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NAVIGATING SUMMER THUNDERSTORMS: SAFETY TIPS FOR FLYING IN RENO, NV

As summer arrives in Reno, it's crucial for pilots to be aware of the challenges posed by possible thunderstorms. These storms can develop rapidly, bringing heavy rain, strong winds, lightning, and turbulence, which can impact flight safety.

Effects on Flying

- Turbulence: Can cause sudden altitude changes and control difficulties.
- Reduced Visibility: Heavy rain and low clouds can obscure visibility.
- Wind Shear and Gusts: Unpredictable wind changes are hazardous, especially during takeoff and landing.
- Lightning: Rare but potentially damaging to aircraft systems.

Safety Tips for Pilots

1. Pre-Flight Planning: Always check weather forecasts and use METARs, TAFs, and radar images.
2. Stay Informed: Monitor weather updates from ATC and use onboard weather radar.
3. Avoidance: Keep a safe distance from thunderstorms; the FAA recommends at least 20 nautical miles. Or better yet, stay grounded.
4. Altitude Considerations: Do not attempt to fly over thunderstorms; divert around them.

Your CFI can offer weather training to help you understand and respond to challenging conditions. Use online resources and mobile apps for real-time weather information.

Flying in Reno during summer can be challenging, but with preparation and caution, you can navigate thunderstorms safely. Prioritize safety, stay informed, and enjoy the summer skies!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- If you would like to be part of the Study Group or Pilot Sharing What's Apps, please contact the office and we will add you.
- FYI the Silver Springs Airport will again be closed Monday and Tuesday to finish the runway and taxiway maintenance. A NOTAM is being filed as well. The plane is to open again early Tuesday afternoon.
- 0500 flight are now available for renter's and dual instruction. Student pilot solos, no earlier than 0600.
- Airline Pilot Info Gathering will be on Friday, June 28th. RSVP to goflying@greatbasinaviation.com



**BRYSON GAY –
SOLO**

Bryson Gay, GBA's student pilot/metalhead, soloed!! That's right, he absolutely rocked KRTS runway 26 in N670CS like a true metal legend. Bryson has been headbanging his way through training, working relentlessly to hit this major milestone, and today, his hard work finally hit all the right notes. But Bryson is no stranger to hard work – he's one of Great Basin Aviation's top plane washers, coming in a few times a month to ensure your planes shine like a freshly polished guitar before a gig. Bryson's dedication is as hardcore as a double bass pedal solo, and his commitment to keeping our planes pristine shows he's not just a rock star in the cockpit but also on the ground. Huge shoutout to his CFI Alex Spencer, the ultimate lead guitarist in this epic aviation band, for guiding Bryson through his journey to the top of the charts! Today, Bryson took to the skies and showed us all what it means to rock and roll. Keep those wings shredding and that engine roaring, Bryson! You're flying high now – keep rocking those skies! 🎸

Colin Powell is now a commercial pilot! This awesome pilot and equally impressive mixologist powered through his certificates and ratings faster than a bartender can shake up a martini, and now he can legally get paid to fly the friendly skies. This guy's been mixing hard work with dedication, and it's finally paid off – he's ready to serve up some smooth flights! From pouring over flight manuals to shaking off the stress of exams,

Colin has been the ultimate barback in the aviation world, always ready to roll up his sleeves and get the job done. Now, he's behind the controls, ready to take your travel experience to first-class levels. Huge cheers to his CFI, Ryan Mill, the master mixologist behind Colin's success.

Ryan has been the steady hand guiding this cocktail of talent and determination, and together they've shaken up the aviation scene. Raise your glasses (or flight controls) for Colin! Keep those flights smooth, those landings neat, and never stop reaching for the top shelf of the skies!



**COLIN POWELL –
COMMERCIAL**

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**GREG ANTHENIEN –
COMMERCIAL**

Greg Anthenien is now a commercial pilot!! From the moment he strutted into the office inquiring about a Discovery Flight with his luscious locks, Greg was voted "Best Hair," and he's kept that title without a single split end. But it's not just his fabulous hair that's impressive. Greg works full-time, drives in from the lake, and continues to blast through his ratings faster than you can say "conditioner." Greg's journey is a testament to his dedication and resilience. Balancing work, long commutes, and intense study sessions, he's proven that he's got the grit to match his glamour. His determination is as strong as his conditioner game, ensuring he's always looking sharp, whether in the cockpit or on the ground. While Greg is making his aviation dreams a reality, he's also got a backup plan that's equally epic: becoming the best Pokémon trainer there ever was. With Pikachu by his side, Greg's ready for any adventure that comes his way. But we're confident the piloting thing is going to work out just fine – those skies won't know what hit them! Huge congratulations to Greg and his incredible CFI Nathan Morin, the mastermind behind this hair-raising success story. Nathan's guidance and expertise have been instrumental in helping Greg achieve this milestone, proving that with the right mentor, even the loftiest goals are within reach. Next stop, CFI! Raise your glasses (or hairbrushes) for Greg! Keep those flights smooth and those locks flowing!

