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## THE LUCK OF THE AVIATORS – ST. PATRICK'S DAY & FLYING



While some may rely on the luck of the Irish, we know that in aviation, luck has nothing to do with success—it's all about preparation, skill, and smart decision-making. That being said, we are pretty lucky to be part of this incredible aviation community, training in a region that challenges us with four-season flying, mountain weather, and busy airspace—all of which make us better pilots.

This week, as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, take a moment to reflect on why you're lucky to be a pilot (or on your way to becoming one!). Maybe it's the freedom of flight, the view from above, or the incredible people you meet along the way. Whatever it is, hold onto that passion and keep pushing toward your goals.

Much like a good pre-flight inspection, success in aviation is about taking the right steps, being thorough, and always staying ahead of the aircraft. There's no pot of gold at the end of the runway—just the reward of knowing you've earned every moment in the sky through hard work and dedication. Whether you're logging solo time, tackling checkride prep, or just soaking in the experience, remember: the more you learn, the "luckier" you get.

Green shirts optional, proper flight planning required. Stay safe, stay sharp, and may the winds be ever in your favor! Happy St. Patrick's Day from all of us at GBA!

## REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

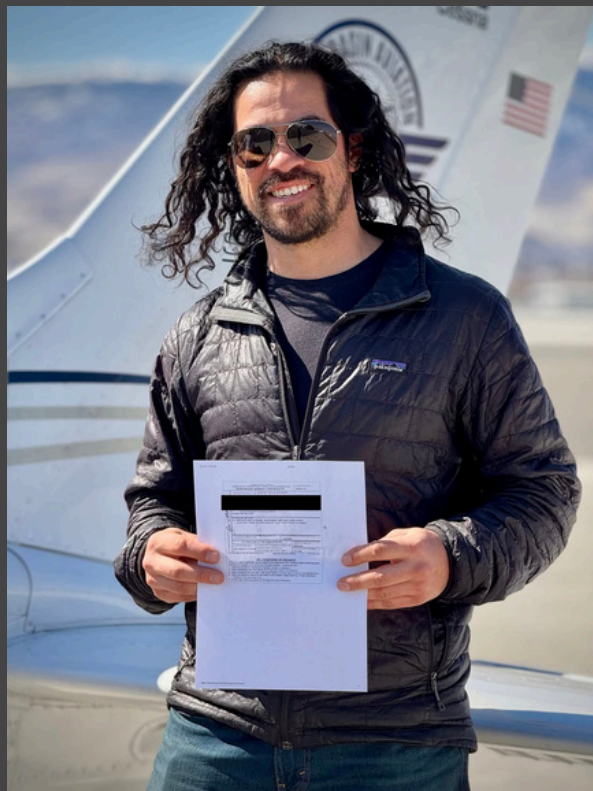
- Check out the **FREE Cessna Cockpit Poster** through Sportys! Go to [Sportys.com](https://www.sportys.com) and search for "Cessna 172 Poster." Add it to your cart and check out. You will pay the \$5.95 shipping and handling. This is a great tool for chair flying!
- Need some study buddies? Don't forget about Monday Night Study Groups on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6pm-8pm.
- Looking for ground school supplement courses? Ask the office about upcoming course offerings. The schedule is out through July.



## NOAH PERKINS – SOLO

Noah Perkins just made a slam dunk in his aviation journey, completing his first solo flight at KRTS on runway 8 in N670CS! With aviation running in his blood, it was only a matter of time before Noah took to the skies on his own. His dad, Adam, a Southwest Airlines pilot and GBA renter, undoubtedly inspired Noah's love for flying—but it's Noah's own dedication and hard work that got him to this moment. Balancing flight training with school and basketball, Noah has put in countless hours of preparation, proving his passion for aviation every step of the way. As a member of McQueen High School's aviation club, he's always looking for ways to sharpen his skills and deepen his knowledge of flying. Today, all that effort paid off as he took control of the aircraft and experienced the thrill of solo flight. Let's give a huge congratulations to Noah and his flight instructor, Eric Harned, on this incredible achievement! Noah, we're beyond proud and can't wait to see where your aviation journey takes you next. Keep soaring, Noah—this is just the beginning!

Wait a second... we know this guy? Is he a CFI at GBA? Yes. Does he have a 10-step hair care routine? Almost positive. Does he think he's cooler than everyone because he drives in from the lake? Oh definitely. And did he just earn his CFII? You better believe it! I think I have my answer... it couldn't be anyone other than the fantastic Greg Anthenien! That's right, you know him, you love him, and you're definitely jealous of his hair, Greg Anthenien passed his CFII checkride today! Greg has truly mastered the art of instruction these last couple of months, but he decided it was time to up his game and navigate through the fog of CFII. While his CFII, Richard Brong, had a blast playing instrument student (even though he can't hold altitude as is... just kidding) Greg stayed patient, precise, and now has the ability to walk students through any instrument situation. And while Greg may have some aerodynamic disadvantages compared to Richard in the hair category, I can still see that far off look in Richard's eyes as he reminisces over the good ol' days (he definitely had a mullet and it definitely keeps us up at night just thinking about it). Greg, awesome job today! We can't wait to see you instruct some fine instrument pilots!



## GREG ANTENIEN – CFII