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A FLEET OF GREAT PLANES

We might be partial, but these GBA planes are truly exceptional! Our fleet is designed with consistency in mind (similar to Southwest Airlines' model), allowing you to transition seamlessly between aircraft with only minor nuances. Our certified mechanics meticulously maintain each plane, ensuring peak performance and airworthiness for every flight. Featuring modern avionics and renowned models like the C172S, our fleet blends advanced technology with proven designs to enhance safety and learning. While the average privately owned aircraft flies just 100–150 hours a year, our planes routinely fly over 100 hours a month—a testament to their reliability and rigorous maintenance. Things may wear or break over time, but airworthiness is never compromised.

We know that pilots often get a favorite plane. That's a normal thing; we all have our favorites too. We'll do our best to ensure the plane you book is the one you fly, but sometimes that isn't possible. Maintenance is an essential part of keeping our aircraft safe and flying, which sometimes means that a scheduled flight in one plane will get adjusted to another.

All of the aircraft are the same under the hood and are almost identical on the panel (G1000 excepted, of course). Any squawks that crop up get dealt with during frequent maintenance. Because of this, we encourage you to fly all of the planes! It's good experience plus allows for much greater flexibility with your bookings.

Embrace the opportunity get familiar with the entire fleet—each plane has its character, but all are maintained to the highest standards to ensure your safety and success as a pilot.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- 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.
- **Please report any anomalies before flying** and any issues or damage immediately after the flight to ensure safety and airworthiness.



**AVERY REDMON –
PRIVATE**

The fantastic, the incredible, the unstoppable, (hold on I have to catch my breath) and most importantly the newest private pilot in town, Avery Redmon has aced her private pilot checkride today! Avery is truly a force to be reckoned with. If she's not here studying like the beast she is, she's either serving proudly in the Army National Guard, excelling in her education, or fine tuning her scary accurate sharpshooter skills. It's also crucial to mention that this fantastic lady is also a recipient of the highly esteemed Reno Air Race Association scholarship and has been utilizing her funds to reach this very milestone. While a quiet and gentle soul, Avery Redmon has the grit and determination like none other. What a fantastic thing it is to see her reach this point in her training, but as we've mentioned in her solo write-up, she's pretty freaking awesome and it's really no surprise that she's conquered yet another incredible achievement. Let's give a thunderous round of applause to Avery and her flight instructor, Eric Harned, whose expert guidance played a vital role in her success. We truly can't wait to see where Avery's aviation journey takes her next. Awesome work, Avery! Now get out there and fly!

Cody Bullard is no stranger to the sky—he's been piloting helicopters for the Army National Guard for years as a commercial pilot, but today he earned another incredible achievement and got his private pilot airplane single engine land add on! Cody's journey in aviation is nothing short of inspiring. From flying helicopters to pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering, he's proven time and again that his passion for aviation knows no bounds. Transitioning from rotors to wings isn't easy, but Cody tackled his training with the same determination and skill that have defined his aviation career. Huge shoutout to Cody's instructor, Ryan Mill, for guiding him through this exciting chapter. Ryan, you've been an incredible mentor and a key part of Cody's success. Cody, whether it's helicopters or airplanes, you've shown that the sky truly is your domain. We can't wait to see where your aviation journey takes you next. Congratulations again on this incredible achievement —keep soaring to new heights!



**CODY BULLARD –
PRIVATE**



**KURT FINNEY –
PRIVATE**

Known for his cool composure and relentless determination, Kurt Finney channeled that energy today and earned his private pilot certificate!

Balancing a busy career as an air conditioning salesman and his unique hobby of touching his nose with his tongue (yes, I'm not joking about that tidbit of information...), Kurt has proven that no challenge is too big for him. From the very start, Kurt set himself apart

by completing his ground school and passing his written exam before even beginning flight training—a testament to his work ethic and dedication. With his written out of the way, Kurt poured all his energy into mastering the art of flying. This drive and

determination earned him the title of GBA's September Pilot of the Month, and today, he soared to new heights

by earning his private pilot license. A huge congratulations to Kurt and his flight instructor, Cory Kleidosty, for achieving this incredible milestone! Cory's expert guidance and Kurt's commitment have proven to be an unstoppable combination. We can't wait to see what the future holds for Kurt as he takes to the skies. Way to go, Kurt!