Charles Burow is officially a CFI! Today, despite the scorching heat, he managed to teach the examiner a thing or two about flying in Northern Nevada. But don't think he's going to rest on his laurels – this guy doesn't sit still for a second! Charlie is the epitome of a high-flyer. When he's not proudly serving in the Nevada Air National Guard, he's out there dedicating himself to public service, running a farm in Hawaii (yes, really), flying, real estate, and somehow still finding time for his wonderful wife and three beautiful children and all their activities. Someone call Red Bull – they need to make a commercial about this guy's energy! This man's life is like a tropical storm – constantly in motion and always making waves. The good surfer ones, of course 😊. And let's not forget the unsung hero in this story, his CFI Danny Britson. Danny's expertise and support have been the wind beneath Charles's wings, helping him climb to this new altitude in his aviation career. Charlie, your commitment and passion are truly inspiring. You've navigated this journey like a pro, hopping from one achievement to the next like a seasoned island hopper. We know you have amazing things coming your way in this next chapter of your professional life, and we couldn't be happier for you. Aloha!



**CHARLES BUROW –
CFI**

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**TRISTAN BAUTISTA –
SOLO**

Tristan Bautista soloed today!! Navigating the skies solo for the first time is no small feat. Runway 24 at KSPZ and N328ME will now be legendary in Tristan's flight log, a testament to his hard work and dedication. This young aviator is one of the most motivated people you'll ever meet. When Tristan commits to something, he doesn't just do it – he absolutely crushes it! Not only is he learning to fly, but

Tristan is also a full-time student at UNR studying engineering. On top of that, he proudly serves in the Nevada Air National Guard and even earned one of the coveted 2024 Reno Air Race Scholarships! Talk about multitasking at a high altitude! Tristan's ultimate goal is to become a Navy pilot, and with his commitment, determination, and drive, we're confident he'll get there. Watch out, Top Gun – Tristan is coming in hot! We can't help but be amazed at Tristan's ability to juggle so many responsibilities and excel in each one. His dedication to his goals is truly inspiring. Huge congratulations, Tristan! And a big shoutout to his CFI Alex Spencer for being an incredible mentor. Your support and guidance have been instrumental in Tristan's journey. Great job to both of you!

Scott Grady is now a Private Pilot! Despite battling weather delays over the winter and heat restrictions this summer, Scott reached this monumental milestone with unwavering determination and a laser focus on his goal. And he did all this while juggling a full-time job, serving in the Nevada Air National Guard, and taking some heat from the office (literally and figuratively)! He always thinks he's in trouble... guess we need to work on our warm welcome! When Scott's not busy soaring through the skies, you can find him backpacking through the wilderness, casting a line while fly fishing, or getting lost in a good book. He's a true adventurer on land and in the air! Scott's journey to becoming a Private Pilot is a testament to his incredible work ethic and passion for flying. Big shoutout to his CFI, Kevin Marshall, for being an amazing mentor and guide throughout this journey. Congratulations, Scott! Here's to smooth flights, perfect landings, and plenty of fish tales. You've earned every bit of this success!



**SCOTT GRADY –
PRIVATE PILOT**

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Rev up your engines everyone, because today marks a high-octane milestone for Levi Pence who just completed his first solo flight! From the handlebars and roar of his motorcycle, to the yoke and hum of the airplane, it's obvious Levi's no stranger to machines. But as few would guess, Levi also has a secret inner Picasso and loves to paint in his spare time. With the same precision he uses to navigate twisty roads and intricate brush strokes, he expertly guided N495SP down runway 24 at KSPZ, taking off into his solo journey. Just as he transforms blank canvases into vibrant works of art, Levi turned the sky into his own personal gallery, each maneuver a brushstroke of his newfound piloting prowess. Whether it be two wheels or two wings, Levi has shown his mastery of both art forms, proving that the sky is not the limit but just the beginning of his adventures. Congratulations, Levi, on painting the skies with your first solo flight! And huge round of applause to his CFI, Shane Smith, who has been a mentor to Levi's style and flare in the airplane. Now go celebrate Levi... at work! The weekend can't come soon enough



