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20 JUL - 26 JUL

3,591,360 MINUTES...WE ACTUALLY SAT DOWN AND DID THE MATH

Office reference, in case you did not catch it :)

Today, we (begrudgingly) say farewell to Kevin Marshall on his last day at GBA. Kevin started with us in October 2018 as a bright-eyed student pilot. Since then, he's earned his private pilot license, instrument rating, and then we strong-armed him into being our line tech (sorry, not sorry).

While managing the line and surviving under a notoriously tough office team, Kevin managed to complete his commercial and CFI. He passed the grueling CFI interview and officially became a GBA CFI. Recently, he added a CFII to his list of achievements!

Now, Kevin is off to bigger things, flying charter in Las Vegas. While we're sad to see him go, we're thrilled for his new opportunity and confident he'll continue to dazzle and inspire.

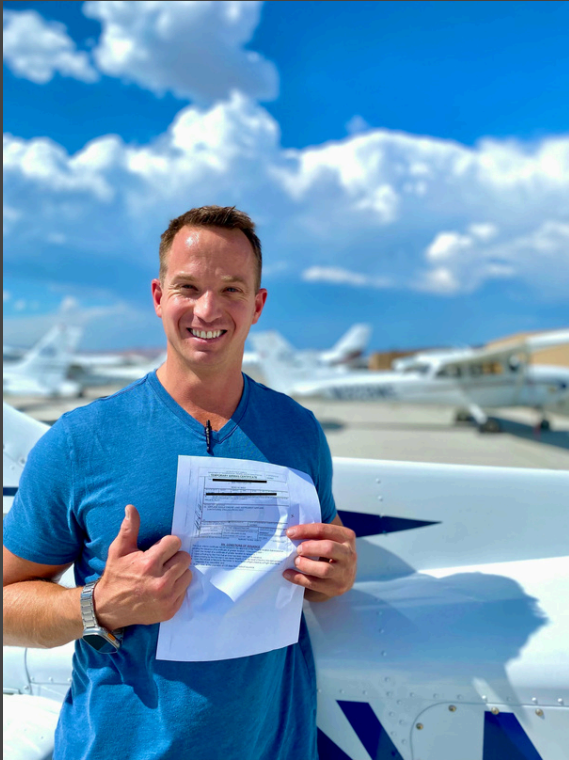
Thanks for everything, Kevin! Best of luck on your new adventure. ✈️

#GoodRiddanceKevin



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. **This includes safety pilots.**
- 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!



SANDDON SHERWOOD-KOPKO INSTRUMENT

Sanddon Sherwood-Kopko is now instrument-rated! Despite battling the high-pressure system of heat and dodging those turbulent afternoon thunderstorms, he showed the examiner he can navigate through clouds with the precision of a GPS approach but knows to steer clear of those thunderheads. Sanddon has been crushing it in the air and on the ground. As a full-time personal trainer (he's Instagram famous), he's been balancing his workouts with instrument approaches, holding patterns, and some heavy lifting in the form of family time. Between perfecting his glideslope and managing vectors to final, he's also taken his fair share of office harassment—all with a smile and a pretty sweet backpack. This guy's got the stamina of an endurance flight and the determination of a VOR approach in low visibility. Whether he's dodging weather or dodging office banter, Sanddon's dedication is clear: he's here to climb and maintain success. Great job, Sanddon! And a huge shoutout to his CFI, Nathan Morin, for guiding him through the IFR flight plans and the turbulence of training. Keep soaring high, and remember, in both workouts and flights, it's all about the journey and the destination!

Ian Barry is GBA's July pilot of the month! From being our stunning (and unpaid) GBA model to signing his life away and becoming a coveted member of the FAR/AIM Tabbers, Ian Barry is hardly a stranger around these parts of town. Ian only missed one question on the written, conquered solo flight, and is now suiting up to get ready for his checkride. While we question his judgement in joining the cultish FAR/AIM Tabbers (I've heard shirts are being made...), Ian has been working diligently these last couple months and it's been a privilege watching him progress through his flight training. When we're not making fun of Ian and when he's not he's not filling his closet with GBA merch (he was so quick to use his swag voucher...), you can find Ian camping, working on a golf course (super tough, I know), and snuggling his sweet golden retriever. Awesome work, Ian, it's well deserved!



IAN BARRY – PILOT OF THE MONTH