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## WHEN TRAINING GETS HARD, REMEMBER WHY

There comes a point in training where the excitement fades a little. The first flight, your first solo, those early milestones are unforgettable. But as you keep going, it can start to feel harder. Lessons get more challenging, progress slows, and not every flight goes the way you want. What once felt exciting can start to feel like pressure.

That's when it matters most to remember your why. Why did you start? Maybe it was a lifelong dream, a new challenge, a future career, or just proving to yourself that you can do something hard. Maybe it was that feeling the first time the wheels left the runway and everything just clicked. Whatever it is, that reason matters.

Because aviation will test you. Not just your skills, but your patience, discipline, and mindset. There will be days where nothing feels smooth, where you second guess yourself, or where it feels like you're not progressing as fast as you should. At Great Basin Aviation, we see it every day. The students who push through the tough flights, the setbacks, and the frustration are the ones who become great pilots, not because it was easy, but because they didn't quit when it wasn't.

So if training feels hard right now, take a second. Step back, breathe, and remember what got you here. Your why is bigger than any one bad flight, any delay, or any tough lesson. Keep going.

## REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Dont forget to tell us where you are heading!** Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments in the booking.
- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored even after hours.
- Come to the Monday night study groups! Private Pilot is the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 6pm-8pm. Advanced rating/certificate study groups will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, same time.
- Runway 8/26 at KRNO is closed 3/2-5/1.
- Taxiway signage and names will change on July 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a map in the GBA if you want to check it out and get familiar with it prior to the change.

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Huge congrats to Jacob Hulsizer on officially becoming a Commercial Pilot!!

If you've been to a weekly study session lately, you already know Jacob is basically a permanent fixture. Always there, always dialed in, and somehow always one step ahead on the knowledge. The guy doesn't just study, he knows his stuff. Like actually knows it. Annoyingly well sometimes.

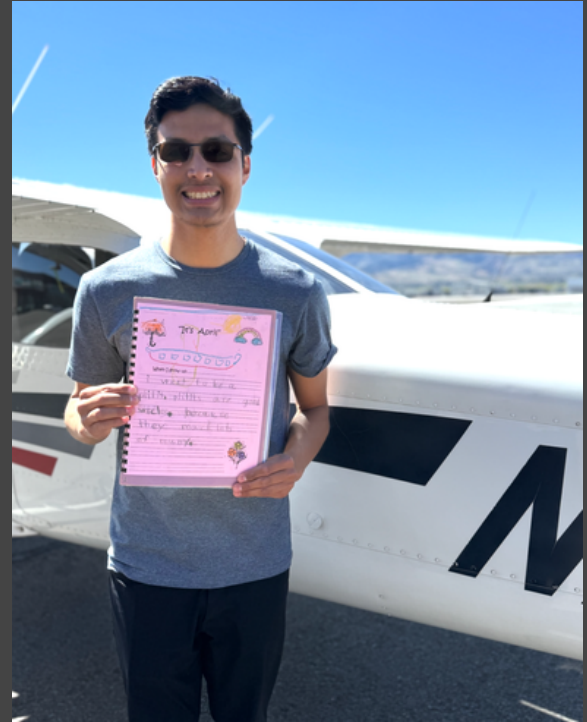
Training with Andrew Spanier has been a top-tier duo. Consistent, focused, and just quietly getting it done every single week. No shortcuts, no excuses, just showing up and putting in the work until this checkride was inevitable. The kind of team that makes it look easy... but only because of how much work is happening behind the scenes.

And honestly, this has been a long time coming. First-grade Jacob had it figured out early, writing that he wanted to be a "pilit because pilits mack lots of muny," and somehow... he wasn't wrong. Dream achieved, spelling still questionable.

Outside of flying, Jacob somehow still has energy to be a fast runner (like... actually fast), go fish, and chase whatever adventure is next. Pretty on brand for someone who clearly doesn't believe in sitting still. If there's something to improve at, he's already working on it.

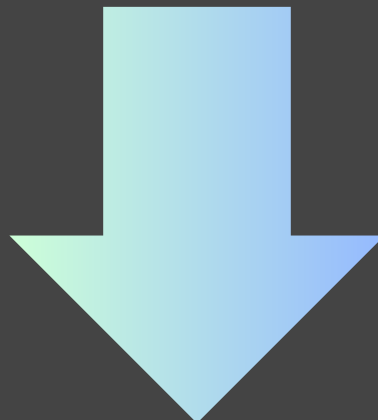
All in all, zero surprise here. This one felt like a "when," not an "if." He set the standard early and just kept raising it. Huge accomplishment and very well deserved.

Go enjoy it for a second... then probably start working on the next rating by tomorrow morning because we know that's exactly who you are.



**Jacob Hulsizer-  
CPL**

**Check the next page for information  
regarding an upcoming class led by CFI  
Josh Gilmore!**



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# RUSTY PILOT REFRESHER



Sunday April 19th, 2026

## READY TO GET BACK IN THE LEFT SEAT?

This Rusty Pilot Refresher presentation is designed to rebuild your confidence and sharpen the knowledge you need to fly safely again.

We'll review key topics including current regulations, weather fundamentals, airspace structure, airport operations, and effective radio communication—focusing on the practical information every pilot uses on every flight. Whether you've been away for months or years, this session will help bridge the gap between where you are now and working productively with a CFI, so you can get back in the air with confidence and clarity.

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**TIME TBD**

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