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If you've been putting off your knowledge test, mock oral, or mock checkride... we've got news for you: you're not doing yourself any favors. In fact, you're probably making things a lot harder than they need to be.

Waiting until the last minute to schedule your FAA knowledge exam or to complete your mock sessions is like intentionally flying into IMC without checking the weather, avoidable, stressful, and bound to end badly. These milestones are more than boxes to check; they're tools that help highlight what you do know and what still needs work. Rushing through them (or cramming at the eleventh hour) robs you of time to strengthen weak areas, clarify confusing concepts, and prepare thoroughly for your checkride.

And yes, we get it. Life is busy. But so is your DPE and CFIs. Delaying mocks or exams often leads to last-minute stress and scheduling issues. Plus, when you cut your prep time short, you're more likely to face added pressure and perform below your potential. Mock checkrides and mock orals must be booked at least two weeks prior to your checkride.

And let's not forget the most important reason of all: Hailey. She sees all. She tracks all. She will 100% call you out if you're flying straight into a checkride disaster of your own making. Save yourself the chaos, and her wrath.

Bottom line? Get ahead. Book the exam. Schedule the mocks. Give yourself the time to prep, process, and perform like the pilot you're becoming.

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.
- Read the squawks!! Often times, duplicate squawks are added. Check them when booking and checking planes in and out.
- Do not add unnecessary oil. If it is at 6, you are good. Adding extra "just because" is a waste, and it just burns off. Check the POH for oil requirements.



JOSHUA GILMORE – INSTRUMENT

"Now class, let's start from the beginning. You're all private pilots, what are some of the required documents you need to have on your person before acting as PIC? Timmy?"

"Medical Certificate."

"Very good. Susie?"

"Photo ID."

"Nice. Okay, and Joshua, what's the last one?"

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"Josh?"

"Gimme a sec." *More crickets* ... "Oh yeah! Pilot certificate."

"... at least you've got your line tech job."

Just kidding. Trying to look ahead, Joshua Gilmore decided to scan his pilot certificate for his checkride binder and accidentally left it in his scanner before heading out this morning for his checkride. Thankfully, Josh was able to run home, grab his certificate, and begin his checkride, and even under the circumstances, Josh collected himself and flew like a true instrument pilot! That's right everyone! Your favorite line tech (don't tell Andy or Derrick) is officially an instrument rated pilot. Now, while we love to give Josh a hard time, Josh has been putting in the work, cleaning bugs, battling the heat, flying like crazy, and crushing his ground. We even have word that the man himself, Bob Bennett, said Josh's mock instrument oral exam was the best he's ever given. Josh is fantastic and we're so incredibly proud of him and his progress. Let's give Josh and his CFII, Greg Anthenien, who tried his best to pound into Josh's brain that he needs his pilot certificate, a huge congratulations on this amazing achievement! You da man, Josh! Now, let's talk about commercial...

Troy Cook is GBA's May Pilot of the Month! And hold on a second, we've seen him before, haven't we? You're right! Troy is a recent solo pilot and has been exploring the greater Reno area to his heart's content, but more importantly, he's been absolutely crushing the flight training game! Troy has been a ball of determination these last couple of months. From crushing his solo flight, dominating his ground knowledge, and bringing in his cute black lab to Atlantic from time to time... I'm not saying we gave him the award because of his dog... but there was definitely some influence (just kidding!). Troy, we are so incredibly proud of you and all of the amazing progress you've made so far. We can't wait to see you dominate your private pilot license and perhaps convince you to get your instrument rating. When Troy isn't impressing us left and right at GBA, you can find him exploring the great outdoors. Whether that means summiting mountains or shredding the Sierras on his snowboard, he's most likely outside living his best life. Keep up the amazing work, Troy! You're crushing it!!



TROY COOK – PILOT OF THE MONTH



**ALAN CHOU –
PRIVATE**

Alan Chou is an absolute mad man. Whether Alan Chou is sending it at the skatepark whilst somehow making it look steezy at the same time (you like my skater talk) or getting his PPL like the legend he is, he's always sure to impress. And oh wait, you heard that right! Alan Chou has officially crossed over into the realm of private pilots, adding even more awesome to his already wicked aura... not really skater talk, but we're gonna go for it. Alan Chou has been grinding in his ground knowledge and while it wasn't as easy as a Manual, Alan showed his expertise with high style. And not to mention his flying! Alan is a stud in the airplane and it's truly no surprise that he shredded his way to this high-flying milestone. Alan, we are so incredibly proud to see you achieve this accomplishment, and we are so excited to see you further pursue your aviation passion as you begin your work on instrument! But for now, go enjoy Washington and go give your dog some snuggles, and we'll be waiting for your return. Let's give Alan and his sesh buddy/ CFI, James Morgan, a huge congratulations! Now get out there and fly, Alan!