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REMINDER ABOUT PLANE BOOKINGS

To keep training efficient and fair for everyone, we ask that if you book a plane for more than the standard two-hour lesson block, you utilize the full time. Recently, we've noticed three-hour bookings where flight times could have been completed within two hours. These extended bookings impact our ability to serve other students and utilize resources effectively. Pre-solo lessons should always be booked in two-hour blocks. If you require more time, please consult with your instructor and ensure the extended time is fully utilized. Being mindful of your scheduling helps keep the planes moving and training accessible for everyone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Your support ensures we can continue providing the best training experience for all of our students at Great Basin Aviation!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **The Monday Night Study group** will start up again on January 16th. Stay tuned for more details!
- 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!
- **Top of The Hour Reservations** - All GBA flights are scheduled on the hour, not the half-hour, to keep operations efficient. This helps ensure planes are fueled without delays, prevents instructor scheduling overlaps, and keeps training on track. It also simplifies office workflows, aligns with maintenance schedules for safety, and, most importantly, keeps Hailey from Hulking-out when the schedule doesn't line up perfectly! Half-hour reservations will be adjusted to the top of the hour. If you have any questions, feel free to chat with your instructor or call the office. Thanks for helping us keep everything running smoothly!

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**BEN BENESCH –
SOLO**

Ben Benesch took to the skies in N328ME and soloed at KSPZ on runway 24! Ben is no stranger to the intricacies of flying, especially in a tailwheel plane—a true test of skill that he’s already mastered. Transitioning to the tricycle-gear of a Cessna 172 was second nature for Ben, and he handled it with the poise of an experienced aviator. Ecstatic to kick his instructor out of the plane, Ben can now focus on the next challenge heading his way: the private pilot checkride. While GBA has a special fondness for the C172, we’re excited that Ben will soon be able to take to the skies in his very own tailwheel plane, exploring the greater Reno area to his heart’s content. Huge congratulations to Ben and his flight instructor, James Morgan, on this incredible success! Awesome work you two! Ben, we can’t wait to see where your aviation journey takes you next.

Today, we say goodbye to one of our incredible CFI/CFIIs, Nathan Morin, as he takes the next step in his aviation journey. Nathan has been part of the Great Basin Aviation family since he was in high school, when he was just starting his ground training. From the very beginning, he fully immersed himself in aviation, even becoming a line tech for GBA while training. (Which makes it all the more memorable when he put the flaps down with the wing covers on—remember that?) We’ve had the privilege of watching Nathan grow into an amazing pilot and person, and his passion and dedication have left a lasting mark on all of us. Without CFIs like Nathan, GBA wouldn’t be able to fulfill its mission of adding skilled, safe pilots to the skies. Nathan’s contributions have helped shape not only our students but also the future of aviation. While we hate to see any CFI leave, this one stings a little more. Nathan, we’re so proud of you and wish you all the best as you start your new role as a charter pilot—it’s a well-deserved next step. And hey, the silver lining? Food in the office might actually last a little longer now!

Don’t be a stranger, Nathan—your Great Basin family will always be cheering you on. We’ll miss you!



**NATHAN MORIN –
GBA TRAITOR**