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MASTERING WIND AWARENESS: A KEY ELEMENT FOR SAFE FLYING

As pilots, we understand the significance of checking wind conditions before taking to the skies. However, it's not just about glancing at the windsock on the ground; understanding winds aloft and runway options is equally crucial, especially here in Reno.

Winds aloft can significantly differ from surface winds and can have a substantial impact on your flight, affecting everything from groundspeed to fuel consumption. Utilizing resources like METAR, TAF, FSS, or aviation weather apps can provide invaluable insights into forecasted winds at various altitudes along your route.

Moreover, being aware of crosswind runway availability is vital. In Reno, where winds can vary widely due to terrain and weather patterns, knowing which runways are open can make a world of difference in ensuring a safe takeoff and landing. Always double-check with ATIS or listen to tower communications for runway status updates.

Above all, remember that no flight is worth compromising safety. Establishing personal minimums and adhering to them is non-negotiable. If the wind conditions exceed your comfort level or proficiency, don't hesitate to postpone or cancel your flight. Your safety and that of your passengers always come first.

So, before you taxi out for your next adventure, take a moment to assess not only the ground winds but also the winds aloft and runway options. By mastering wind awareness, you're taking a significant step towards safer and more enjoyable flights.

Happy and safe flying!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Please take the GBA survey at <https://forms.gle/PpKPNG1YED41mGdr8>. Your feedback is important to us!
- If you would like to be part of the Study Group or Pilot Sharing What's Apps, please contact the office and we will add you.



TIM ADAMS – SOLO

We've got a tooth-tastic announcement! Tim Adams, our fearless student pilot and full-time endodontist, has just soared through his first solo flight, reaching new altitudes! Despite weather setbacks, Tim finally caught a break with calm skies for his solo flight debut. Flying solo in KRTS aboard N495SP on runway 08, Tim's dedication and determination have truly paid off, proving once again that he's not afraid to face challenges head-on! As an Army veteran and dental pro, Tim's no stranger to tough situations. Just like he expertly navigates tricky root canals, he's conquered the skies with confidence. With his ground school and knowledge test already conquered, Tim's flight training was turbocharged, even amidst those pesky weather cancellations. Tim, keep soaring high and showing those clouds who's boss! Your aviation dreams are taking flight, and we couldn't be happier for you! Huge kudos to Tim's CFIs Danny Britson and Ryan Mill for their expert guidance and support throughout this thrilling journey. Let's give them a round of applause!

Today, we're throwing confetti (figuratively, of course, Hailey hates messes) for none other than Shane McAlister, the newest member of the "Triple Threat" club: instrument-rated pilot, GBA line tech extraordinaire, and undisputed champion of sandwich consumption! Despite his busy schedule of charming customers on the ramp and racing against time to scarf down two sandwiches in one sitting, Shane somehow managed to conquer the clouds and earn his instrument rating. Talk about multitasking! So, the next time you see Shane zipping around the hangar or making miracles happen on the ramp, be sure to give him a pat on the back (or maybe just a high-five, we don't want to interrupt his sandwich feast). Major kudos to Shane's CFI, Ryan Mill, for guiding him through the clouds and beyond! Stay tuned, you will be hearing more about Shane very soon as he is on the fast track for his commercial certificate and then CFI!



SHANE MCALISTER – INSTRUMENT

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Today, we're raising our steins to celebrate another wunderbar milestone in Jurgen Hirt's flying adventure: He just earned his instrument rating! Besides his full-time studies at UNR, work, and his passion for playing the Bassoon in the UNR Orchestra and Reno Philharmonic, Jurgen works hard and powers through his flight ratings and certificates. What's the secret ingredient behind Jurgen's success? Well, maybe it's his lucky number 18! He soloed on the 18th of the month, got his private pilot's license on the 18th of the month, and now his instrument rating on the 18th of the month! It seems like the number 18 brings Glück to his fliegende Reise!! Plus, he is motivated and focused on his studies. Jurgen, you're a true Vogel and an inspiration to us all! We look forward to many more exciting flying adventures with you. Herzlichen Glückwunsch zu dieser beeindruckenden Leistung! Big shoutout as well to Jurgen's CFI Ryan Mill for guiding him through the skies with expertise and skill!



JURGEN HIRT – INSTRUMENT



JENNIFER CAREY – SOLO

Join us in celebrating the incredible achievement of Jennifer Carey, who has just soared to new heights with her solo flight at KSPZ! Flying solo in N495SP on runway 06, Jennifer has demonstrated her exceptional skills and unwavering determination, proving that with passion and perseverance, anything is possible! Despite facing some challenging weather conditions this winter and now spring, Jennifer's resilience and dedication have propelled her towards this remarkable milestone. But Jennifer's talents extend far beyond the cockpit – when she's not navigating the skies, she's tearing up the racetrack as a drag racer, leading Washoe County 4H clubs, and excelling in her career as a surgical nurse. Managing a bustling household complete with kids and farm animals is all in a day's work for this multitasking dynamo! Jennifer, your accomplishments inspire us all, and you serve as a shining example of what can be achieved through hard work and determination. Great job as well to Jennifer's CFI, Nathan Morin, whose guidance and support have been instrumental in her journey to solo flight success!