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WHY ARE HAILEY AND NICOLE SO MEAN?



If it ever feels like Hailey and Nicole are always on your case, there's a reason—they're here to keep you on track. From chasing down your paperwork to making sure you're staying ahead on ground school, they're the behind-the-scenes heroes making your flight training run smoothly.

Here's the deal: They're both pilots, so they know firsthand how challenging training can be. But they also know that slacking on ground school is like trying to bake a cake without reading the instructions. Sure, maybe you're a master baker and can wing it, but most of us end up with a goopy mess. Ground school is your recipe for success—and more efficient flight training, which reduces costs.

So when they remind you (for the 20th time, you know who you are) about that one document or ground school module, it's not to nag—it's because they care. Granted, there is some sass in that office, but behind that there is a lot of heart. And if you want to soften the blow, maybe bring them some baked goods. Just sayin'.

Fly safe, study hard, and give Hailey and Nicole a little love (or cookies). They deserve it.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Make sure you fly all cockpits!** We all love the G-1000 but, especially if you are considering CFI, get out from behind the glass. As well as for scheduling, make sure you diversify your cockpit management.
- Watch for wing covers and frost. **DO NOT** put the flaps down with the wing covers on.
- In the event of frost formation on your aircraft, you and your CFI will be put to work in helping remove it. Please make sure you have a line technician or a CFI helping you with frost removal. Teamwork is crucial here!
- **Ground School! Get ahead of it.** It will wind up extending your training and your costs if you are not staying consistent on ground school. For Private Pilot, best practice is to have the Knowledge Test completed prior to solo. However, we encourage it to be done well before then. You will be learning daily, so get that solid theoretical knowledge base as early as you can so it all makes sense.



**COLTON URQUHART –
INSTRUMENT**

Colton Urquhart just reached a major milestone in his aviation journey by earning his Instrument Rating! Despite his busy schedule as a student at UNR, Colton has always made time for his passion for aviation. When he's not flying under the foggles he's often up in the air with his grandpa in his Bonanza. Growing up with a passion for flying, Colton's journey to his Instrument Rating was a natural next step! The training wasn't a walk in the clouds, it involved mastering everything from precision navigation to staying calm under pressure, but Colton's determination was sky-high. A huge congratulations to Colton for reaching this milestone, and a special shout-out to his CFII, Nathan Morin. The sky's the limit for Colton's future in aviation!

Justin Cooper has officially made the leap from a dad playing dress-up to a high-flying professional pilot! While he spends his days as an electrician and his weekends hosting the most exclusive tea parties in town for his daughters, Justin has proven he can balance it all—glamorous gowns (courtesy of his daughters) and now, a commercial aviation career. Known for his ability to hold a teacup with pinky-out precision, Justin's true talents extend beyond his modeling career. When he's not busy being the star of the dress-up runway, he's hunting, camping, and, of course, flying. But make no mistake—this commercial license wasn't handed to him on a silver platter. His journey to earning this commercial license has been anything but easy, requiring him to juggle family life, a full-time job, and intensive flight training with grace and precision. Let's give a huge congratulations to Justin and his instructor, Ryan Mill, on this incredible accomplishment! Justin, may your flights be as smooth as a well-hosted tea party and as rewarding as your daughters declaring you as The Best Dad Ever. Awesome work you two!



**JUSTIN COOPER –
COMMERCIAL**



NICK SUNDSTROM – PILOT OF THE MONTH

★NICK SUNDSTROM★ Nick Sundstrom is GBA's December pilot of the month! Ladies and gentlemen, today is a special day because Nick's finally done it. Nick has been eyeing this honor for a while now, and with his hard work, dedication, and persistence (I don't want to say he begged, but it was borderline) he's more than earned this month's pilot of the month slot. To start, Nick has checked off some impressive milestones with GBA. Since the very beginnings of solo, Nick has also since earned his private pilot and instrument rating with GBA and has been working diligently on his commercial training.

His focus and commitment to becoming a professional pilot are truly remarkable and it's been an absolute privilege to watch him progress through his training. When Nick's not flying with GBA, you can find him... flying (get a life Nick, just kidding 😊) around the area in his family's RV, enjoying the ski slopes, or mountain biking. We love giving Nick a hard time, but it's only because he's such an exceptional student and a fantastic part of GBA. Awesome work, Nick! We can't wait to see what you do next!

Move over, Jason Bourne—there's a new agent in town, and his code name is Dorn... Jason Dorn. Today's a big day for this secret-agent-undercover-flight-student because Jason has officially earned his private pilot license! Armed with sharp skills, quick intuition, and a calm demeanor under pressure, Jason has completed his most recent mission with flying colors, cementing his reputation as a top-tier aviator (and possibly an international man of mystery). Whether he's dodging turbulence or executing flawless landings, Jason makes it all look effortless—like he's got a classified flight manual the rest of us aren't privy to. Jason is an incredible aviator and we're so happy to share this incredible accomplishment with him. Let's give Jason and his flight instructor, Ryan Mill, a huge congratulations on this achievement! Ryan, your training methods deserve their own classified file. When Jason isn't moonlighting as a secret agent or flying at GBA, you can find him skiing black diamonds, running like a gazelle, and dabbling with some photography. Congratulations on this epic milestone, Jason! Now go forth and dominate the skies like the secret agent we all suspect you might be.



JASON DORN – PRIVATE PILOT

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**AIDAN MCALLISTER –
SOLO**

Look out, world—Aidan McAllister has officially crushed his first solo flight! Today, Aidan kicked out his instructor and took to the skies at KSPZ, gracefully piloting N328ME off runway 24, all on his own. It's no surprise that Aidan's reached this milestone; he's been flying like a man on a mission, proving that hard work and determination are the ultimate pre-workout for aviation success. When Aidan isn't dominating the cockpit, you'll likely find him in the gym, pumping iron and plotting his next move. He's also a gearhead with a love for cars, a powder hound on the slopes, and a seasoned camper ready for any outdoor adventure. Basically, Aidan's hobbies scream "cool guy energy," and now he's added "solo pilot" to his list of achievements. Let's give Aidan and his flight instructor, James Morgan, a huge congratulations on this incredible accomplishment! Congratulations, Aidan! You've unlocked a whole new level of freedom. Now go enjoy the skies—just don't forget leg day!