

THE HOLD SHORT

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22 FEB - 28 FEB

TAKE CARE OF YOUR AIRCRAFT – LEAVE IT BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT

When you rent an aircraft, you're responsible for keeping it clean, intact, and ready for the next pilot. Just like in the wilderness, leave no trace.

Handle With Care

- Use proper hand grips—DO NOT SLAM DOORS.
- Be gentle with switches, controls, and seat adjustments. If it doesn't move easily, don't force it.

Keep It Clean

- Wipe off suction cup marks from the windscreen.
- Take out your trash—no used checklists, wrappers, or water bottles.
- If you scuff it, clean it—a quick wipe-down keeps it professional.

Respect the Equipment

- Don't let the yoke or pedals snap back—they're connected to flight control cables.
- Double-check everything is secure—control locks, chocks, windows, doors, and fuel caps.

A little extra care means fewer maintenance issues, fewer delays, and a better experience for all. Treat every aircraft like it's your own, and leave it better than you found it! Thank you for your help with keeping the fleet maintained.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

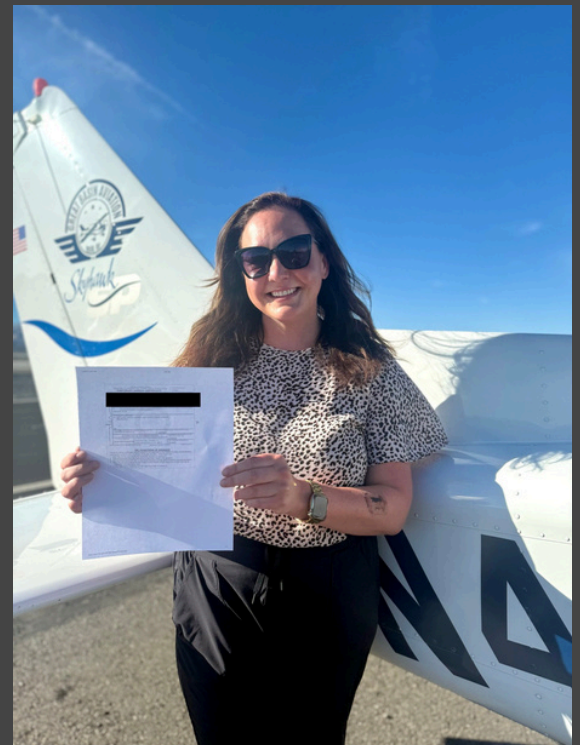
- Watch for wing covers and frost. DO NOT put the flaps down with the wing covers on.
- In the event of frost formation on your aircraft, you and your CFI will be put to work in helping remove it. Please make sure you have a line technician or a CFI helping you with frost removal. Teamwork is crucial here!
- Please pay attention to your parking at the end of the day. A parking map will be posted on top of the locker. If you have questions interpreting the map, please let me know and I'll answer your questions.
- Please report any anomalies before flying and any issues or damage immediately after the flight to ensure safety and airworthiness.



**ELLIOT FEHR –
PRIVATE**

Well, well , well... if it isn't Elliot Fehr impressing us yet again but now as a private pilot! That's right, November's GBA pilot of the month and trouble child (just kidding) has finally done it and conquered the notorious PPL checkride! Battling weather left and right, Elliot has been trying to not lose his mind (alongside us... this guy never leaves us alone) as he patiently waited for the weather to finally break free and allow him to flaunt his stuff. Suffice to say, the day has finally come, and he can now grace the skies of the greater Reno area and beyond as a private pilot. Elliot has been working incredibly hard to get to this point in his training. From balancing home renovations, commuting from the lake, baking to his heart's content, living his life as a tech wizard and GBA website guru, and spending time with his best friend Oscar (who's a dog by the way...), all while learning how to fly, Elliot has shown us that with extreme dedication and passion, any goal is achievable. Let's give Elliot and his princess flight instructor, Andrew Spanier, a huge congratulations on this incredible accomplishment! Amazing work Elliot, now go take a nap and enjoy skies!

