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THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX WITH YOUR FLYING: EMBRACE DYNAMIC LEARNING

When it comes to flying, it's easy to fall into the routine—pre-flight checks, standard maneuvers, textbook approaches. But what if we told you that some of the best pilots are the ones who think outside the box?

Being a successful pilot isn't about following a cookie-cutter approach; it's about being dynamic, adaptable, and constantly challenging yourself to learn and grow. Whether it's exploring new techniques, practicing in different conditions, or experimenting with different flight paths, pushing your boundaries will make you a more versatile and confident pilot.

Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Try that crosswind landing on a gusty day (within reason), or maybe fly a new route that takes you over unfamiliar terrain. Each experience adds to your skill set and makes you a more well-rounded aviator.

Remember, aviation is not just about getting from point A to point B; it's about the journey, the challenges, and the endless learning that keeps you sharp. So next time you take to the skies, think outside the box and embrace the dynamic nature of flying. The sky isn't the limit; it's just the beginning.

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!

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**CORY KLEIDOSTY –
CFI**

A huge and heartfelt congratulations to Cory Kleidosty on earning his Instructor Certificate! Cory has been with us at GBA from the very beginning, earning every rating and certificate here, and we couldn't be prouder to see him reach this significant milestone—his CFI. Cory's journey is a testament to his incredible dedication and commitment. Balancing the demanding responsibilities of his Southwest supervisor role, preparing for this challenging checkride, and planning a wedding all in the same week is nothing short of extraordinary. And you thought your week was busy...Through it all, Cory remained calm, focused, and determined, embodying the true spirit of a dedicated aviator. Cory, your hard work and perseverance inspire us all. A big thank you to his CFI, Richard Brong, for guiding him on this journey. We're excited to see where this new chapter takes you, Cory—congratulations on all you've achieved and all that's still to come! Pictured: Where he is now, and where it started, his solo!

Big congratulations to Cody Sbranti on earning his Private Pilot Certificate today! Cody's journey to his PPL has been nothing short of impressive—balancing his studies while finishing up his degree, battling Northern Nevada's unpredictable weather, navigating the craziness of checkride scheduling, and still staying focused and prepped for this big day. Cody is truly amazing! As an Air Force Veteran and an avid outdoorsman, Cody has shown determination and grit every step of the way. And let's be honest, we didn't need to "motivate" him at all when it came to ground school—he had his goal in mind and made it happen. We're so proud of you, Cody! A huge shoutout to his CFI, Alex Spencer, for guiding him through this incredible achievement. Awesome job, Cody!



**CODY SBRANTI –
PRIVATE**

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**IAN BARRY –
PRIVATE**

Geez, this guy again? Just kidding. Whether you've seen him on social media sporting GBA merch or if you've had to kick him out of a conference room while he performed rituals with the FAR/ AIM tabbers, you know that Ian has quite the reputation around here. As much as we like to poke fun at Ian, we're super excited to announce that Ian Barry is officially a private pilot! Ian, to no one's surprise, showed up calm and ready this morning while sporting his tried-and-true golf attire... naturally to celebrate with a game after his ride (unreal). While in the air, his CFI and president of the FAR/ AIM tabbers, Eric Harned, cheered Ian on while he executed his maneuvers with grace and buttered his landings with ease. Ian, you've been hitting the books and putting your flight training before your golfing career—a hard ask I know— and we're incredibly proud of you. Let's give a huge round of applause to Ian Barry and Eric Harned on this incredible accomplishment! You'll be seeing Ian again soon as he approaches his instrument training head on... but in the meantime, breathe, you did it!

Today, we're beyond thrilled to announce that Couper Ross has officially earned his private pilot license! Couper has been absolutely soaring through his training over the last few months, showing an incredible amount of dedication, perseverance, and passion. He put in the hard work, and it's paid off—now he's ready to take to the skies with his well-deserved wings! But the journey doesn't stop here. Couper is setting his sights even higher as he prepares to head to the Air Force Academy. With dreams of becoming a fighter pilot, there's no doubt he's ready to take on this new challenge with the same determination that got him this far. The sky isn't just the limit for Couper—it's his next playground! We also want to give a huge shoutout to his fantastic CFI, Eric Harned. Eric's guidance and expertise have been instrumental in helping Couper reach this incredible milestone. Couper, we're all eagerly awaiting the amazing things you'll achieve next. Here's to clear skies, smooth landings, and an amazing future ahead!



**COUPER ROSS –
PRIVATE**

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GBA EVENTS



**BLAIR MCLEOD-
PRIVATE PILOT**

What's the best thing to come out of New Zealand? I know you're all thinking Sauvignon Blanc (and who could blame you?), but it's actually Blair McLeod, GBA's newest Private Pilot! This guy's been soaring through challenges like a Kiwi that just realized it could fly. Blair's journey has been more epic than a rugby match with the All Blacks—battling weather delays, making the trek from the lake (probably dodging sheep and hobbits along the way), all while running his own business with the focus of a true Kiwi legend. Now he's ready to celebrate this incredible achievement! And what better way than heading back to the land of the long white cloud to see his whānau? Blair, your hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and we can't wait to see where the skies take you next. A massive shoutout to his CFI, Andrew Spanier, for guiding him through this journey.