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TRANSITIONING FROM STUDENT TO PRIVATE PILOT: WHAT'S NEXT?

For those of you there, congratulations on earning your Private Pilot Certificate! Now that you've reached this milestone, it's time to think about your next steps. Here are a few ideas:

1. Build Flight Hours: Start logging more hours by planning cross-country trips or volunteering for aviation organizations.
2. Pursue Additional Ratings: Consider working towards an Instrument Rating, Multi-Engine Rating, or even a Commercial Pilot Certificate.
3. Join the GBA Pilot Connect: Connect with other pilots, share experiences, and stay active in the aviation community.
4. Explore New Destinations: Use your newfound freedom to fly to exciting places you've always wanted to visit.
5. Stay Current: Keep your skills sharp with regular flying, reviewing manuals, and staying updated on regulations.
6. Share Your Passion: Take friends and family on flights, mentor aspiring pilots, or participate in aviation events.

Your journey in aviation is just beginning. Keep flying, keep learning, and enjoy every moment in the skies!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- 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!



**AVERY REDMON –
SOLO**

If there's a student who faces challenges head on, perseveres regardless of the stakes, and has a knack for turning obstacles into opportunities, it's none other than the wonderful, Avery Redmon. From being an honored recipient of the Reno Air Race Association scholarship, proudly serving in the Army National Guard, working diligently at school, and juggling the commitments of flight training, Avery has been working hard, and today that grit and determination has finally paid off. That's right everyone, Avery Redmon took to the skies early this morning and soloed N670CS at KSPZ on runway 24! As if Avery wasn't cool enough, she's officially added another impressive accomplishment to her already astounding list of achievements. When Avery isn't impressing us left and right, you can find her exploring the outdoors, spending time with her lovely friends and family, and showing off her skills as a competitive shooter. Let's give Avery a huge round of applause on this incredible accomplishment. We're so proud to see how far she's come in her training, but in all honesty, it's hardly surprising... she's pretty awesome. Also, huge congratulations to Avery's flight instructor, Alex Spencer, who has guided Avery every step of the way to this incredible goal. Awesome job you two! No time to relax just yet, that checkride is on the horizon!

Justin Fulton has just taken his aviation career to the next level by earning his private pilot license today! From the high-octane world of Navy jets to the calm precision of a Cessna 172, Justin has shown that he's not just flying; he's mastering the art of it. The journey hasn't been without its challenges, though. Balancing a busy Navy life, the long drives from Fallon, and rigorous flight training, Justin has displayed a level of dedication that is nothing short of inspiring. He's kept his nose in the books and his hands on the controls, proving that he's got what it takes to command the skies. Today, all that hard work paid off as he took the final steps to secure his private pilot license—a milestone that marks the beginning of many more airborne adventures. So here's a big congratulations to Justin Fulton, now officially licensed to take to the skies whenever the mood strikes. Whether he's buzzing over Fallon or exploring new horizons, one thing is clear: Justin's journey is just getting started, and the sky is only the beginning. Huge congratulations to Justin and his CFI, Andrew Spanier, on this incredible accomplishment!



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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**ZACHARY WILSON –
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“Do or do not, there is no try.” – Yoda. Spoken like a true Jedi master... speaking of Jedi masters, have you heard? The padawan now turned master, Zachary Wilson, has officially mastered the art of solo flight by soloing in N495SP at KSPZ on runway 6 today! If you don't know Zachary, all you need to know is that his life is surrounded by Star Wars and Marvel lore along with complex puzzles like solving (and working at) escape rooms. I think it's completely fair to say that Zachary's love for puzzles, escape rooms, Star Wars, and Marvel have clearly equipped him with the mindset needed to conquer the domain of the sky (as dramatic as that sounds). Whether it was the Force or the power of the Infinity Gauntlet, Zachary came in equipped and prepared. Zachary, you have battled the winter and have now conquered the heat, huge congratulations on this awesome accomplishment! That final boss—the checkride—is just on the horizon, but with your superpowers and determination, I'm sure you'll be just fine. And how could we forget the Jedi Master and CFI, Ryan Mill, who has guided Zachary to this incredible success. Awesome work today you two! Now go celebrate!

Lights, camera, action! While Louize is usually getting bombarded left and right by the paparazzi for her star appearance in The Hunt for Red October (she may or may not have her own IMDB page), she traded in her stardom and fame this morning for the yoke and hum of a Cessna 172... that's right everyone, the illustrious Louize Borrás soloed this morning in N495SP at KSPZ on runway 24! However, she's not completely new to the aviation industry. Louize has been ensuring the safety, security, and comfort of airline passengers as a flight attendant for 13 years! You can say she's always had a knack for aviation. If you know Louize, you know she's one of the sweetest, most kind individuals, and we're so excited to celebrate this accomplishment with her! She's worked incredibly hard balancing her life as a flight attendant, being a loving mother of her two fur babies, working towards reading 50 books this year, and committing to the workload of flight training. All that hard work has paid off! Huge congratulations to Louize, and the Zipp Fizz salesman— I mean CFI, Andrew Spanier on this huge achievement! Andrew and Louize have worked diligently to get to this point, awesome work to the both of you!



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