"Louize! Louize over here— Louize, tell us who you're wearing tonight— Louize, what an incredible performance in The Hunt for Red October— Louize, what's even more incredible is the fact that you're a private pilot now!" You heard it here folks, the fantastic and surely famous Louize Borrás has conquered her private pilot checkride! From balancing vacationing in Cabo for her birthday, signing autographs for her fans, and ensuring the safety of her passengers as an Alaska flight attendant, she's done it all and flight training at the same time! Louize is a fantastic human being. When she's not making us belly laugh in the office, she's probably tabbing her FAR/AIM to perfection, flying like a mad woman, or spending time with her lovely doggies. Louize, we are so incredibly proud of you and all the incredible hard work you've put into your training. This milestone is every bit deserved, and we can't wait to see what your next achievement is. Let's give Louize and her flight instructor, Andrew Spanier, who has been with her every step of the way along this journey, a huge round of applause! Congratulations you two! Time to take a hard-earned nap.



**LOUIZE BORRAS –
PRIVATE**



**HAYLI STEWART –
PRIVATE**

“Put your hands up! We’ve finally got her! The candy thief has been secured. Let me see your driver’s license ma’am... I said your driver’s license, not your private pilot license.” Hold the phone y’all, today’s a fantastic today because the magnificent Hayli Stewart has officially earned her private pilot license! To put it bluntly, Hayli is a character through and through. From stealing GBA’s candy, earning October pilot of the month, heli skiing in Alaska, being an expert line dancer, and now being able to fly as a private pilot, she’s seriously a bad ass. Adventure is this woman’s middle name and it’s truly no surprise to see how incredibly far Hayli has come throughout her flight training. She’s an incredible human being and an incredible pilot. Let’s give this aviatrix a huge round of applause on this absolutely amazing accomplishment. And while we’re at it, let’s give Hayli’s flight instructor, Eric Harned, a huge thank you for supporting Hayli every step of the way through her flight training... even if she called you fat a couple times. Amazing work you guys! Hayli, you can finally start reading your books again (and I’m not talking about the FAR/AIM).

Brayden Bishop is GBA’s February pilot of the month! If you know Brayden, you know this is truly no surprise. From finishing his ground school, flying like an absolute mad man, and completing his first phase check today with flying colors, it’s apparent that Brayden is a force to be reckoned with. Brayden was truly meant for the skies. When asked, “What do you want to be when you grow up.” He responded with, “I don’t know where I want to end up specifically, but I do know I want to be flying.” Brayden is incredibly kind, soft spoken, and a crazy diligent worker. It’s truly a privilege to celebrate Brayden’s hard work today, so let’s give him the biggest of congratulations on this awesome accomplishment! When he’s not flying like a crazy person, you can find him enjoying the great outdoors, cooking up a chef’s masterpiece, living on the edge while riding motorcycles, and being with his friends and family. Awesome work Brayden, solo is just on the horizon!



**BRAYDEN BISHOP –
PILOT OF THE MONTH**

D**25 JAN - 31 JAN**

GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**JACOB HULSIZER –
PILOT OF THE MONTH**

Jacob Hulsizer is GBA's January pilot of the month, and for good reason! From day one, Jacob has been all-in on his flight training, bringing dedication, enthusiasm, and an unstoppable work ethic to every lesson. Whether he's hitting the books in ground school or fine-tuning his maneuvers in the air, his commitment to mastering every aspect of aviation is undeniable. But Jacob isn't just a great student—he's a force of nature. Off the runway, he's known for his high energy, passion for adventure, and unwavering support for his fellow pilots. Whether he's cheering the loudest at sporting events, dominating on the track, or carving up fresh powder on the slopes, he approaches everything with the same determination and excitement that he brings to flying. Jacob's hard work is paying off, and we couldn't be prouder of his progress. Keep chasing the skies, Jacob—we can't wait to see where your aviation journey takes you next!

E**19 OCT - 25 OCT**

GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**JOHN HAMILTON –
SOLO**

John Hamilton has officially dominated the skies as he soloed at KRNO on rwy 17L in N752DW! This recipient of the prestigious Reno Air Race Association scholarship has been skillfully balancing school and flight training, and today, all his hard work paid off. His first solo was nothing short of spectacular, and we couldn't be more excited for him. John's love for aviation shines through every flight, and his dedication to improving is inspiring. With school on one hand and flight training on the other, he's been navigating both like a pro, proving he's got what it takes to soar to new heights. A huge thank you goes out to his instructor, Eric Harned, for guiding John on this incredible journey. It's no small task to help someone spread their wings, but Eric's support and teaching have truly made a difference. John, you've proven today that you're ready to take on the skies solo, and we can't wait to see where your journey takes you next. Congratulations! Private pilot is just on the horizon!