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DETAILS TODAY, BETTER PILOTS TOMORROW

One of the biggest lessons aviation teaches us is that the small details matter. The habits we build with the little things on the ground are the same habits that carry over into bigger decisions in the air.

That is why it is so important to stay consistent with things like checking aircraft in and out and verifying numbers. Before starting the airplane, take a moment to confirm the Hobbs and tach, and make sure to check them again when you return. Making sure flights are properly checked out and checked back in keeps scheduling accurate, helps maintenance stay informed, and ensures the next pilot has what they need.

These may seem like small tasks, but they are part of developing the mindset of a safe and professional pilot. Aviation rewards people who slow down, double check, and pay attention to the details. When we practice that level of care with the small things, it builds the discipline needed for the bigger ones, whether that is calculating performance, managing weather, or making decisions in flight.

Being detail oriented is a skill that grows over time, and it starts with simple habits like verifying numbers and completing the process correctly every time. When everyone takes those extra few seconds, it helps keep the entire operation running smoothly and reinforces the kind of professionalism that aviation is built on.

Thanks for doing your part to keep things organized, accurate, and running well here at Great Basin Aviation. The small details really do shape great pilots.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored even after hours.
- Come to the Monday night study groups! Private Pilot is the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6pm-8pm. Advanced rating/certificate study groups will be the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, same time.
- Runway 8/26 at KRNO is closed 3/2-5/1.
- Taxiway signage and names will change on July 9th. There is a map in the GBA if you want to check it out and get familiar prior to the change.
- **A few students have mentioned interest in starting a group study session. It wouldn't be instructor-led, just a time to get together, study, quiz each other, and work through material as a group. If you're interested, let us know what evenings work best, and we'll help coordinate a time and support getting it started.**

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Josh Catron officially joined the solo club after taking off on his own from Runway 8 at Stead.

Josh and his instructor Derrick have been quite the duo throughout training. Between the flying and the matching mustaches, they've easily become one of the more recognizable teams around the ramp. Clearly the mustache power worked, because Josh went out and nailed his solo.

Around the school, Josh is known for being incredibly personable. He's always stopping by the office to say hi and chat for a bit, usually with a joke or story that keeps things interesting. He's easy to talk to, genuinely nice to everyone, and the kind of person the staff always enjoys seeing walk through the door.

One more important detail about this solo: Josh did it wearing Crocs. Bold choice. Comfortable choice. And apparently, a successful one. You may also recognize Josh soon for another reason. He's featured in an upcoming Great Basin video, so we might just have a future social media star on our hands.

Congrats on the solo, Josh. Mustaches, Crocs, and Runway 8, a solid combination. ✈️



Josh Catron - Solo

Huge congratulations to Aidan McAllister on passing his Instrument Checkride!

The morning started off strong when Aidan spilled coffee all over the office carpet right before heading out to fly... bold pre checkride ritual, but apparently it works. We may need to add "dump coffee on carpet" to the official GBA instrument training syllabus.

Aidan trained with Eric Harned, and the two made a great team getting him ready for the clouds. His calm, steady approach made him a natural fit for instrument flying.

Aviation has been part of Aidan's life for a long time. He's been flying with his grandpa since he was little, and that early love of aviation clearly stuck. Outside of flight training, Aidan is also in the Army National Guard with plans to become a military pilot one day.

Weather definitely tried to be his nemesis through this process, forcing him to reschedule his checkride more than once, but he stuck with it and got it done.

Around the school, Aidan is known for being a mellow, easygoing guy who's great to have around. He also takes the details seriously... sometimes so seriously that we'll get 2am texts asking about maintenance logs.

When he's not flying approaches, you'll probably find him out skiing in the mountains.

Coffee spills aside, Aidan put in the work and earned this one. We're proud of the dedication he showed getting to this milestone. Congratulations on the Instrument Rating, Aidan! ✈️



Aidan McAllister - Instrument Rating

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Some people discover aviation because they want a new hobby. Charlie Tatro discovered aviation because apparently having free time just isn't his thing.

Charlie is one of those people who always has something going on. If he's not working, he's probably on the pickleball court, keeping the rally alive and making sure nobody gets an easy point. And when the Reno weather warms up, you'll likely find him up at the lake wake surfing, because sitting still has never really been part of the plan. So naturally... aviation made perfect sense.

Today at KRTS on Runway 26, Charlie stepped onto the court in a different way and soloed N37JA for the first time. No instructor in the right seat, just Charlie, the airplane, and the skills he's been building. For someone who loves to travel, this moment is a pretty big deal. Charlie can now officially start taking himself places... as long as the logbook endorsements keep getting signed along the way.

The thing about aviation is that it rewards people who like to stay busy. There's always something to study, something new to learn, another goal to chase. For a guy who hates downtime, he may have just found the perfect career choice.

You could say today was Charlie's match point.

He kept the rally going and served up a solo flight.

Huge credit to CFI Lucas Murphy for coaching him through the process and getting him to this milestone.

Great job, Charlie. The rally's just getting started.



**Charlie Tatro -
Solo**



**Julius Lorentzen -
Solo**

Julius Lorentzen has officially taken his first solo lap around the pattern!

Julius launched in N352ME at KRST on runway 26, proving that hard work, long study sessions, and apparently being about 10 feet tall all translate pretty well into flying an airplane. When he's not in the cockpit, Julius is either working or on the golf course. He claims he's also a mini-golf (putt putt) legend... which frankly he better be if he's already a pro at regular golf. We expect nothing less than dominance in the windmill and pirate ship divisions.

Now we do need to address one concerning character flaw: Julius is a Patriots fan. Julius... buddy... read the room. This is Raider country. We'll forgive it this time since you just soloed, but we'll be watching closely.

Jokes aside, Julius' work ethic shows through in everything he does. The studying, the preparation, the consistency, it all paid off today in a big way. This is a huge milestone and just the beginning of many more aviation goals ahead.

Big shoutout as well to his CFI, Cory Kleidosty, for getting him to this moment.

Great work, Julius. Now go celebrate... maybe with a round of mini golf. Just remember in flying, the only thing we want under par is your landing distance.

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Know someone who's always dreamed of flying? Share this with your friends and family!

Hosted by CFI: Cory Kleidosty



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