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SIMULATOR FLYING

We are in that time of year, weather/temperature cancelations...Using a simulator for even private pilot training offers several benefits that contribute to a more effective and comprehensive learning experience. Here are some reasons why using a simulator is advantageous:

1. **Risk Mitigation:** Simulators allow you to practice and hone your skills in a controlled environment without the inherent risks associated with flying an actual aircraft. This helps reduce the likelihood of accidents during training.
2. **Weather Independence:** Simulators provide the flexibility to simulate various weather conditions, including adverse situations that might be challenging or unsafe for actual flight training. This ensures that you can practice in diverse scenarios regardless of the weather.
3. **Repetitive Practice:** You can repeat specific procedures or maneuvers as many times as necessary in a simulator. This level of repetition is often impractical or costly in a real aircraft, allowing for more effective skill development.
4. **Scenario Training:** Simulators can replicate a wide range of scenarios, including emergencies, equipment malfunctions, and challenging airspace conditions. This enables you to develop the decision-making skills needed to handle various situations safely.
5. **Instrument Proficiency:** Simulators are valuable for honing instrument flying skills, allowing you to practice navigation, approaches, and procedures that are critical for flying in adverse weather conditions or low visibility.
6. **Time Efficiency:** Training sessions can be more time-efficient in a simulator, as there is no need for pre-flight preparations, taxiing, or waiting for weather conditions to improve. This allows for focused and productive training sessions.
7. **System Familiarization:** You can familiarize themselves with the cockpit layout, instrumentation, and avionics of specific aircraft models in a simulator. This helps build confidence and competence before flying the actual aircraft.
8. **Introduction to Advanced Systems:** Our simulator features advanced avionics and systems, providing an opportunity for you to familiarize yourself with the latest technologies and equipment without the risk associated with real-world operation.

In summary, using a simulator for private pilot training and beyond offers a safe, cost-effective, and flexible approach to skill development, allowing you to become more proficient and confident before taking to the skies in an actual aircraft. Chat with your CFI/CFII today about getting it booked.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- The Monday Night Study Group Class will start up again on Monday, January 22nd. If you would like to join the PPL Study Group What's App, please contact the office for the link.
- Please be on time for your reservations. Often times we need the hangar right away to defrost the next plane in line. Please be timely to ensure on time dispatch for all GBA students and renters.



**TRAVIS JOHNSON –
SOLO**

After a couple of days of being snowed in and having to survive the traffic of getting into Reno, Travis Johnson, adventurer and river running master has now added another impressive skill onto the docket: solo pilot! That's right, Travis soloed at Silver Springs on runway 6 in N328ME! After shivering on the ramp and dodging the incoming ceilings, Travis made the trek to Silver Springs and flaunted his landings to his instructor, Ryan Mill, who then decided to set Travis loose. To no one's surprise, Travis buttered all of his landings, and after having so much fun, had to eventually pick up Ryan to fly back home. If Travis isn't crushing ground school or flying to his heart's content, you can find him doing anything in the water. He loves to go kayaking, river rafting, and sailing the ocean blue... really any opportunity to flaunt his boating license ;) Huge congratulations to Travis and his right-hand man, Ryan Mill who's been guiding him along this journey from the beginning. Now go fly, Travis!