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## IF YOU COULD ONLY DO 3 THINGS BETWEEN LESSONS... DO THESE

There's a common assumption in flight training that progress comes down to how often you fly. And while consistency in the airplane absolutely matters, it's only part of the equation.

What often gets overlooked is everything that happens between lessons.

That in-between time, whether it's a day or a few days, is where a lot of real progress is either made or quietly lost. Students who move efficiently through training aren't just showing up and flying. They're doing a few simple things outside the airplane that make each lesson more productive than the last.

If you had to narrow it down, there are three habits that consistently make the biggest difference.

The first is chair flying. It's not flashy, and it doesn't require any equipment, but it's one of the most effective ways to build familiarity and confidence. Walking through a maneuver step-by-step, talking through flows, or visualizing a full pattern helps reduce the mental workload once you're actually in the airplane. Instead of reacting in real time, you're recognizing something you've already seen before, just in a different setting. Over time, that familiarity turns into smoother execution and better decision-making.

Equally important is taking a few minutes to review your last lesson. Pull up the notes in FSP. Not just thinking about how it felt, but actually breaking it down. Identifying what went well, where things started to fall apart, and what corrections came up more than once creates a level of awareness that's hard to build in the moment. Writing a few notes, even briefly, helps carry that awareness forward so you're not starting from zero the next time you fly. It also gives your next lesson direction before you even step into the briefing.

The third piece is preparing for what's coming next. Flight training moves quickly, and being introduced to a new concept in the airplane for the first time can be overwhelming. Taking a little time beforehand to understand the objective of the next lesson, whether that's reviewing the lesson in FSP, a maneuver, scanning a checklist, or watching a short explanation, can make a noticeable difference. It shifts your role from trying to keep up to being ready to engage, which makes each lesson more efficient and less stressful.

None of these things requires a significant time commitment, but together they change how training feels. Lessons become less about figuring things out on the fly and more about refining something that's already familiar.

In the end, progress in flight training isn't just about the hours you log. It's about how effectively those hours are used. And more often than not, that comes down to what you do when you're not in the airplane.

## REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Dont forget to tell us where you are heading!** Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments in the booking.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 6pm-8pm. Advanced rating/certificate study groups will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a map in the GBA if you want to check it out and get familiar with it prior to the change.



## Tyler Glodowski- Solo

Big day at KRTS! Tyler Glodowski took N37JA down Runway 8 and into the solo club.

No shortcuts here. Tyler earned this the right way: consistent work, steady progress, and the kind of judgment that made his instructor step out of the airplane with confidence. When it was time, it showed. Three takeoffs, three landings, and a quiet cockpit for the first time.

Tyler is a high school student, a track and field athlete, and a big Nevada Wolfpack fan, so he knows a thing or two about showing up, competing, and putting in the work over time. That mindset carries over, and today was the result.

He's also been into aviation for years, fishing and plane spotting when he's not flying. Naturally, he has had his sights set on becoming a pilot for a long time. Days like this don't happen by accident.

Big congratulations to Tyler on a milestone he won't forget, and a shoutout to Andy Glenn for the guidance and timing to make it happen.

Next stop: Private Pilot.

### Julien Azelart... FIRST SOLO

With CFI Josh Gilmore, Julien has been putting in the kind of consistent, focused work that makes a moment like this feel well-earned. He shows up ready, stays dialed in, and goes about his training with a quiet confidence that you can't really teach. And on runway 26 at KRTS, he put all of that into action for a smooth, confident first solo. And on top of that, he's just an incredibly kind person... always respectful, always friendly, and genuinely one of the nicest people to have around GBA.

Julien's story is pretty cool too. He grew up in Hawaii, which definitely explains the calm, laid-back energy he brings into everything he does. But behind that is someone who's sharp, driven, and seriously good with computers. He's also a professional YouTuber... so casually balancing flying airplanes with that is just... normal for him, apparently. Aviation clearly runs deep, with his dad being a pilot, and now Julien is stepping into that world himself and absolutely thriving in it.

He's got great taste in food (huge sushi guy)... but unfortunately, and this one hurts, he does NOT like country music. We've tried to fix it. We've really tried. It's not looking promising.

All jokes aside, this was a big one, and it couldn't have gone to a better person. Huge congrats, Julien... just getting started



## Julien Azelart- Solo



## Derrick Craine- CFII

Derrick... CFII

This one's just cool to write.

Because if you've been around GBA for a minute, you didn't just see Derrick become a CFII... you watched the whole thing happen. From the ramp, to the right seat, to now teaching instrument students how to actually understand what's going on up there.

He started as a line tech... out there early, late, in the cold, in the heat, doing the stuff nobody really notices unless it's not done. And then just kept stacking wins. Rating after rating, no shortcuts, no "look at me"... just quietly putting in the work until now it's like yeah, of course he's a CFII.

And the best part? He's still Derrick.

Same energy every time... loud, funny, always laughing, and bringing a personality that's hard to miss. He makes lessons feel fun and relaxed, but don't let that fool you... he's absolutely going to hold you to a high standard. One second you're laughing, the next he's making you run it back because he knows you can do it better. He cares, and it shows. It's never about rushing through... it's about actually getting it right.

Also... let's address the obvious.

You'll hear him before you ever see him. That Atlanta accent is strong... like, you might double check your radio to make sure you're still at KRNO. But at this point, it's basically part of the GBA experience... and we wouldn't change it for anything.

He's also a full-on girl dad, and if you know him, you know that's everything to him. CFII is a big deal... but that role clearly comes first, and it shows.

Former college football player too, which explains a lot. Disciplined, consistent, shows up no matter what. And don't even get him started on Georgia Bulldogs football... that's not just a team, that's a lifestyle.

And now he's stepping into running the RTO this year... so hopefully he's just as good at running it as he is at passing checkrides. We shall see.

Just really proud to have him here.

Big congrats, Derrick. You earned this one.

Sam Klem, Pilot of the Month

Sam keeps things lowkey... but his progress is doing the talking.

Super reserved, not big on attention, not out here announcing every move... just quietly stacking ratings like it's part of his morning routine. And fast. Like, blink and he's onto the next one fast. Not rushed, just consistent, prepared, and actually locked in every time he shows up. Funny what happens when you just... do the work.

Training with Greg Anthenien, Sam's built a foundation that's solid. He takes feedback, applies it immediately (yes, immediately), and shows up better the next flight. No drama, no excuses, just steady improvement. Rinse, repeat, succeed.

Outside of flying, this isn't a phase, this is just Sam. Always outside. Mountain biking, skiing, somewhere in the mountains doing something most people would need a week to mentally prepare for. And his photography? Yeah... casually unreal. The kind of photos that make you question your life choices and consider going outside for once.

And somehow... Sam doesn't like heights. At all. Yet he rock climbs and flies airplanes. Make it make sense. Honestly, it tracks though. Just picking hobbies that would send most people into a spiral and acting like it's no big deal.

He's also just a solid human. Kind, respectful, easygoing... the kind of person you want around without even realizing why at first.

Very well deserved, Sam. Keep casually being impressive



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