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AIM HIGH: NEVER SETTLE FOR MINIMUM STANDARDS IN FLIGHT TRAINING!

As you navigate your path to becoming a skilled pilot, remember this crucial mantra: never settle for minimum standards. While meeting the bare requirements might get you off the ground, it's striving for excellence that will truly make you soar.

In the world of aviation, mediocrity simply won't cut it. The sky demands precision, dedication, and a commitment to continuous improvement. Instead of just ticking boxes and rushing through your training, embrace each lesson as an opportunity to excel. Push yourself to master every maneuver, absorb every piece of knowledge like a sponge, and embrace challenges as stepping stones to success.

Sure, it might be tempting to take shortcuts or coast through with the bare minimum effort. But trust us when we say that the view from the top is far more rewarding when you've earned it through hard work and determination.

So, fellow flight training students, let's raise the bar and aim for excellence in everything we do. Whether it's acing that crosswind landing or acing the written exam, let's push ourselves beyond our comfort zones and reach for the skies – and beyond!

Remember, the journey to becoming a pilot is not just about getting from point A to point B; it's about embracing the thrill of the unknown, conquering challenges, and ultimately, fulfilling your dreams of flight.

So, buckle up, spread your wings, and let's embark on this exhilarating adventure together. The runway to greatness awaits – let's take off and soar!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Instrument Ground School begins on March 4th. There are a couple seats left so please reach out to the office if you would like more info, or to sign up.
- Temps are going to dip a bit. Watch for wing covers and engine heat. No start ups in the 20's unless the engine has been warmed by an external heater.
- These storms have been temperamental Make sure you are doing a thorough weather brief and even calling your local FSS. Always good to talk out your flight plans with someone.



**ZACH HEYWOOD –
PRIVATE PILOT**

Let's give a warm round of applause to our very own Zach Heywood, who just earned his wings as a private pilot amidst winter's chills! Despite facing some frosty challenges – from storm delays to CFI turnover (the good kind) – he heatedly persevered through it all with sheer determination and grit. Not only does Zach soar through the skies, but he also keeps us cozy as a cuddly blanket with his full-time hustle in HVAC. Talk about juggling hot and cold! And word on the street is, he still manages to find time to enjoy his favorite winter snack – tacos, with a side of extra hot sauce to battle the chill.

Now that's what we call a winter warrior! Zach, your radiant smile and unwavering focus warm our hearts. Massive kudos to Nik Joshi and Eric Harned for keeping up with Zach's high-flying aspirations! Keep defying gravity, Zach – the sky's the limit (pun intended)! We're absolutely blown away by your achievements and can't wait to see where your aviation adventure takes you next.

Huge congratulations to Kevin Linderman, who this evening took his first solo flight and tasted the sweet freedom of the skies!! Despite juggling a hectic schedule – from full-time work to wrangling farm animals, chasing after kids, and still finding time to pursue his passion for hunting and outdoor adventures, he's added learning to fly to his impressive list of accomplishments! Even with the weather delays and busy days, Kevin stayed determined and focused on his goal, and the result speaks for itself – pure, unadulterated freedom in the air! Soloing at KSPZ, runway 06, in N37JA was just the beginning of Kevin's journey into the wild blue yonder. Huge shoutout to his CFI, Nathan Morin, for guiding him through every twist and turn of this exhilarating adventure! Kevin's story is a reminder that no matter how busy life gets, there's always room to spread your wings and chase your dreams. So here's to embracing the thrill of the unknown, seizing every opportunity, and soaring to new heights – both in the air and in life!



**KEVIN LINDERMAN –
SOLO**