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## GBA'S YOUNG AVIATOR BOOT CAMP

The Young Aviator Boot Camp was an action-packed week where budding pilots immersed themselves in aviation. Students started by learning aviation history, flight controls, instruments, and practicing the phonetic alphabet and radio calls. They participated in hands-on activities like pre-flight inspections, aircraft maintenance, and even took their own flights.

The camp featured guest speakers from various aviation fields, including Air Traffic Control, military and commercial pilots, maintenance experts, FBO management, a flight attendant, a ramp supervisor, airport operations, TSA, an Air Marshal, and flight instructors. Students also toured airport facilities and the control tower, and learned about weather, airspace, and emergency situations.

Throughout the week, the young aviators showed curiosity, dedication, and enthusiasm, making the camp a huge success. Their passion for aviation has truly taken off (pun intended), and it's clear they have bright futures ahead.

Thank you to everyone who made this camp possible, and here's to the next generation of aviators soaring to new heights!



## 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.
- Please ensure you are not starting up in front on an open hangar. use the tow bar and reposition.
- If you are rated for the aircraft you are flying, a friendly reminder that you do need a renter's policy. We will not be dispatching unless it is on file.
- **Please remember to call the office or email if you need to cancel or adjust your reservation. Staff takes random days off so do not reach out to them directly. Thank you!**



**SETH RUFF –  
SOLO**

Big congratulations to Seth Ruff on his solo flight today! Seth took to the skies on runway 17L at KRNO in N37JA before the temperature outside became unlivable for human life. This guy is truly amazing!

Between work, CrossFit workouts (we see him pushing those planes around 🏋️), his family, daughters and granddaughter, and constantly being on the move (he's lived in 28 different homes over the last 34 years, including London, Hong Kong, and New York), Seth still found time to fly. Seth always walks into the office with a smile on his face, and his passion for aviation shines through in his dedication to training. He's been lifting his dreams off the ground just like he lifts those weights! From burpees to takeoffs, Seth proves that hard work and determination can help you soar to new heights. We are incredibly proud of you, Seth! And a huge shoutout to his CFI, Alex Spencer, for the excellent guidance. Keep soaring high and reaching for the skies!

The master chef has made his special appearance yet again! Grant White has not only mastered the art of cooking but has also mastered the art of the skies by obtaining his private pilot license today!

Grant came in warmed up and ready to dish up something fierce. And just like a perfectly balanced dish requires care and precision, Grant was sure to bring that and everything he had to the metaphorical checkride table. With a pinch of right rudder and a dash of thermals, Grant skillfully brought the examiner back to the airport with the same finesse he garnishes when serving up a five-course meal. Grant, you've been chilled from the winter snowstorms and cooked in the summer heat, huge congratulations on this five-star accomplishment, you've done it! And let's give a big round of applause to Grant's sous-chef and CFI, Alex Spencer, who has been here to support Grant every step of the way on his private pilot journey. Awesome job you two! Now, when is GBA going to get a taste of some of this famous cooking?



**GRANT WHITE –  
PRIVATE PILOT**





**BRIAN GOODALL –  
SOLO**

Big congratulations to Brian Goodall for soloing this morning at KRTS runway 32 in N670CS! Brian is the epitome of perseverance, steadily chipping away at his requirements. Today, he finally got to boot his CFI from the plane and enjoy the sky all to himself.

We can only imagine the giant smile on his face when he lifted off the ground for the first time as PIC. Brian's incredible smile and infectious laugh light up our office every day. Even though we love to give him a hard time, he always takes it with a grin, but is probably secretly plotting his revenge. Brian, your determination and positive spirit are truly inspirational. You've shown us all what dedication and hard work can achieve, and we couldn't be prouder. You've faced every challenge with a smile and tackled every obstacle with grit.

Your journey is a testament to the fact that perseverance pays off. To see you lift off today was a moment of pure joy for all of us. We know this is just the beginning of many more amazing accomplishments in your aviation journey. Awesome job, Brian! And huge kudos to his CFI, Alex Spencer, for the fantastic guidance!

Oh no... not this guy again. If his solo picture wasn't already interesting enough, Lukas has stunned the crowd yet again with this one... we promise he's allowed to fly airplanes, so much so that Lukas got his private pilot certificate today! Beating the heat,

Lucas embarked on his checkride early this morning... against his own free will of course, this guy will sleep in till 12PM on a regular day. Suffice to say, he opted out of his pajamas and suited up ready for flight. Being the fashionista he is, Lukas was sure to not disappoint... absolutely lovely darling! All jokes and jabs aside, Lukas brought his flight home to victory and fist bumped his friend and flight instructor, Trey Casini on this ultimate success! When Lukas isn't being an absolute drama queen, you can find him blasting dubstep music at an ungodly volume, buying clothes like the fashionista he is, and splurging on the occasional lego. Huge congratulations to Lukas and Trey on this incredible accomplishment! Don't party too hard!



**LUKAS BURTON –  
PRIVATE PILOT**



**DERRICK CRAINE –  
PRIVATE PILOT**

Aw naw... Derrick Craine is a private pilot, y'all! Our weekend line tech, biggest smile award winner, loudest laugh echoing down the hallway, and Waffle House aficionado has just earned his freedom ticket to the sky! Derrick, one of the founders of the FAR/AIM Tabbers, is always either up in the sky or holed up in a conference room with his study buddies. He jumped into his flight training like a duck on a June bug, and now all that hard work has paid off! This Southern gentleman ain't no stranger to hard work. He played football for the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, got his degree, works full-time, and still found time to move his family, including his adorable daughter, to this part of the world! He managed to get this done just in the nick of time before the Georgia football season kicks off. Good golly! But hold your horses—the work isn't over yet. He's diving right back into his instrument training! Awesome job, Derrick! And a huge shoutout to his CFI, Eric Harned!