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ZACH COLTON: PILOT OF THE MONTH

Zachary Colton is GBA's April pilot of the month! Zach is one of the most kind and humble guys you'll ever meet, and he's been working incredibly hard these last couple of months on finishing up his PPL training. Originally beginning his training in Livermore, CA a little while back, Zach decided that it was time to knock off the dust and get back into the pilot seat. With his wicked work ethic and his incredible drive, Zach came in with a goal and got the job done! He's now finished up all of his requirements and is ready for that checkride on the horizon. Not only is Zach a wonderful student, but when he's not roaming the skies to his heart's content, he also sports the amazing title of husband and father. Huge round of applause for this amazing pilot! We can't wait to see where Zach will go from here!



REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- You can now book at 6am! Solo pilots should hold off booking 6am for a few weeks until it is legal sunrise. Chat with your CFI for more info.
- Watch for sunshades to return soon! And a helpful video for how to install them :)
- 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.



**ISAAK REID –
PRIVATE PILOT**

Quack, quack! Gather 'round, folks, because we've got some fantastic news to share! Isaak Reid, our very own waterfowl hunting guide extraordinaire, has officially earned his wings and soared into the ranks of Private Pilots today! Despite facing some weather obstacles that would make even the hardiest waterfowl hesitate, Isaak showed unwavering perseverance and determination, proving that nothing can clip his wings when he's got his sights set on the sky. Isaak's journey to becoming a Private Pilot has been nothing short of impressive. From countless hours of ground school to navigating through challenging flight lessons, he's put in the hard work and dedication to reach this milestone. And let's not forget about his passion for painting happy little trees in his spare time, channeling his inner Bob Ross with every stroke of the brush. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the guidance and expertise of his CFI, Kevin Marshall. Together, they've tackled every obstacle and soared to new heights, making every flight lesson a memorable adventure. So here's to Isaak Reid, the newest addition to the elite club of aviators and waterfowl hunting guides! Keep chasing your dreams, Isaak, and may the skies always be clear for your next great adventure.

Alright, folks, grab your surfboards and buckle up because we've got some gnarly news to share! Today, Zachary Slate, our California transplant (we only slightly hold it against him) who's more at home on the water than in the sky, took to the skies solo at KRNO, runway 17L! Looks like Zach traded in his wakeboard for a pair of wings and boy, did he make a splash! Now, we all know Zach's got skills when it comes to shredding waves and catching air on the wake, but who would've thought he'd be flying solo in the skies above Reno? I mean, this is the guy who can't even remember where he left his keys half the time, but hey, when it comes to flying, he's definitely got it dialed in! Props to Zach for putting in the time and effort to make this solo flight happen. Consistency pays off, my dude!

And a huge shoutout to his wingman, CFI extraordinaire Eric Harned, for keeping him on course! So here's to Zachary Slate, the newest aviator to grace the skies above Reno! Keep reaching for the stars, Zach, and may your flights be as smooth as glassy waters.



**ZACHARY SLATE –
SOLO**



REESE DAVIS – COMMERCIAL

Let's give a big round of applause to Reese Davis for reaching new heights in the sky! Today, this aviation superstar has officially earned his commercial pilot certificate, showcasing his dedication, skill, and passion for flight. Reese, you've shown incredible determination, balancing your studies at UNR and your service in the Nevada Air National Guard while pursuing your dreams in aviation. Your hard work and perseverance are truly inspiring! From navigating through complex flight maneuvers to mastering the art of precision flying, you've demonstrated exceptional talent and commitment every step of the way. And let's not forget to commend Reese's CFI, Danny Britson, for guiding him on this remarkable journey with patience and expertise. Reese, you're not just flying high, you're soaring with success! Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement, and here's to many more milestones in your aviation career!

Today at KRNO, we witnessed Ian Barry's epic solo in N752DW on runway 17L. Not only did he give the tower a show, but he also convinced them the runway was made of butter with those smooth landings! Ian, a Reno native, Northstar employee, and dog aficionado, has been grinding away to make this moment happen. In his spare time, Ian is a member of the infamous "far/aim tabbers" study group. He practically lives here, folks! But hey, we love having you around, even if you're more present than the office chairs. Ian is also our unpaid GBA model, always flaunting his GBA logo wear like it's New York Fashion Week! You make the logo look good! And let's not forget his incredible CFI Eric Harned. Huge shout out to him for guiding Ian every step of the way. Keep up the fantastic work guys! The sky's the limit!



IAN BARRY – SOLO