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COME SEE US AT THE RENO AIR SHOW!!

The legendary Reno Air Races may have had their final run last year, but the Reno Air Show is ready to take its place with an incredible lineup of performances. This year's show, happening from October 4-6, will feature stunning displays by none other than the US Navy Blue Angels and the Canadian Snowbirds, along with many other thrilling aerial acts.

The show kicks off with a night show on Friday, October 4th, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and continues on Saturday and Sunday (October 5th-6th) from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

And here's the best part: Great Basin Aviation will have a booth at the event! We'd love to see your faces, so stop by, say hi, and chat with us about everything aviation. Whether you want some flying tips, GBA swag, or to meet some of our fellow instructors and students, our booth is the perfect spot. Mark your calendars and make sure to come out to this unforgettable event. See you at the Reno Air Show!



REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- If you are rated for the aircraft you are flying, this is a friendly reminder that you do need a renter's policy. We will not dispatch unless it is on file. **This includes safety pilots.**
- **Please remember to call the office or email if you need to cancel or adjust your reservation. Staff takes random days off so do not reach out to them directly. Thank you!**
- When renting an aircraft, please treat it like it's your own—with care, respect, and a little common sense. Clean up, report any issues immediately, and handle everything responsibly. We all share these planes, so let's keep them in top shape for everyone.



MYSTERY MAN – COMMERCIAL

The picture is not actually the Mystery Man...or is it? Did he finally reveal his true identity?

You know what's harder than selling paper at Dunder Mifflin? Earning your Commercial Pilot Certificate! And the Man of Mystery just crushed it. His third big achievement with GBA! Although he does not want his name out there (witness protection, running from the law, checkered past, who knows?), we still want to celebrate his achievement. We've all seen hard work before, but this guy took it to the next level. The kind of work ethic that would make Dwight Schrute stop farming beets out of sheer respect. We're talking endless hours, relentless dedication, and a "never take no for an answer" attitude. Oh, and let's not forget the ability to juggle a family—his awesome wife (Monster Block!) and sweet baby—while flying high. I mean, seriously, how do you even have the energy?! And, of course, a big shoutout to CFI Grant Muzzio, who somehow managed to keep a straight face through it all. Grant, you've seen it all at this point. We're not saying you deserve a medal, but you should definitely be in line for an award. So, what's next for our Man of Mystery? Probably conquering the skies even more efficiently than Michael Scott ran Dunder Mifflin... but with a bit more skill. Because let's be honest, three passes down and endless skies to go. The rest of us? We're just here to admire the view. No pressure, right? Congrats, Man of Mystery! You've mastered airspeed, altitude, and brains.

You may know Nicole Gonzalez from bossing you around on the weekends, but she doesn't just run the show on the ground—now she's ruling the skies too! That's right, our very own document master just earned her commercial pilot certificate! It didn't happen without some serious hard work and a dash of sass (naturally). Nicole's resiliency and determination set her apart—whether she's taking on a mountain of paperwork or nailing those landings. And let's be honest, the weather always seems to get a little extra when she books a flight, but that never stops her. Nicole's journey reminds us that with enough dedication, even the toughest challenges can be conquered. She's proof that no matter what stands in your way—whether it's turbulence or headwinds—you can rise above it all.

Big thanks to her CFI, Richard Brong, for being her guide and mentor throughout this adventure. So, let's hear it for Nicole! She's not just taking off—she's soaring. The sky's no limit when you have the drive, passion, and a little bit of sass. CFI next?? We will see :)



NICOLE GONZALEZ – COMMERCIAL



**ALEX FLOREZ –
PRIVATE PILOT**

Huge congratulations to Alex Florez for earning his Private Pilot Certificate!! We've got to give it to Alex—this guy is a master time manager like no other. He's not just a full-time student, but he's been crushing his prep for the oral exam, staying current in the skies, and still finding time to hit the gym for those solid gains. I mean, check out those veins! 💪 We're just hoping there's still time for schoolwork somewhere in there. But that's not all—Alex is also the proud recipient of the coveted Reno Air Race Association scholarship, and we can't think of anyone more deserving! This young man embodies hard work, determination, and excellence in everything he does. Whether he's studying or flying, he brings 100% effort every single time. Alex is also one of the most pleasant and respectful people you'll ever meet. Always positive, always polite—even when we throw a little sass his way (which, let's be honest, we probably won't stop). But he takes it all in stride with that great attitude we love! And of course, none of this would've been possible without his amazing CFI, Shane Smith! A huge shoutout to Shane for being the rock-solid support that guided Alex to this huge accomplishment. We couldn't be prouder of Alex and all he's achieved. The sky's no limit for this incredible young man. Keep soaring higher, Alex—you're only getting started!