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SURVIVING THE PRIVATE PILOT WRITTEN EXAM (WITHOUT PULLING YOUR HAIR OUT!)

Let's be real—when you signed up for flight training, you probably imagined flying, not grinding through test prep. But before you earn those wings, you've got to tackle the Private Pilot Written Exam—a 60-question test covering everything from airspace and weather to aerodynamics and flight planning. The good news? It's totally doable with the right approach.

First, don't just memorize—understand the material. The FAA loves recycling questions, so use practice tests (your King School has unlimited) to get familiar with their style. Aim for 90% consistently before scheduling the real deal. Struggling with METARs, TAFs, or airspace? Ask your CFI for help or find study groups to reinforce tricky topics.

Set a test date so you don't procrastinate, and in the final week, focus on reviewing weak areas. On test day, read each question carefully, trust your training, and don't overthink—your first instinct is usually right. If things don't go as planned, use your test report to study up and try again. The written exam is just one step toward getting in the air, so study smart and get it done—your real adventure begins once you pass! The written exam is just one step toward getting in the air, so study smart and get it done—your real adventure begins once you pass! And remember, this is just the first of many knowledge tests on your path to a career in aviation. Developing the right approach (pun intended) now will set you up for success on future exams

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. 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.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MOTHER NATURE TAKES THE WIN!



PICTURE: NOT ACTUALLY MOTHER NATURE

Well folks, it looks like our top performer this week isn't one of our amazing students—it's Mother Nature herself! She's been hard at work, putting on a full display of her talents: relentless winds, low ceilings, and just enough turbulence to make even the most confident pilot second-guess their life choices.

While GBA students were ready to take to the skies, Mother Nature had other plans. Apparently, she decided this was the perfect week for an impromptu "Advanced Weather Systems" lesson. Atmospheric Rivers. Check. Gusty winds? Oh, absolutely. So, congratulations, Mother Nature—you win this round. But don't get too comfortable... as soon as you ease up, we'll be back in the air, logging hours and proving that pilots are, in fact, stubbornly persistent. Until then, we'll be over here, sipping coffee and perfecting our ground school knowledge. But, with all due respect, clear up soon, dang it! Thanks.