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SQUAWK 7500: CANCELLATIONS ARE HIJACKING THE SCHEDULE

We've seen a noticeable uptick in last-minute cancellations and same-day schedule changes. While life happens, it's important to remember that when you book a lesson or rental, you are committing to both the instructor's time and the aircraft. Every cancellation affects more than just your schedule; it impacts instructor time/income, aircraft availability, and overall flight school operations.

In the past, we've been a bit lenient in enforcing billing for late cancellations. However, with the recent increase and the significant effect on both instructors and the business, we will now be enforcing the cancellation policy as written. Any cancellations that fall within the stated time frame will be billed accordingly. This verbiage is in the documents section of your profile in Flight Schedule Pro.

Another key reminder: the student pilot certificate application should be started right away, ideally on your first lesson with your CFI. This is not something to push off until later. If your instructor hasn't already, start reminding (nagging!) them about getting this process underway so there are no delays once you're ready to solo.

Thank you for your professionalism and commitment to keeping training efficient and on track. Together, we can ensure Great Basin Aviation continues to provide the highest quality training experience for every student.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Need some study buddies? Don't forget about Private Pilot Study Groups on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6pm-8pm. Instrument Ground School help, those will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6pm-8pm.
- Check the parking map!! Make sure you know where to park your plane when you return.
- Booking for 0500 is no longer available due to the sunrise occurring closer to 0600. If you are already on the schedule, that flight is still good to go, but any additional 0500 flights will need to go through your instructor or the office.
- Heads up, thunderstorms are forecasted this weekend into Monday, especially in the afternoons. Keep a close eye on the weather, especially if you're scheduled for a long cross-country.
- Want more ground school supplement classes? Hold short, more info coming soon!

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



CRISTOBAL ALVARENGA – PILOT OF THE MONTH

This month we're proud to recognize Cristobal Alvarenga as our Pilot of the Month! Cris has stood out for the way he combines drive, positivity, and a truly teachable spirit on his path to becoming a pilot.

Even as a brand-new dad and the amazing commitment that comes with that, Cris shows up prepared, focused, and ready to make every lesson count. He never loses sight of his goals, balancing family and flight training with determination and grit that inspires both his instructors and fellow students. Cris, your commitment proves that when the passion for aviation takes hold, there's no excuse big enough to stop you from chasing your dreams. Congratulations, you've earned this recognition, and we can't wait to see how far your wings take you!

Congratulations to Cody Koch on his first solo flight! Cody took N352ME up at KRTS on runway 08 and absolutely crushed it. While most teenagers spent their summer glued to TikTok, gaming marathons, or "resting up" for back-to-school (isn't that what they do?), Cody was out here chasing down dreams and flying airplanes. Priorities: set. This guy drives all the way in from Truckee for his training, through mountain traffic, questionable weather, and probably at least one Subaru Outback traffic jam, because he knows that becoming a pilot isn't about convenience, it's about commitment. And that commitment paid off today when he tasted that sweet, unmatched freedom of solo flight.

Not only is Cody a hard-charger in the cockpit, he's also a guitar player. So while some people only play "Free Bird," Cody went out and actually became one.

Now, as he heads back to high school next week, he's adding "airplane pilot" to the list of things he's balancing along with schoolwork, teenage life, and probably being way cooler than the rest of us at his age. No big deal. Huge shoutout to his CFI, Lucas Murphy, for getting him here. Lucas kept him sharp, safe, and ready to take that leap solo. Cody, enjoy this moment, because the sky is officially yours!



CODY KOCH – SOLO