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## BE PROUD TO BE A STUDENT PILOT: EMBRACE YOUR JOURNEY AND SPEAK UP!

As a student pilot at Great Basin Aviation, you're on an exciting and rewarding journey. Learning to fly is a unique experience filled with challenges and achievements, and it's something to be incredibly proud of.

One essential part of your training is mastering radio communication. While it might seem intimidating at first, identifying yourself as a student pilot over the radio is beneficial and can make your experience safer and more enjoyable.

### Why You Should Speak Up

1. **Enhances Safety:** When you identify as a student pilot, air traffic controllers (ATC) know to provide extra guidance and patience, ensuring a safer flying experience.
2. **Slows Things Down:** Announcing you're a student can prompt ATC to slow their communication, making it easier for you to understand and respond, reducing stress and building your confidence.
3. **Learning Opportunities:** By being open about your status, you might receive additional tips and explanations from ATC, turning each interaction into a valuable learning moment.

### Overcoming the Fear

Don't be afraid to say "Student Pilot" over the radio. Remember, every experienced pilot was once in your shoes. Practice your radio calls, stay calm, and take feedback as a learning opportunity.

### A Badge of Honor

Being a student pilot at Great Basin Aviation is a badge of honor. Embrace it with pride. By doing so, you'll enhance your learning and contribute to a safer, more supportive aviation community. Fly proud, student pilots!

## REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- 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.
- Airline Pilot Info Gathering will be on Friday, June 28th. RSVP to [goflying@greatbasinaviation.com](mailto:goflying@greatbasinaviation.com)



## CHRIS POZARSKI – SOLO

Big congrats to Chris Pozarski on his first solo flight! Chris Pozarski just soloed at KRNO, runway 17L, in N37JA! Chris has an incredible spirit and work ethic, and he's managed to master this amazing milestone despite his busy schedule. When he's not flying, you can find him rolling and grappling on the Jiu Jitsu mats! Chris's journey to his first solo flight has been marked by incredible focus and finesse. Just like in Jiu Jitsu, where he expertly navigates through holds and submissions, Chris has applied the same level of concentration and precision to his flight training. His dedication, both in the cockpit and on the mats, is truly inspiring. You've choked out every challenge and arm-barred every obstacle in your path to reach this point. Keep flying high, and keep rolling strong! Huge shoutout to his CFI, Alex Spencer, for being an awesome coach both in the sky and on the ground! Here's to many more successful flights! The sky's the limit for you, Chris! Keep up the fantastic work and continue to soar!

While we were all holed up indoors enjoying some A/C during this first hot day in Reno, Couper was soaring to new heights on 17L at KRNO in N37JA. No need to sweat—leave that to the instructor watching from the ramp! Couper, our future Air Force Aviator, gave the tower a show as he imagined himself behind the controls of his future ride, an F-22 Raptor. For now, he'll have to settle for the "fighter jet" of flight training—a C172, zooming through the skies with style and precision. This solo flight is just the beginning for Couper. His determination and skill have already set him on a flight path toward greatness, Air Force Academy and beyond. We can already see him carving through the clouds, performing aerial acrobatics, and mastering the skies in his future Air Force career. Stay tuned—you'll hear more about Couper before he launches into his next big adventure later this summer. This young aviator is destined for great things; we couldn't be prouder! Awesome job, Couper! Great job as well to his CFI, Eric Harned!



## COUPER ROSS – SOLO



**COURT SALZMAN –  
PRIVATE PILOT**

You know her, you've seen her, and you've definitely heard her... That's right everyone, none other than the fantastic Court Salzman is a certified private pilot! There's so much to talk about when it comes to this lady. From making the trek up from the lake, working two jobs, doing arts and crafts with Hailey, spreading out her one-dollar bills in the office, being the study group queen, and torturing her instructor in the airplane... it's an understatement to say that Court's got a passion for flying. Starting before the heat and blooming thunderstorms this afternoon, as much as we'd like to say that she came in calm and collected for her flight, if you know Court, you know she's the farthest thing from calm (just kidding). She buckled down, put on her flower shoes, and got the job done. When she's not freeloading at Atlantic or flying to her heart's content, you can find Court snuggling and hiking with her furry friend, Chewy, or shredding the Sierra Nevada slopes on her snowboard. Huge congratulations to Court on this incredible accomplishment! And we can't forget to mention her wonderful instructor, Grant Muzzio, who helped her reach this tremendous milestone and who had to endure the most of Court's crazy! Go celebrate, Court! But please do it in moderation... you've got a flight in the morning.

You might be thinking, "Wait a minute, isn't that Eric Harned?! GBA CFI?" Yes, it is! Eric took a break from teaching all of you today and instead taught the examiner a thing or two about instrument flying. Even in the perils of skyrocketing temperatures, Eric managed to stay cool enough to earn his CFII certificate! As if Eric wasn't already juggling enough titles—CFI, husband, Dad, and President/Founder of the FAR AIM Tabbers—he now has CFII to add to his ever-growing business card titles. Eric started out at GBA way back when, and we practically had to beg him to come back as a CFI. You know if we begged for him to teach here, he must be pretty great! Just ask anyone who's flown with him. We love giving Eric a hard time, but if you've met him, you know he's one of the most humble, kindest, and compassionate instructors around (even if he insists on being modest about it). We're super excited to celebrate this accomplishment with him. Excellent work, Eric—it's certainly well deserved. And let's not forget the legendary Jedi Master and CFII, Richard Brong, who guided Eric along his path to victory. Congratulations to both of you! If you see Eric around on the flight line or in the office, make sure to give him a huge congrats on this awesome achievement!



**ERIC HARNED –  
CFII**



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# AIRLINE PILOT INFO

## Gathering

EVER WONDERED WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE PILOT? JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING SESSION WITH GBA ALUMNI JACK DARLINGTON AND JOSH BUNKER, NOW SOARING THE SKIES AS AIRLINE PILOTS. THEY'LL GIVE YOU THE INSIDE SCOOP ON WHAT THIS CAREER FIELD IS REALLY LIKE, COVERING EVERYTHING FROM A TYPICAL MONTH IN THE LIFE, BIDDING WARS, AND UNIONS TO THOSE "AHA" AND "WISH I KNEW BEFORE" INSIGHTS. LEARN WHAT RECRUITERS ARE NOW LOOKING FOR, THE SECRETS TO ACING THE INTERVIEW, NEVER PUTTING THE BOOKS DOWN, AND SO MUCH MORE. DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO GET THE REAL DEAL FROM THOSE WHO PUT IN THE LONG HOURS OF STUDYING AND FLIGHT TRAINING AND MADE IT TO THE COCKPIT!

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