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## THE ART OF FLYING STRAIGHT: A LESSON IN DODGING HOT AIR

Hey there, high-flyers! It's time for a friendly nudge – let's keep our heads out of the clouds (and other places) and into the clear blue of smart flying. We've all heard those 'too good to be true' tips about flying, right? They come from all corners, including some well-meaning fixtures in the aviation community. Remember, if someone's selling you a flying technique or magic way to log hours you never flew, it's probably just hot air. It's like believing you can make a plane do loop-de-loops by just wiggling your eyebrows – fun to think about, but not so much in the real world.

So, what's the secret to being a top-notch pilot or student? Simple: use your noggin! Flying isn't a magic show; it's a skill that needs good old common sense. Know those flying rules? They're not just for decoration – they're the bread and butter of safe skies. Don't get tangled up in overthinking or fancy theories. Stick to what's tried and true, and always, always double-check that snake oil before you buy it (spoiler alert: it's never worth it). Keep it real, keep it safe, and let's enjoy the ride – with both feet firmly on the pedals. Ask us for guidance any time you're not sure about something you're working on.

## 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.



**PRESTON PARRISH –  
INSTRUMENT**

Hold onto your seats—Preston Parrish just conquered the clouds! Today, Preston dazzled the examiner and earned his Instrument rating, proving he's got the skills to navigate through the fuzzy stuff.

And get this—he did it all while juggling a busy school schedule and commuting from Truckee. Despite delays in examiner availability, Preston is not just resting on his cloud-shaped laurels. Nope, he's eyeing that commercial certificate and working toward it already. Now, here's a quirky tidbit about our cloud conqueror: Preston might be ruling the skies, but he's not exactly Captain Nemo. The ocean? Not his cup of tea. No sailing, swimming, or beach days for this aviator. We're starting to wonder if clouds are more his style. Big cheers and applause to Preston for turning those aviation dreams into reality! A tip of the pilot's cap to CFII Shane Smith and a heartfelt nod to the recently departed Greg Rudman, who all played a part in this comedy of aviation achievements. Stay tuned, folks!

The next episode in Preston's story of soaring success—the commercial certificate—is coming soon!