**LEVI PENCE –
SOLO**



**MAKAELA WALLACE –
PRIVATE PILOT**

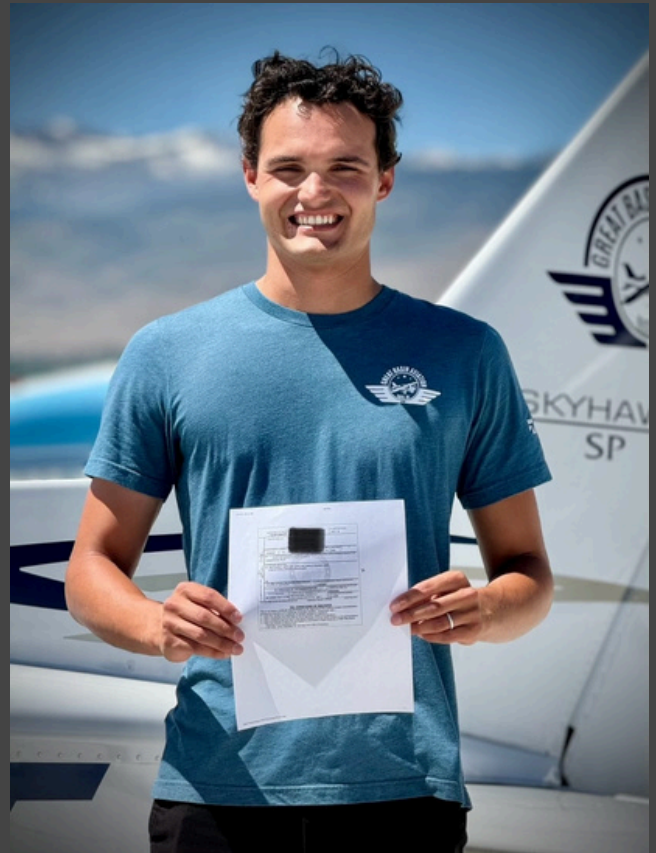
While normally gliding through life one thermal at a time, Makaela traded in her glider wings today for the hum of an engine and earned her private pilot certificate! From tackling black diamonds to mastering thermals, Makaela's proven that whether it's on snow, in the sky, or riding the wind, she's a force to be reckoned with. Although she would've like to catch a couple more zzz's before coming in this morning, Makaela came in bright-eyed and bushy tailed. Well, as much as she could be especially since she drives in from the lake... sorry Makaela. But nonetheless, she was ready to flaunt her stuff and glide straight to victory.

To no one's surprise, she did just that and passed with flying colors. Huge congratulations to Makaela on this incredible accomplishment! Let's all give a huge round of applause to her instructors Trey Casini and Eric Harned who've helped persuade this seasoned glider pilot to embrace the power of an engine. Fly high, Makaela, and keep carving those new horizons!

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Line tech extraordinaire Shane McAlister is now a commercial certificated pilot!! That's right, the hardworking, bug-washing, fuel-ordering, marshaling guy you all know and love on the ramp is now ready to turn his aviation passion into a job. Who knew all that plane pampering was just a warm-up? Shane is the most patient guy (he has to deal with Jenn and Hailey 😊), always smiling, and undoubtedly the hardest worker you'll ever meet. He makes sure your planes are ready to go and even moonlights as your flight line Uber. But did you know he's also been busting his booty behind the scenes, studying and flying to make this goal a reality? Talk about multitasking! In true Shane fashion, after downing a couple of sandwiches and a chicken pot pie (even in the summer), he'll be right back at it, working toward his next goals of CFI and then CFII. At this pace, you'll be reading more about him very shortly. Who needs rest, right? We gave Shane the day off (finally!), but next time you see him on the ramp, make sure to congratulate him. Awesome job, Shane! And a big shoutout to his CFI, Ryan Mill!



**SHANE MCALISTER –
COMMERCIAL**



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EVER WONDERED WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE PILOT? JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING SESSION WITH GBA ALUMNI JACK DARLINGTON AND JOSH BUNKER, NOW SOARING THE SKIES AS AIRLINE PILOTS. THEY'LL GIVE YOU THE INSIDE SCOOP ON WHAT THIS CAREER FIELD IS REALLY LIKE, COVERING EVERYTHING FROM A TYPICAL MONTH IN THE LIFE, BIDDING WARS, AND UNIONS TO THOSE "AHA" AND "WISH I KNEW BEFORE" INSIGHTS. LEARN WHAT RECRUITERS ARE NOW LOOKING FOR, THE SECRETS TO ACING THE INTERVIEW, NEVER PUTTING THE BOOKS DOWN, AND SO MUCH MORE. DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO GET THE REAL DEAL FROM THOSE WHO PUT IN THE LONG HOURS OF STUDYING AND FLIGHT TRAINING AND MADE IT TO THE COCKPIT!

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