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EVERY SQUAWK COUNTS: HELP KEEP THE FLEET SAFE, RELIABLE, AND READY TO FLY

This is a quick but important reminder about something that keeps all of us in the air: reporting squawks. Whether you're a brand-new student or a seasoned pilot, your attention to detail directly impacts the health of our fleet, and everyone's ability to fly safely and on schedule.

During a routine round this week, we came across several maintenance issues that hadn't been reported: missing screws on a cowl, a broken window support, and a few other small items that, if left unaddressed, could lead to bigger problems down the road. These aren't just cosmetic concerns, they're reminders of how quickly "minor" becomes "major" in aviation.

We get it, sometimes it can be hard to know what's worth reporting. But if something looks off, say something. If you're not sure if something is squawk-worthy, just ask. Our team would much rather inspect a non-issue than miss something that grounds a plane or, worse, creates a safety hazard.

Your squawks are part of a system that keeps things moving smoothly: fewer last-minute cancellations, fewer delays, and more confidence when you walk out to the ramp. It also helps our maintenance team plan and prioritize effectively.

So please, take those extra few moments during pre- and post-flight to really check things over. And if something doesn't seem right, squawk it. You're not just helping yourself, you're helping everyone else who flies after you.

Let's keep the fleet flying strong, one squawk at a time.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

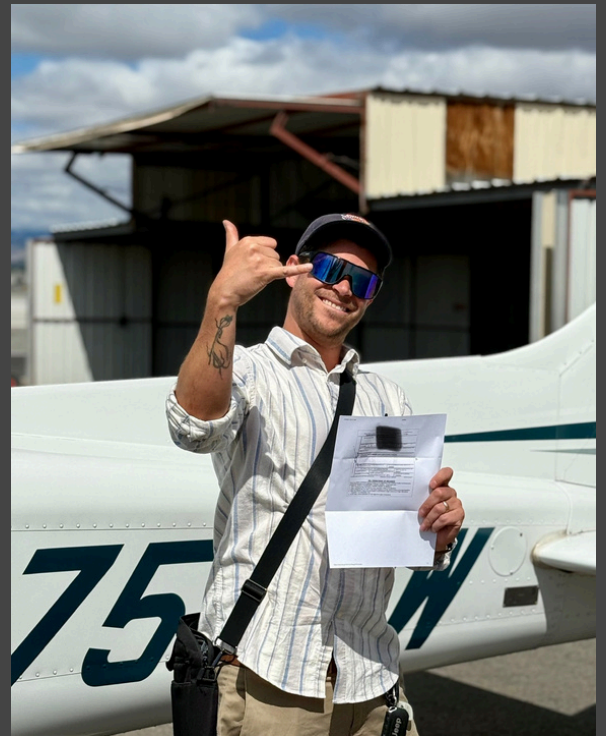
- Need some study buddies? Don't forget about Private Pilot Study Groups on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6pm-8pm. Instrument Ground School help, those will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6pm-8pm.
- **Please do not call Atlantic directly for fuel orders. They are managed through the line techs. Remember, these planes only burn about 7 gal/hour so every flight does not require a top off.**
- Looking for ground school supplement courses? Ask the office about upcoming course offerings. The schedule is out through July.
- Check out this scholarship opportunities: **Fasiang Future of Flight Scholarship**, Website: <https://bold.org/scholarships/fasiang-future-of-flight-scholarship/>



**BRAYDEN BISHOP –
PRIVATE**

Wait a minute... we know this guy! Our recent solo pilot and former Pilot of the Month is officially a Private Pilot! To no surprise, Brayden Bishop aced his checkride with ease! From day one, Brayden has brought passion, drive, and a contagious sense of positivity to each flight and let's be honest, we all knew he was destined to soar. Brayden is truly an amazing aviator, and character. It's truly no surprise that Brayden has conquered this milestone and we're so incredibly proud of him and all the hard work he's put in to get to this point in his training. When he's not flying like a mad man, 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, and huge congrats to his CFI Andrew Spainer! We hear instrument is right around the corner.

Looks like Ben Novello just took his talents from the slopes and trails straight to the skies by earning his Private Pilot's License! Hailing from Kings Beach, CA, Ben has always had a need for speed—whether it's carving turns on his snowboard or tearing up the trails on his dirt bike. But now, he's taken that same adventurous spirit to the air, logging hours in the left seat and trading ground speed for airspeed. With a headset on and eyes to the sky, Ben's swapped berms and backflips for run-ups and radio calls, proving he's got the skills to navigate both mountains and meteorology. His love for all things fast and fun has officially taken off—literally—and now he's chasing horizons instead of just hills. From pre-flights to perfect landings, and every pattern entry in between, Ben's shown he's got the right attitude and altitude. A huge congratulations to Ben and his awesome CFI, Eric Harned. What a high-flying accomplishment!



**BEN NOVELLO –
PRIVATE**



**HAILEY BOGLE –
INSTRUMENT**

Every now and again that perfect combination of grit, determination, and brains fills the roll of student and just makes a CFI feel like the world is going to be okay! Hailey Bogle is that student today as she rock-and-rolled her way through a successful Instrument Pilot checkride! It is impossible to say enough complimentary things about this human being. Her journey is nothing short of textbook form start to finish. Hailey IS the example. She earned this rating all while balancing the task of managing the office, politely reminding you all to keep your paperwork current, putting up with Richard going off the rails, and earning a slot as a future Air Traffic Controller! C'mon, Hailey! You make us all look bad! Top that all off with one of the nicest compliments in the world from Bob after Hailey's mock oral. He said, "You oughta' teach the class!" True story, Hailey even made Richard cry by executing an ILS with such grace, he had absolutely nothing to say. Nothing! I kid you not! We are so proud of you, Hailey Bogle! CONGRATULATIONS! You earned every last drop of this!

She's fabulous, she bakes a mean sourdough, and today she soared to incredible heights and soloed at KRTS on runway 32 in N37JA! That's right everyone, it's none other than the marvelous Marlenne Urena-Gonzalez and she's been crushing the flight training game as of late! Marlenne has been studying and flying diligently these last few months and today was the day: the illustrious moment where Marlenne got to give her flight instructor, Andrew Spanier, the ceremonial boot out of the plane. While Andrew was saying his prayers on the sidelines (just kidding), Marlenne taxied to the runway with a sense of calm and determination. If you've met Marlenne, you know that she may come off quiet, but she is an incredible woman. From going to college to become a teacher, volunteering in the community, and commuting all the way from Yerington, she was already impressive enough, but this is truly the icing on the cake. Marlenne, we are so incredibly proud to see you progress through your training, and we have no doubt that you're going to accomplish incredible things as you continue on this path. Let's give Marlenne and Andrew a massive congratulations on this incredible accomplishment! Keep it up Marlenne and get out there and fly!



**MARLENNE URENA-GONZALEZ –
SOLO**

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**RUTH STIEBEL –
PRIVATE**

She came for a checkride. She left with her wings, and our admiration. Ruth joined us at GBA all the way from the Bay Area, where DPE availability made scheduling a challenge. But as we quickly learned, things happen for a reason. Not only did Ruth earn her Private Pilot Certificate (and the freedom that comes with it), but we also had the privilege of meeting someone who defines resilience.

We won't share her full story out of respect, but let's just say: holy perseverance. Ruth brought life experience, grit, and determination into every phase of training. She absolutely earned this moment. Huge thanks to CFI Lucas Murphy for helping her get checked out and comfortable in our airspace. Ruth, it was an honor. Now go chase that horizon, you've more than earned it.