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CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF: A MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

This Mother's Day, we tip our wings to the women who helped us take off, those who raised us, supported us, and stood by us through every phase of flight, whether they fully understood our obsession with crosswind landings or not.

Aviation may be filled with checklists, procedures, and pre-flights, but no system works without the kind of support that starts long before we ever step into a cockpit. For many of us, that support came in the form of a mom: the original ground crew.

Some moms are in aviation themselves, pilots, controllers, maintainers, dispatchers, leaders. Others have cheered from the sidelines, driving us to early morning lessons, sitting through passionate rants about airspace classes, and nodding along even when they weren't totally sure what a "short field takeoff" was. (To be fair, most of us didn't either... at first.)

At Great Basin Aviation, we've watched moms beam with pride after first solos, sit nervously during checkrides, and even suit up themselves to chase dreams in the sky. Whether you're the one flying or the one helping someone get there, you're part of this incredible journey.

So here's to the moms who packed our snacks (we love snacks!!), reminded us to check the weather, celebrated our wins, and offered encouragement after rough landings on the runway and in life.

From all of us at GBA, thank you. You're our true north.

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 these scholarship opportunities: **Fasiang Future of Flight Scholarship**, Website: <https://bold.org/scholarships/fasiang-future-of-flight-scholarship/> and **Reno Air Racing Association Flight Training Scholarship**, Website: <https://airrace.org/flight-training-scholarships/>



**TROY COOK –
SOLO**

Ahhhhhh, the great outdoors. When the monotony of life seems to be taking over, there's nothing like a new hiking trail, camping site, skiing/ snowboarding route, or an unexplored view to reinvigorate the soul. For Troy Cook, this isn't just a way to recharge, it's a way of life. Forever chasing new adventures, Troy recently set his sights even higher by beginning flight training! What better way to explore the world than by seeing it from a bird's eye view. Troy achieved his first major milestone today of his flight training pursuit and soloed at KRTS on runway 8 in N37JA!! That's right, adventure extraordinaire Troy Cook took to the skies this morning and kicked out his flight instructor, Lucas Murphy, to the curb to flaunt his stuff. Despite weather being deceptively rocky this morning, Troy came in ready and prepared and dominated the pattern like a skilled and safe pilot. Troy, you've been crushing your ground, you've been flying to your heart's content, and today you've officially mastered the skies! Awesome job to Troy and Lucas on this incredible achievement! We have no doubt you'll see more of Troy here in the future. Here's to the next great adventure!

Shawn Plunket is officially a Certified Flight Instructor, because apparently, being a Cal Fire badass, retired Nevada Air National Guard Chief, and full-time family man wasn't quite enough. If you know Shawn, you know this guy does not stop moving. The man wrapped up his checkride, shook hands, grabbed his temp cert, and was already halfway over the hill before we could even snap a photo. He's got about 12 things going on at once and somehow crushes all of them, honestly, someone nominate him for mayor. His checkride got a little sporty, but no surprise, Shawn powered through like a pro. Huge congrats to him, and big shoutout to his CFI, Danny Britson, for getting him checkride-ready. Way to go, Shawn! You've officially added "Flight Instructor" to your already stacked résumé, and we're lucky to have been part of your journey!



**SHAWN PLUNKET –
CFI**