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FLAPS AND WING COVERS



Friendly reminder: if you spot wing covers on your aircraft, resist the urge to drop those flaps! Our wing covers are getting a makeover to add some flair, making it extra obvious they're on duty. Plus, we're throwing in a nifty cover on the flap switch to give you a gentle reminder. And, you might even see a fluorescent sign on the seat when you open the door. Overkill, maybe? But is there really such thing as overkill when it comes to safety?

And, why the wing covers, you ask? Well, in the chilly winter months, these wing covers are essential of frost prevention, ensuring our flights take off on time and frost-free.

We get it, pre-flights can feel routine, but missing those wing covers might mean missing other important cues. So, let's take a collective deep breath, slow down the pre-flight hustle, and give those wing covers the attention they deserve. Take your time, keep an eye out for wing covers, and let's all work together to keep those push rods straight and happy.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- It is **COLD!!** Dress for it. Allow sufficient time to let the engine warm up.
- if you are interested in Bob's CFI ground school course, please contact the GBA office asap.
- Don't forget about the **FREE** Monday night study group too! Every Monday, 6pm-8pm.
- Watch for wing covers and frost. DO NOT put the flaps down with the wing covers on.



ANDREW SPANIER – CFI

Correction to last week's write up: You might want to take a seat for this one... Andrew Spanier has officially soared into the prestigious club of CFI!! Yes, you heard it right – the guy who serenades us with his catchy tunes (Tralalalala) and entertains us with his vintage, stained, Tupperware collection is now certificated to teach you all how to fly. The amazing Monday night study group leader truly can teach a thing or two. And let's not forget his infamous habit of kicking off his shoes – or maybe even his socks – in the plane. Hey, Andrew, we know it's your way of feeling the wind beneath your wings, but maybe keep those tootsies covered for the passengers' sake, alright? Safety first, after all! Hats off to Richard Brong, Andrew's patient and undoubtedly brave CFI, for guiding him through this journey. We can only imagine the challenges he faced, from deciphering Andrew's lunch choices to navigating the mysterious world of ancient Tupperware. Awesome job Andrew! The singing, Tupperware-loving, shoe-shunning CFI extraordinaire!



SHELBY SELLERS – PRIVATE

We are absolutely thrilled to extend congratulations to the incredible Shelby Sellers for achieving the monumental milestone of becoming a Private Pilot! Shelby's journey is a testament to the extraordinary power of hard work, unwavering focus, and sheer determination. Shelby isn't just a pilot; she's a true inspiration, showcasing her passion for life in every endeavor. Fluent in Mandarin, a world traveler, and an adventurer at heart, she epitomizes the spirit of embracing every opportunity. Whether she's cruising on her motorcycle, exploring the depths through free diving, or shredding the pow-pow on her snowboard, Shelby exemplifies a zest for life that's truly remarkable. Her spotlight as GBA Pilot of the Month is a well-deserved recognition of her exceptional dedication to aviation. Shelby's down-to-earth nature, sweet demeanor, infectious smile, and unwavering focus make her not just an outstanding pilot but a beacon of positivity in the aviation community. And, she shares a love of aviation with her pilot husband, creating a unique and beautiful connection. A match made in aviation. Great job as well to her CFI, Ryan Mills, whose guidance and mentorship undoubtedly played a pivotal role in shaping Shelby's success! Take a little break Shelby, then back to the books for your Instrument Rating!



JUSTIN RICE – PRIVATE

Listen up aviators! We've got the scoop on the man, the myth, the Crocs enthusiast – Justin Rice is now officially a Private Pilot!! Yes, the guy we terrorize in the office for his Croc game (apparently, all the “cool” Justins wear them), nailed that first huge milestone of his aviation path. Despite Justin's low-key beef with low ceilings, he faced the pre-storm, soared through the skies, and showed the examiner that he's got the right stuff for the freedom of flight. In a whirlwind 2.5 months, Justin went from being a land dweller to a sky conqueror. That's faster than a Croc sale at the outlet store! Despite being a California transplant, he embraced the Nevada spirit like a true desert-dwelling maverick, showing off his grit, consistency, focus, and preparedness. Justin had a goal and figured out how to make it work in the time frame he wanted. Kudos to you, Justin! Your journey from zero to Private Pilot is super impressive and despite the hard time we give you (you bring it on yourself), we were all cheering for you. And let's not forget a big shout-out to his CFI, Alex Spencer, for guiding him through this sky-high journey. Awesome job to both of you!