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CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

As we embrace the winter skies with its crisp air and stunning sunrises, it's crucial to be mindful of potential hazards associated with our airplane's heating systems. While cold weather often brings improved aircraft performance, it also poses risks, especially concerning carbon monoxide (CO) exposure.

The Risk: Aircraft heaters, while effective, can pose a CO threat if there's a leak in the exhaust system. CO is odorless and colorless, deceiving your blood into bonding with it instead of oxygen, which can lead to hypoxia symptoms—ranging from headaches to impaired decision-making.

Preventive Measures:

1. **Regular Maintenance:** Our routine checks inspect and address any exhaust system issues.
2. **Exhaust System Inspection:** our mechanic pays special attention to ensure the exhaust system remains sealed and effective.
3. **CO Detectors:** All GBA aircraft are equipped with reliable CO detectors for an early warning system.

Action Steps: If you experience symptoms during flight, such as headaches or dizziness, consider CO exposure. Take immediate action by opening windows for ventilation, and landing as soon as safely possible.

Your safety is our priority. Stay informed, stay vigilant, and enjoy the winter skies responsibly.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Please make sure to be early if you are the first flight of the day. We need that hangar space! preflight and be ready to go at start time. Also, oil needs to warm. Watch your oil temps! Do not take off unless you are in the green.
- Don't forget about the **FREE** Monday night study group too! Every Monday, 6pm-8pm.



PABLO STEIN – INSTRUMENT

Pablo Stein, the Rochester rocket, has officially mastered the skies in Reno by earning the tough Instrument Rating! Navigating the skies with the finesse of a seasoned pilot, Pablo's journey mirrors the stunning landscapes of the Sierra Nevada. As he takes a moment to savor success, our focus shifts to encouraging him towards the next goal – securing his Commercial certification. In that celebration, we are letting him have a little break so he can travel to Chile for the Holiday and visit family. Then, once he returns, it is back to the books, and sky, for this guy! Kudos to Pablo's CFII, Ryan Mill, for steering him through the clouds with precision. Join us in applauding Pablo Stein, a rising star in Reno's aviation scene. We look forward to witnessing his continued journey towards a Commercial Pilot Certificate.