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CARING FOR THE AIRCRAFT: LET'S KEEP FLYING HIGH!

We've got some friendly reminders to help us all keep the aircraft in tip-top shape while having a blast up in the skies.

1. **Door Discipline:** Let's be gentle with those doors. Slamming doors can lead to pesky and expensive maintenance issues, so always close them with care. And remember, a door left open is an invitation for trouble, so never walk away from the door while it is open. Even when the winds are calm.
2. **Post-Flight TLC:** Ah, the post-flight checklist—the unsung hero of every flight. Don't skip it! It's our trusty guide to making sure everything's shipshape after we touch down. Trust us, a little checklist love goes a long way in keeping our planes happy and healthy. Turn the master off, chock the tires, etc.
3. **Supply Bins:** Let's talk about those supply bins. When using the oil funnel, please make sure to put it back in the bag when you're done. If something's missing or out of place, let us know ASAP. We're all in this together!
4. **Trash Talk:** Please clean out the pouches and any trash from the plane after your flight. Keeping the cockpit clean is everyone's job, and it makes flying more enjoyable for the next person.
5. **Ground Games:** When we're taxiing, let's watch our speed. This isn't NASCAR, we should not be braking on the corners. Ramp speeds should not exceed what you can jog. There are a lot of people and obstacles out there. Take your time. Slow and steady wins the race.
6. **Knowledge is Power:** Get to know our aircraft inside and out. Each one's got its own personality, so spend some quality time getting acquainted. The more we know, the smoother our flights will be—and who doesn't love a smooth ride?

Why It's Awesome: Taking care of our aircraft isn't just about playing by the rules—it's about keeping the adventure alive! Every pre-flight check and gentle door close is a step towards keeping our flying dreams soaring high and not having an aircraft grounded. So let's keep up the good work and show our planes some love!

Thanks for being awesome, GBA Crew. Here's to many more smooth, safe flights together!

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.



**BRENDAN O'BRIEN –
SOLO**

Anchors aweigh for Brendan O'Brien, as he took flight solo today at KRNO, runway 17L, in N328ME! Brendan's dedication to his dream of becoming a Navy pilot is as solid as the aircraft carrier that he will one day land on, and today's solo flight marks a significant milestone on his journey to soaring through the skies in service of his country. Brendan, your determination and hard work are setting sail for greatness, and we're all on board to support you 100%! Keep aiming high, Brendan, and soon you'll be cruising through the clouds like a true Navy ace! And a hearty salute to his exceptional CFI, Grant Muzzio, for navigating him through this remarkable flight path!

Jackpot alert! Let's shuffle the deck and deal out some well-deserved congratulations to Kevin Marshall for leveling up to CFII status! From his very first flight at GBA to mastering the skies with his private, instrument, commercial, CFI and now CFII, Kevin's journey has been nothing short of a royal flush. Let's not forget Kevin's pretty impressive GBA line tech skills, too 😊 With a poker face that could rival the pros, he's shown us time and again that he's all in when it comes to chasing his aviation dreams. His success so far is a testament to his unwavering dedication and impressive skill set. Here's to you, Kevin, and the ace up your sleeve as you deal your way to even greater heights in your aviation career! And of course, a huge shoutout to his CFII, Richard Brong, for helping him stack the deck in his favor!



**KEVIN MARSHALL –
CFII**



**CODY SBRANTI –
SOLO**

Say cheese, because we've got some exciting news to capture! Cody Sbranti, UNR grad, full-time photographer, Air Force Veteran, and early morning fishing enthusiast, just took his first solo flight at KRNO, runway 17L, in N37JA! Cody's not just a pro behind the camera lens—he's also dedicated to his studies and finding time to soar to new heights in the sky! With each click of the camera and each solo flight, Cody's passion for adventure and learning shines brighter than ever. His commitment to mastering the art of aviation while balancing his academic and professional pursuits is truly commendable. Let's give a round of applause to Cody for his hard work and determination, both in the air and on the ground. And a huge shoutout to his CFI, Alex Spencer, for guiding him through this incredible milestone! Congratulations, Cody —your aviation journey is just getting started, and we can't wait to see where your wings take you next!