of becoming a Navy aviator, we know he'll soar with the same commitment he brings to everything he does. A huge shout-out to his CFI, Grant Muzzio, for helping him reach this high point in his aviation journey. Keep reaching for the clouds, Brendan—you're cleared for greatness!

Let's give a huge round of applause to Kevin Jerde for earning his instrument rating today! From the Everglades to the Sierra Nevada, Kevin has traded gators in the Everglades for the stunning views of the Sierra Nevada. With his newly polished instrument skills, he's ready to take on the clouds with confidence and precision. Kevin's path to this milestone is as impressive as it is varied. From serving in the military to battling fires and solving tech challenges, Kevin has tackled every endeavor with the same grit and determination he's brought to aviation. A heartfelt thank-you goes to his instructor, Ryan Mill, who helped guide Kevin through the rigorous training required by instrument flying and ensured every procedure, approach, and checklist was mastered. Once again, congratulations Kevin, we are so happy to share this achievement with you and can't wait to see what you'll do next. Awesome work Kevin and Ryan! Time to take a nap ;)



**KEVIN JERDE –
INSTRUMENT**