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CELEBRATING FREEDOM THROUGH FLIGHT

The Fourth of July is more than fireworks and barbecues. It's a reminder of the freedoms we enjoy every day, including the incredible privilege of taking to the skies.

Every time a pilot taxis to the runway, there's a moment of anticipation before advancing the throttle. That moment represents opportunity, responsibility, and the freedom to pursue something extraordinary. Aviation has always embodied the American spirit of innovation, determination, and exploration, and we're proud to play a small part in helping the next generation of pilots experience that feeling.

At Great Basin Aviation, we have the privilege of watching students take their first discovery flight, conquer challenging cross-country flights, earn their certificates, and accomplish goals they once thought were out of reach. Those milestones are possible because someone chose to take the first step toward a dream.

This year, as America celebrates its 250th birthday, we're especially grateful for the military members, veterans, first responders, air traffic controllers, mechanics, instructors, and countless aviation professionals who keep our nation moving safely through the skies. As a veteran-owned flight school, we have a deep appreciation for those who have served and continue to protect the freedoms that make opportunities like aviation possible.

In observance of Independence Day, Great Basin Aviation will be closed on Friday, July 4, so our team can spend time celebrating with family and friends. We hope you do the same! We'll be back in the office and in the air shortly after, ready to help you continue your aviation journey. Until then, enjoy the holiday, stay safe around fireworks, and if you happen to catch an airplane crossing the sky during your celebrations, take a second to appreciate what it represents. Freedom isn't just celebrated; it is lived every day by those willing to dream big and take that first step.

From all of us at Great Basin Aviation, we wish you a safe, joyful, and memorable Independence Day. Happy 250th Birthday, America! ❤️💙💜

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- The GBA offices will be closed on July 4th so we can enjoy the holiday with our freinds and family.
- Private Pilot Ground School will start on June 30th. Call 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

Exciting things are happening at Great Basin Aviation this morning as Bram Iovinella officially joined the ranks of solo pilots!

Launching from Runway 08 at KRTS in N37JA, Bram proved what we've known all along, he's got the skill, the discipline, and the cool head to do this all on his own.

From Rome, Italy, Bram has been one of those students instructors love to see on the schedule. He shows up prepared, asks great questions, stays calm when things get busy, and somehow always has a smile on his face. He's also been a good sport every time we've shoved a camera in his face for social media... because, as everyone knows, it was buried somewhere in the fine print.

Now... let's address the elephant in the room. Bram indicated he is great at cooking. With his Italian heritage, we are thinking pasta, pizza, family recipes... But until we see some evidence, we're calling "highly suspicious." The Great Basin Aviation staff is officially accepting samples anytime. Hint. Hint.

When he's not chasing airplanes, you'll probably find him chasing the next curve on his motorcycle. Two wheels or two wings, it doesn't seem to matter. The guy just loves the journey.

Bram, today wasn't just about flying an airplane by yourself. It was about earning something that can't be bought: confidence. Every lesson, every correction, every landing, every time you pushed through the uncomfortable moments led to this one. You trusted the process, trusted your training, and today you trusted yourself.

As they say in Italy, "Il cielo è il limite." (The sky is the limit.) But around here, the sky is just the beginning.

A huge congratulations also goes to CFI Greg Anthenien for helping shape another safe, confident pilot.

Complimenti, Bram! We're incredibly proud of you. This is just the beginning of an incredible aviation journey. We can't wait to see where your wings take you next!



Bram Iovinella
Solo

🎉✈️ Happy Birthday and congratulations to Julien Azelart on earning his Private Pilot Certificate!

Some people celebrate turning 26 with dinner and cake. Julien decided to celebrate by passing his Private Pilot checkride. We'd say that's a pretty solid way to spend a birthday.

With the guidance of his instructor, Josh Gilmore, Julien officially earned his wings, and we couldn't be happier for him.

Growing up in Hawaii with a dad who's a pilot, aviation has always been a part of Julien's life. It's been fun watching him take that next step and make it his own. From his first lessons to checkride day, he's shown up ready to learn, stayed humble, and trusted the process every step of the way.

If Julien looks familiar, there's a good chance you've seen him online. He's built an incredibly successful YouTube career, but you'd never know it by the way he carries himself. He's one of the most genuine, down-to-earth people you'll meet and treats everyone the same, whether it's his instructor, another student, or our office staff. He's always willing to stop and chat, always has a smile on his face, and somehow manages to make everyone around him feel like a friend.

When he's not flying or creating content, you'll probably find him out mountain biking, planning his next adventure, or hopping on a plane... which is fitting, because he's actually headed to France next!

Julien, thank you for trusting Great Basin Aviation to be part of your journey. Watching students accomplish a lifelong goal is always special, but getting to do it with genuinely great people makes it even better.

Congratulations again on earning your Private Pilot Certificate, happy 26th birthday, and safe travels to Spain! We can't wait to see where aviation takes you next. We have a feeling this is only the beginning. 🛩️🌸🎂



Julien Azelart
PPL

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

🎉✈️ Huge congratulations to Grant White on earning his Commercial Pilot Certificate!

Some people are naturally built for aviation, and Grant is one of them. Throughout his training with instructor Greg, he consistently demonstrated the calm, level-headed professionalism that makes an exceptional pilot. No matter what challenge came his way, Grant approached it with patience, confidence, and an even temperament. Those are qualities that can't always be taught, and they're exactly why aviation is such a perfect fit for him. Grant is one of the most humble and hardworking people you'll meet. Whether he's putting in hours flying, working at Home Depot, or spending his free time hunting and fishing, he's the kind of person who quietly puts in the work without ever asking for recognition. He simply shows up, gives his best, and keeps moving forward.

When we asked Grant how he was planning to celebrate passing his checkride, his answer was classic Grant: "I'm gonna sleep for 18 hours." 😊 After everything he poured into earning this certificate, we'd say he's earned every minute of it.

Today's checkride also marked another milestone... it was the first day any of us had ever seen Grant without his baseball hat. We're still adjusting. 😊 Congratulations again, Grant! We couldn't be more proud of everything you've accomplished, and we know this is only the beginning. Best of luck as you start working toward your CFI. The skies are lucky to have you. ✈️🙌



Grant White
CPL

