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THE IMPORTANCE OF COCKPIT HYGIENE: KEEP IT FRESH!

At Great Basin Aviation, we take pride in keeping our aircraft in top condition, but there's one thing we can't maintain for you—your personal hygiene! With the summer heat still lingering, it's crucial for both students and CFIs to be mindful of cockpit cleanliness. No one wants to be stuck in a small, enclosed space with someone who isn't at their freshest.

A simple reminder: Shower before your lesson or workday! Be respectful of the next person stepping into the cockpit after you. Clean clothes and good hygiene make a huge difference, especially in close quarters.

We understand it's been hot out there, but let's all be considerate and leave the cockpit as fresh as possible for the next person.

Let's keep the skies—and the cockpits—clean and comfortable for everyone!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- If you are rated for the aircraft you are flying, this is a friendly reminder that you do need a renter's policy. We will not dispatch unless it is on file. **This includes safety pilots.**
- Starting 9/17, 6 a.m. flights will no longer be scheduled. If you already have one booked, it will still be available, but with the darker mornings, 7 a.m. starts will be the new start.
- 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!
- Instrument Ground School! Bob will teach the next round of Instrument Ground School starting on October 15th. It will run for six weeks and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 pm to 9pm. The cost is \$500. Call the office for more details.
- When renting an aircraft, please treat it like it's your own—with care, respect, and a little common sense. Clean up, report any issues immediately, and handle everything responsibly. We all share these planes, so let's keep them in top shape for everyone.



JASON DORN – PILOT OF THE MONTH

CORRECTION to post from last week: Jason Dorn is GBA's August pilot of the month! And no, he's not the CIA assassin Jason BOURNE, but with Jason's skills in and out of the airplane, I can see how some might confuse the two of them. Jason has been working incredibly hard these last couple of months, and frankly, we're tired of seeing his face around the office (just kidding Jason). He's an absolute stud in the airplane and excels with his ground knowledge... A little birdy told me Jason may be soloing very soon, so get ready to see him in your feed yet again in the near future. When Jason won't leave us alone (I promise we're not mean to him), you can find Jason tearing up the slopes while skiing and putting his instructor, Ryan Mill, to shame while running... Jason and Ryan did the Reno Tahoe Odyssey together and it's safe to say that Jason is definitely the better runner of the two (sorry Ryan). Amazing job, Jason! We're so incredibly happy for you and it's been a privilege watching you progress through your flight training. Keep it up!

Big shoutout to Holden Stone for shredding the skies and going solo at KCXP, runway 27, in N328ME! This former surf punk rocker just hit a high note in his flight training journey, and we're pretty sure that spot on runway 27 will forever be his favorite surf break. Holden's not just rockin' the cockpit—this guy's time management is next-level awesome. Between full-time work, flight training, throwing down in Jiu Jitsu, and his rad, supportive family, he's mastered the art of flying through life's chaos. Whether he's rolling on the mat or cruising at 8,000 feet, Holden knows how to keep things on the glide path! Huge shoutout to his awesome CFI Ryan Mill for guiding him to this solo milestone. Congrats, Holden! You've taken your first solo flight and tapped out any doubts. Keep soaring high and may your next landing be as smooth as your best Jiu Jitsu roll!



HOLDEN STONE – SOLO



**ALEX SHAW –
SOLO**

We're beyond excited to share that Alex Shaw took to the skies for her solo flight at KRNO, on runway 17L, in N328ME! What an incredible achievement for Alex—she nailed it and showed all the hard work, dedication, and hours of preparation have paid off! Soloing is one of the biggest milestones in a pilot's journey, and Alex absolutely crushed it. From mastering takeoffs and landings to navigating the busy skies of Reno, she's proven she has what it takes to be a fantastic PIC! A huge shoutout to her CFI, Alex Spencer, for the guidance and support along the way! The Alex-Alex duo has certainly made magic happen. The sky's truly the limit from here, Alex! Keep soaring higher and chasing your aviation dreams. We're so proud of you and can't wait to see where your journey takes you next!