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NEED TO LEARN THE GARMIN? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT.

If the Garmin in your airplane still feels like a very expensive mystery, download the Garmin Aviation Trainers app on your iPad. Yes, you need this!!

Modern avionics are an incredible resource, but only if you actually know how to use them. Your Garmin can provide weather information, airport and runway details, frequencies, airspace information, flight-planning tools, traffic, terrain, approach guidance, and much more. Yet many pilots use only a small fraction of those capabilities because they never spend time exploring beyond the buttons required for the next lesson.

We hear pilots say they want more practice with the Garmin, but that practice does not always have to happen in the airplane. In fact, the cockpit is one of the worst places to begin experimenting. The engine is running, the Hobbs meter is spinning, and your attention should be focused on safely operating the aircraft, not digging through unfamiliar menus.

The Garmin trainer gives you the opportunity to practice on the ground, at your own pace, without paying aircraft rental rates. Sit on the couch and build a flight plan. Find runway lengths and airport frequencies. Review weather information. Explore the menus, push the wrong button, and learn how to recover from it. That last part matters. Knowing how to enter a flight plan is helpful, but knowing what to do when the Garmin does not behave the way you expected is even more important. Familiarity comes from repetition, and confidence comes from practicing before you are managing turbulence, radio calls, traffic, and a busy arrival.

This does not replace instruction, and it certainly does not replace basic navigation skills. Pilots still need to understand what the system is telling them, recognize when something does not look right, and avoid blindly following the magenta line. Technology should support good decision-making, not replace it.

The trainer is also a great way to prepare before a lesson. If you know you will be working on cross-country procedures or instrument approaches, spend some time with the app beforehand. You will arrive more prepared, use your flight time more effectively, and have better questions for your instructor.

We are surrounded by resources that can make us safer, more capable pilots. Sometimes the answer is not purchasing another gadget or booking another hour in the airplane. Sometimes it is simply learning to fully use what is already sitting right in front of us.

Download the trainer. Explore it. Practice with it. Make mistakes safely on the ground so you are not trying to figure everything out in the air. Good pilots do not just have better technology. They take the time to learn how to use it.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Starting in September, GBA will be closed on Sundays so we can spend time with our families.
- CFI-led Study Groups are every Monday from 6-8pm. Contact the office for details.
- Don't forget to tell us where you are heading! Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments.
- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored.
- Make sure you are following summer heat restrictions. Check with the office or your instructor if you have questions.
- Check with the office and/of CFI about any flying over Burning Man. All requirements need to be met.

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



Tyler Glodowski- PPL

A huge congratulations to Tyler Glodowski on officially earning his Private Pilot License! ✈️

For Tyler, this accomplishment has been a long time coming. His love for airplanes started when he was just four years old, and aviation has been a huge part of his life ever since. From plane spotting with friends to becoming an incredibly talented aviation photographer, Tyler has spent years around airplanes, and now he officially gets to call himself a pilot too!

Anyone who knows Tyler knows just how smart and driven he is. He absolutely crushed his ACT, works hard at everything he does, and has the kind of natural intelligence and motivation that make us confident he is going to go incredibly far. Pair that with a genuine passion for aviation and an impressive amount of knowledge, and we have a feeling this PPL is only the first of many big accomplishments ahead for him.

When Tyler isn't around airplanes, you can find him fishing with his dad, spending time plane spotting with friends, or working at Silver & Blue Outfitters, where Jenn and Cassidy occasionally get to run into him outside of the airport. And of course, we couldn't properly introduce Tyler without mentioning one of his favorites: enchiladas from Miguel's with green sauce!

Making the day even more special, Tyler's parents came out to watch him reach this amazing milestone. They are truly some of the sweetest people, and you could tell just how incredibly proud they were of him. Getting to have them there to celebrate such a big moment made an already special day that much better!

It has been so much fun getting to watch someone who has loved aviation practically his entire life reach a milestone like this. There is something pretty special about a four-year-old who loved airplanes growing up to actually earn the certificate that lets him fly them.

Tyler, congratulations on becoming a Private Pilot! Your passion, intelligence, talent, and drive are going to take you far, and we are so excited to see what you accomplish next. We have a feeling there are a lot of exciting things ahead for you, both in aviation and beyond. Welcome to the PPL club, Tyler! ✈️

A huge congratulations to Nolan Bader on officially earning his Private Pilot License! 🎉🇺🇸

If there was ever someone who made a checkride look like a walk in the park, it was Nolan. He showed up cool, calm, and collected and genuinely didn't seem nervous for a second. All the hard work he put in with his instructor, Andy Glenn, definitely showed, and we are so excited to see him add "Private Pilot" to his list of accomplishments!

Nolan's checkride did come with a little bit of a plot twist. He originally showed up ready to take it in **flip flops** (a bold checkride wardrobe choice 😂), only for the flight to be discontinued due to weather. Luckily, when round two came around, Nolan decided to give himself every possible advantage and showed up in actual shoes. Clearly, it worked.

Outside of flying, Nolan is a student at UNR, loves hanging out with his dogs, and has already done quite a bit of traveling. He's been to 10 different countries, and his next adventure is coming up quickly as he gets ready to study abroad in Prague! Between school, traveling, and earning his PPL, Nolan definitely isn't afraid to take on something new.

And while he's still figuring out exactly where aviation will take him, becoming a fighter pilot is something that might just be in his future. With how calm and collected he was throughout this checkride, we'd say he's already got a pretty good start. Whether that ends up being the path he takes or aviation leads him somewhere completely different, we know this certificate opens the door to a lot of exciting possibilities.

Nolan, congratulations on an incredibly well-earned accomplishment! Your calm confidence and hard work made this one look easy, and we've loved getting to be a part of your journey. Have an amazing time in Prague, keep exploring the world, and please remember the closed-toe shoes for the next checkride. 😊✈️
Congratulations, Nolan! Welcome to the pilot club!



Nolan Bader- PPL