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THE REALITY OF AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

At Great Basin Aviation, we understand how frustrating it can be when multiple aircraft require maintenance at the same time—it feels like everything decides to need attention all at once! But as always, maintenance and safety come first to ensure every flight is as safe as possible.

While the schedule is a bit hectic, here are some great alternatives:

- Brush up on ground knowledge: Review manuals, regulations, or practice for your written exam.
- Schedule a simulator session: Stay sharp and keep your skills fresh.
- Join a study group or seminar: Connect with other students for shared learning.

Out of respect for all students, we kindly ask that you limit scheduling blocks to 2 hours until all planes are back on the line. This helps ensure everyone has an opportunity to stay on track with their training.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we prioritize safety and get the fleet back to 100%. Thank you for your continued trust and dedication!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- The **Monday night study groups** are going to **take a small hiatus** during the months of November and December for the holidays, but will be up and running again in January.
- **Double check your reservation times!** Due to maintenance scheduling, the schedule is going to be tight and you may see some changes in your original bookings. We apologize for the inconvenience!
- 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!
- **It's getting dark out there!** Make sure to book no later than 3-5PM unless you **coordinate with your instructor** prior.



**JACOB HULSIZER –
SOLO**

Today marks a monumental achievement for Jacob Hulsizer as he completed his first solo flight at KRTS, taking to the skies in N495SP on runway 26. While Jacob may seem reserved at first, those who know him quickly discover his vibrant personality and boundless energy. He's the loudest supporter at any sporting event, and his talent for track and field proves he's as quick on the ground as he is in the air. When Jacob isn't soaring above Reno and working on his ground school, he's snowboarding down mountain slopes, fishing by serene waters, or venturing into the great outdoors. His love for adventure and drive to push boundaries make him a natural in the cockpit.

This milestone reflects Jacob's hard work and dedication, as well as the guidance and expertise of his flight instructor, Andrew Spanier, who has played a key role in helping Jacob achieve his dream of flight. Jacob, we're incredibly proud of you and can't wait to see what's next in your aviation journey. Fly high and keep chasing your dreams!

Well butter our biscuits and call it a tailwind—Derrick Craine has earned his instrument rating! Straight out of Georgia, Derrick's got enough southern charm to make sweet tea jealous. Around GBA, he's known for keeping spirits high with his big ol' grin and knack for wrangling the aircraft on the line. You can hear his unmistakable laugh echoing down the hallway faster than you can say "y'all watch this." When it comes to flying, though, Derrick's as serious as a catfish on a hot skillet. He's spent countless hours holed up in the conference rooms, wrestling approach plates, decoding weather reports, and perfecting his craft. Now, he's ready to handle the clouds like a true pro, and we couldn't be prouder of his hard work and dedication. We reckon his instructor, Eric Harned, deserves a tip of the cowboy hat for steering this southern dynamo through the skies. Guiding Derrick might've been a hoot, but Eric kept the lessons steady as a good ol' Georgia pecan pie. Congratulations, Derrick! You've got the heart, hustle, and humor to make it far. We can't wait to see you flying high, grinning all the way.



**DERRICK CRAINE –
INSTRUMENT**



SANDDON SHERWOOD-KOPKO – COMMERCIAL

Sanddon Sherwood-Kopko has achieved his commercial pilot certificate! Known for his unstoppable drive and can-do attitude, Sanddon has proven he's a force to be reckoned with both on the ground and in the air. Juggling the demands of a full-time personal training career, family life, and the rigorous training required for a commercial rating, Sanddon has shown that hard work and focus can take you anywhere. Over the course of his training, he demonstrated the precision and professionalism required to meet the high standards of a commercial pilot. Whether nailing power-off 180s, executing steep spirals, or perfecting complex air maneuvers, Sanddon has been relentless in fine-tuning his skills. His ability to stay calm under pressure and adapt to new challenges has been nothing short of impressive. All of this wouldn't have been possible without the guidance of his instructor, Nathan Morin, whose expertise and dedication played a key role in Sanddon's success. Together, they've worked tirelessly to make this goal a reality. Congratulations, Sanddon! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you next.

Batter up! Maks Barger has stepped onto the field and knocked his checkride out of the park by earning his Private Pilot License! This aviation all-star has been putting in the work to climb the ranks. With the Reno Air Race Association scholarship backing him, Maks brought his A-game to every lesson, demonstrating focus and determination worthy of a true pro. Whether it was mastering steep turns or drilling in his ground knowledge, Maks approached each challenge like a seasoned player, making it clear he was destined for the majors of aviation. When Maks isn't acing his flight training, you can find him playing baseball (could you tell?), grinding out his schoolwork, or enjoying a good burger. With all this said, no champion achieves greatness alone. Let's give a huge shoutout to Maks's instructor, Ryan Mill, for being the ultimate coach, guiding him through every inning of his training and ensuring he was ready to crush his checkride. Maks, you've proven that when you step up to the plate, it's a guaranteed home run. Congratulations on this incredible achievement—you've earned it! Now, take a victory lap at pattern altitude, because the skies are your new ballpark.



MAKS BARGER – PRIVATE PILOT



**HAYLI STEWART –
SOLO**

Wait a second... haven't we seen this lady before? Oh right—wasn't she the one caught stealing candy from the office? Or maybe it's because she was GBA's October Pilot of the Month. Wait... it was both?! That's right, folks—the candy thief herself, Hayli Stewart, has achieved the ultimate milestone today and soloed N670CS at KRNO on runway 17L! As we got to know Hayli a little better today, we unearthed some... let's call them interesting details. For starters, she's got a thing for rocks, potatoes (yes, really), CRAC (no, not that kind of crack...), skiing, her motorcycle, and line dancing. She's truly a character through and through! It was only a little painful to watch her fill out the "Tell Us About You" form. But let's not let the jokes overshadow the fact that Hayli is an amazing student who absolutely excels in the classroom and brings an infectious energy wherever she goes. To top it all off, her parents were here today to cheer her on during this unforgettable milestone. Let's give a huge round of applause to Hayli Stewart and her flight instructor, Eric Harned, for this incredible achievement. We can't wait to see what the candy thief accomplishes next! 🔍