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KNOW YOUR INSTRUMENTS: READ, UNDERSTAND, AND FLY SMARTER

You wouldn't take off without checking your fuel or verifying your weight and balance, so why fly without truly understanding the instruments in front of you?

As aircraft become more sophisticated, so do the tools we have on board. One area often overlooked by pilots in training, and even some seasoned flyers, is the proper use and interpretation of their aircraft's instrumentation, especially engine monitoring systems.

If your aircraft is equipped with an engine monitor, take the time to learn it. Don't just glance at it mid-flight; understand what those numbers mean and how to spot signs of irregularities. Cylinder head temperatures, exhaust gas temperatures, fuel flow, voltage readings, they're all there for a reason. Knowing how to interpret them can help you catch small issues before they become big problems.

This isn't just about technology, it's about safety, efficiency, and becoming a more informed pilot. Whether you're flying a C172 with a simple six-pack or a G1000-equipped aircraft, commit to understanding your panel. Read the POH, review the avionics manuals, and ask your instructors questions.

In aviation, the difference between "good enough" and "great" often lies in the details. Your instruments are speaking to you, make sure you're fluent in the language.

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.
- Please do not call Atlantic directly for fuel orders. They are managed through the line techs. Remember, these planes only burn about 7 gal/hour so every flight does not require a top off.
- Looking for ground school supplement courses? Ask the office about upcoming course offerings. The schedule is out through July.
- Check out this scholarship opportunities: **Fasiang Future of Flight Scholarship**, Website: <https://bold.org/scholarships/fasiang-future-of-flight-scholarship/>



**NICOLE GONZALEZ –
CFI**

Today we celebrate more than a milestone, we celebrate years of dedication, growth, and perseverance. Nicole Gonzalez officially earned her Certified Flight Instructor Certificate, and to say we're proud is an understatement. From the moment she walked through our doors for her first discovery flight, we've watched Nicole evolve into the driven, talented aviator and leader she is today. She has earned every certificate and rating along the way, while also graduating last year from UNR with a degree in finance and becoming an integral part of the GBA team. She balanced school, flying, and running the office on weekends with grace, professionalism, and heart. Nicole has grown up with us here at GBA, and watching her now take on the role of instructor is incredibly special. Her journey is a reminder of what's possible when passion meets hard work, and we can't wait to see the impact she'll make on the next generation of pilots. Congratulations, Nicole!! And congratulations as well to her instructor, Eric Harned, for guiding her through this final leg. The runway ahead is wide open, CFI Nicole. This is just the beginning.

"Now class, let's start from the beginning. You're all private pilots, what are some of the required documents you need to have on your person before acting as PIC? Timmy?"

"Medical Certificate."

"Very good. Susie?"

"Photo ID."

"Nice. Okay, and Joshua, what's the last one?"

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"Josh?"

"Gimme a sec." *More crickets* ... "Oh yeah! Pilot certificate."

"... at least you've got your line tech job."

Just kidding. Trying to look ahead, Joshua Gilmore decided to scan his pilot certificate for his checkride binder and accidentally left it in his scanner before heading out this morning for his checkride. Thankfully, Josh was able to run home, grab his certificate, and begin his checkride, and even under the circumstances, Josh collected himself and flew like a true instrument pilot! That's right everyone! Your favorite line tech (don't tell Andy or Derrick) is officially an instrument rated pilot. Now, while we love to give Josh a hard time, Josh has been putting in the work, cleaning bugs, battling the heat, flying like crazy, and crushing his ground. We even have word that the man himself, Bob Bennett, said Josh's mock instrument oral exam was the best he's ever given. Josh is fantastic and we're so incredibly proud of him and his progress. Let's give Josh and his CFII, Greg Anthenien, who tried his best to pound into Josh's brain that he needs his pilot certificate, a huge congratulations on this amazing achievement! You da man, Josh! Now, let's talk about commercial...



**JOSHUA GILMORE –
INSTRUMENT**