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PILOT OF THE MONTH - SHELBY SELLERS

You've seen her before and you'll see her again, Shelby Sellers is GBA's October pilot of the month! The woman who smiles in the face of adversity and who's willing to take on any challenge has taken on her flight training head on. From balancing her adventurer lifestyle, work, and flight training, Shelby's persistence has soared above and beyond. With solo out of the way, Shelby's been pushing through checkride prep like a champ and is ready to tie a bow on the rest of her training! Great work Shelby, it's been a pleasure watching your progress! Keep up the amazing work!



REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- N752DW will be heading in for a new engine next week! Any reservations within the first 100 hours after it returns will need to produce max allowable power (75% in cruise) and monitor engine temps carefully. CHT values should be kept below 400 if possible. No touch and go's, approaches, etc. Please update your reservations on DW through mid December if you find yourself in these situations.
- It is **COLD!!** Dress for it. Allow sufficient time to let the engine warm up.
- Don't forget about the **FREE** Monday night study group too! Every Monday, 6pm-8pm.
- Watch for wing covers and frost. DO NOT put the flaps down with the wing covers on.

We are bubbling over with excitement to share some fangtastic news about an enchanting pilot, Ann Leeper! This Halloween, Ann, our high-flying superstar, achieved a "spooktacular" milestone – she earned her private pilot's certificate! Even more fangtastic was her calm and composed performance during the examination, proving that she's not afraid to take flight, even in the spookiest of skies! Ann's accomplishment is positively witchin' when you consider the dedication and hard work she put into this achievement. Despite her busy work schedule, she managed to attend study "ghouls," clock in countless flying hours, and immerse herself in all things aviation. It's no surprise that her passion for flying extends to her personal life, given that she's married to a pilot. Talk about a match made in Halloween heaven! And (quick dig) she did score better than him on her knowledge test. What makes this achievement even more "fang-tastic" is Ann's ability to stay relaxed, even after returning from a week-long vacation in sunny Mexico, to face the freezing temperatures here at home. Her determination and resilience are truly spooktacular. Let's also take a moment to raise our broomsticks to her Certified Flight Instructor, Matt Helleckson. His expertise and mentor-spirit hauntedly played a significant role in Ann's success. Ann, your achievement is a treat, not a trick! We are absolutely batty over your hard work, passion, and unwavering commitment. Your success is sweeter than Halloween candy and reminds us of the importance of pursuing our dreams with determination and enthusiasm. Please join us in congratulating Ann on this enchanting accomplishment!



ANN LEEPER – PRIVATE

**DEREK DAVIS – CFI**

Buckle up for some exciting news! Our very own Derek Davis, the friendly face guiding you into your parking spot, the bug washer extraordinaire, and the guy who never fails to bring a smile to your face, is now a Certified Flight Instructor! Despite some squirrely skies, Derek showcased his exceptional skills and earned his Instructor Certificate today, proving he's more than ready to teach in our crazy Northern Nevada skies. Derek is nothing short of amazing. Not only does he juggle his roles here at GBA, but he also manages a beautiful family – his lovely wife Staci and adorable son Easton, who you might have spotted in the office on some Sundays. If that's not impressive enough, Derek coaches youth football (and had a pretty standout season!), works full time, and still finds time to lend a hand to our team once a week. Let's not forget the countless hours he spent studying and preparing for one of the toughest checkrides out there. Talk about dedication and determination! We're beyond thrilled for you, Derek! Your hard work and positive attitude inspire us all. Your achievement is a testament to your exceptional skills and unwavering commitment. A massive shoutout is also in order for Derek's CFI, Richard Brong, whose guidance played a significant role in Derek's success. Join us in congratulating Derek on this incredible achievement