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SUMMER HEAT RESTRICTIONS REMINDER

With Reno expected to reach the 100s next week, this is an important reminder that our summer heat restrictions are in effect. High temperatures reduce aircraft performance, increase strain on engines, and make passengers more susceptible to heat-related illness and motion sickness. Please remember:

- No flights when the outside temperature is 100°F or higher.
- Aircraft may not exceed 75% of maximum gross weight when temperatures are between 90°F and 100°F.
- No backseat passengers when the takeoff temperature is above 90°F.
- No touch-and-goes or practice instrument approaches when temperatures are above 90°F.
- Aircraft must have a minimum of six quarts of oil.
- Sunshades must be installed correctly between flights. Please line up the cutouts properly.

And then there is the less glamorous summer reminder: heat brings the puke. Make sure airsickness bags are easily accessible before takeoff and explain how to use them during your passenger briefing. Never let anyone attempt to get sick out the window. Two words: puke tornado.

I know we just talked about flying after 1100, but that was before the triple digits entered the forecast. Afternoon flights may be limited or canceled because of heat, wind, aircraft weight, or performance concerns. Check the forecast, plan conservatively, stay hydrated, and be prepared to adjust your schedule.

Please speak with GBA staff or your instructor if you have any questions. Fly smart, stay cool, and keep the puke bags close

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- CFI-led Study Groups are every Monday from 6-8pm. Contact the office for details.
- Dont forget to tell us where you are heading! Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments.
- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored.

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Cris Alvarenga- Instrument

Some people discover aviation. Others seem to have it written into their story from the beginning.
Today, Cris Alvarenga earned his instrument rating and we could not be more proud!
Cris has wanted to be a pilot since he was a little lad growing up in the Bay Area. During Fleet Week one year, he had the chance to climb inside the cockpit of a United aircraft, and that was it. From then on, if something flew overhead, Cris wanted to know what it was, where it was going, and how it worked.
But curious no more, because now, that is him up there. And apparently looking out the window was getting too easy, so he decided to learn how to fly without doing that, too. Casual overachiever behavior.
Cris is also one of our incredible line technicians, a hardworking student, devoted husband and dad, and, of course, a certified GBA Instagram star. He keeps our aircraft moving, our reels entertaining, and somehow makes both look effortless. Fame has not changed him...yet.
He even got married right here at GBA, and we love every visit from his beautiful wife and their adorable little munchkin. They are truly part of the Great Basin Aviation family and keep us well sugared up with his wife's incredible baking.
Cris moves with purpose in everything he does. He works hard, stays focused, takes care of the people and aircraft around him, and has turned a childhood dream into the life he once looked up at the sky and imagined.
Congratulations, Cris! You earned every bit of this moment, and we are incredibly honored to be part of your story. We just hope you remember us when the airlines, and the Instagram sponsorships, start calling.
Awesome job as well to his incredible CFII, Nicole Gonzalez, for guiding him through the clouds and across the finish line. What a team!

✈️ This month's Pilot of the Month is Jack Rauscher!
Jack has been on a roll lately. After recently completing his first solo and being selected as the recipient of our GBA In-House Scholarship, he's now adding Pilot of the Month to the list.
At just 17 years old, Jack continues to impress us with his maturity, work ethic, and determination. He's the type of student who comes prepared, asks great questions, and is always ready to learn. Lucas has shared that Jack has a real knack for flying and has done an incredible job applying everything he's learned in the airplane.
One of the things that makes Jack so fun to have around GBA is his personality. He knows when it's time to work hard, but he also reminds us that learning to fly should be fun, and that's something we love about him.
One of the coolest parts of Jack's journey has been watching his confidence grow with every lesson. He's earned every milestone through consistent effort, a positive attitude, and a genuine passion for aviation. He puts in the work, trusts the process, and continues to raise the bar for himself every time he walks through our doors.
It's also been great seeing the support behind him. It's clear Jack has an incredible family cheering him on every step of the way, and getting to watch them celebrate each milestone alongside him has made his journey even more special.
Jack, we're incredibly proud of everything you've accomplished already. You've earned every bit of this recognition, and we have no doubt there are many more milestones ahead.
Congratulations, Jack! We couldn't be happier for you and can't wait to see what's next. Keep working hard, keep having fun, and we'll see you in the pattern! ✈️

Jack Rauscher- Pilot of the Month

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Porter Kenison- PPL

Another Private Pilot joins the club! Huge congratulations to Porter Kenison on earning his Private Pilot Certificate! 🎉✈️
Porter has officially checked one of the biggest boxes in flight training, and we couldn't be happier for him!
If you've been wondering where he's been lately, don't worry, we have too! 😂 Between flying before the office opened and squeezing lessons in after hours, we hardly got to see him these last few weeks. That made today even better because we finally got to celebrate this huge milestone with him in person.
Porter trained with instructor Lucas Murphy, and together they put in the work to make checkride day a success. One of the coolest parts? During the flight, Porter got to fly over his hometown of Fernley before heading back to Reno, where he wrapped up the day with a successful landing and officially became a Private Pilot. Talk about a poetic full-circle moment.
By day, Porter travels around inspecting firefighting systems, helping keep businesses and communities safe. Outside of work, he's all about good food and good laughs. Whether he's smoking up an incredible brisket or pulling out an impressively accurate Donald Duck impression, Porter always keeps things entertaining.
Porter, congratulations on an accomplishment you'll carry with you for the rest of your life. Earning your Private Pilot Certificate is no small feat, and we're incredibly proud to have been part of your journey. We can't wait to see what comes next, just don't be such a stranger around the office now that you don't have to sneak in before sunrise and after closing! 😉
Blue skies, Porter! You've earned them. ✈️