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PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION WITH ATC

Effective communication with Air Traffic Control is essential for safe and efficient flights. Pilots must adhere to standard phraseology outlined in the Aeronautical Information Manual (AIM) to ensure clarity and precision in all communications with ATC.

Maintaining a calm and composed demeanor while communicating with ATC is paramount. Pilots should speak clearly and audibly, enunciating each word to ensure that their transmissions are easily understood by controllers. Avoid using slang or informal language, as this can lead to misunderstandings and confusion.

While it is appropriate to express gratitude with a simple "thank you" when appropriate, pilots should refrain from being overly familiar or using inappropriate language such as "love you" during communications with ATC. Maintaining a professional demeanor at all times demonstrates respect for the importance of the task at hand and helps to foster a positive working relationship between pilots and controllers.

In the event of a complaint from ATC due to inappropriate language, pilots must handle the situation promptly and professionally. Address any concerns raised by controllers with courtesy and professionalism, seeking to resolve the issue in a timely manner. By taking responsibility for their actions and addressing any issues raised by ATC, pilots can contribute to a culture of safety and professionalism within the aviation community.

Let's commit to upholding the highest communication standards with ATC, ensuring that our skies remain safe for all aircraft.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- The Silver Springs Regional Airport will be closed beginning May 15th, 2024 to approximately May 31st, 2024 due to runway / taxiway maintenance.
- 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.

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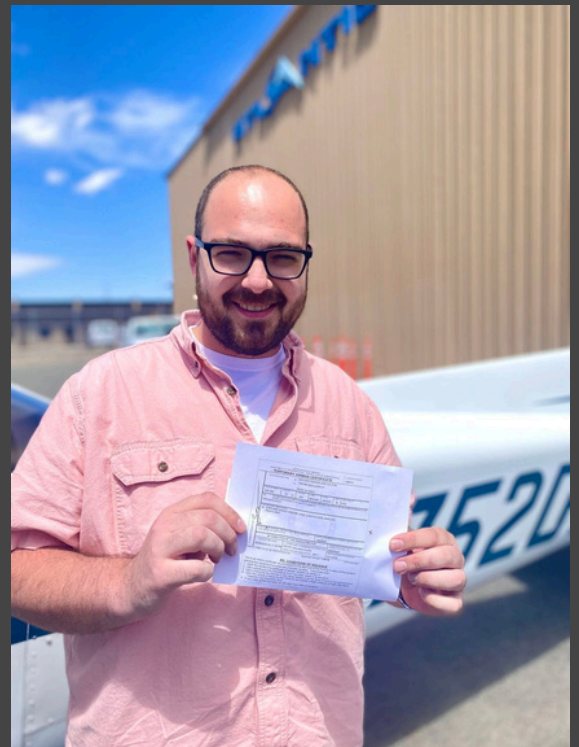
GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**CORY KLEIDOSTY –
COMMERCIAL**

Hold onto your lightly salted peanuts, folks, because we've got some fly news to share! Let's give a thunderous applause to GBA Pilot and Southwest supervisor Cory Kleidosty for earning his Commercial Pilot Certificate today! With his skills soaring higher than a 737, Cory's hard work and dedication have propelled him to new heights in the aviation world. Cory has been part of the GBA family for a few years as he finished his college degree, earned other certificates and ratings, and juggled a full-time job (plus). He even managed to propose to the love of his life, Sydney, right next to N40RF—now that's what we call a high-flying romance! Watching Cory progress through life and work toward his aviation dreams has been nothing short of awe-inspiring. As a Reno local and UNR graduate, Cory's flying abilities are simply plane amazing! And with his wedding coming up this summer, it seems like the celebrations just keep on taking off! Here's to many more smooth landings and sky-high achievements ahead, Cory! And let's not forget to give a huge shoutout to his CFI, Nathan Morin, for being his wingman throughout the journey. Oh, and did we mention? Cory's not done with checkrides just yet—CFI is coming up right around the corner!

You're probably asking yourself, "Wait a second... haven't we seen this guy before?" And the answer is, "Yes, you have!" That's right everyone, GBA's most recent pilot of the month, Zachary Colton, is officially a private pilot! If you couldn't already tell, Zach is a pretty amazing guy. From racing cars, dabbling with some 3D modeling, hacking into the mainframe (he's good with computers), and being a loving father and husband, Zach is quite the impressive individual... And what better achievement to add onto that list than Private Pilot! Naturally, after eating his good luck sushi the night before, Zach came into his checkride with a cool and level head. And since Zach is one of the most humble guys you'll ever meet and would never say any of this himself, we'll brag for him by saying that, "Zach displayed what it truly means to be a safe and competent pilot here in the Sierra Nevada and he absolutely crushed his checkride!" Huge round of applause for Zach and his partner in crime, CFI Alex Spencer, for reaching this incredible milestone! Now take a breather and celebrate!



**ZACH COLTON –
PRIVATE PILOT**

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**MAKAELA WALLACE –
SOLO**

What's faster than a downhill skier? Makaela Wallace soloing in the skies! Today, Makaela traded in her ski poles for wings as she soared through the skies solo at KSPZ, runway 06 in N328ME! From the slopes to the stratosphere, Makaela is carving her path with the finesse of a seasoned ski racer, showing us that she's not just a downhill dynamo but also a high-flying aviator extraordinaire! Despite commuting in from the mountains, Makaela's dedication to her ski racing, ground study, flight training, and school is truly slope-tacular! As she blitzes through the clouds, shredding the sky like fresh powder, Makaela proves that with determination and grit, there's no peak too high to conquer! Let's give a round of applause to Makaela on this monumental milestone! And a tip of the ski hat to her CFIs, Trey Casini and Eric Harned, for guiding her down the runway of success! Here's to Makaela's bright future in both the skies and on the slopes!