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BLOCK THE TIME, FLY THE MILES

As the season shifts, schedules open up and the air calms down, perfect conditions to stretch your wings. We're opening the calendar for longer flight blocks, so if you've been itching to log real cross-country time, explore new routes, or just enjoy an unhurried afternoon in smooth air, now's the moment. Call the office and we'll get you on the books.

We trust you, and we also take safety seriously. For extended outings, we'll want to see a simple flight plan before you go: your route, ETD/ETA, fuel stops, and an alternate. Use smart aeronautical decision making from start to finish: PAVE/IMSAFE, accurate performance numbers, solid fuel planning (with healthy reserves), and current NOTAMs and TFRs. File and activate a VFR flight plan or use flight following, and keep an eye on changing ceilings, temperatures, and winds aloft.

Winter ops come with their own checklist. Expect frost in the mornings and plan for the possibility of icing conditions as you climb. Watch winds over the Sierra turbulence and mountain wave. Know your personal minimums, verify runway conditions at your destinations, and bring the right seasonal gear, water, snacks, layers, a flashlight/headlamp, and a backup nav plan. If you haven't flown a longer leg in a while, schedule a quick refresher with a CFI to sharpen your flow and brief winter considerations.

Bottom line: you've earned that certificate, so go fly! Plan well, brief thoroughly, and then enjoy the freedom of an unhurried block to build skill, judgment, and confidence. Ready to launch something ambitious? Reach out to the office, and we'll help you set it up

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Please check for wing covers before you start your pre-flight. Do not lower flaps with covers on. Flaps can bind and crack under the fabric, and any damage will be passed on.**
- Need some study buddies? Don't forget about Private Pilot Study Groups on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6pm-8pm. Instrument Ground School help, those will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6pm-8pm.
- Check out the new time logs in the binders. Renters and/or CFI need to sign that the post flight checklist is completed.



SKYLER STEELE- PILOT OF THE MONTH

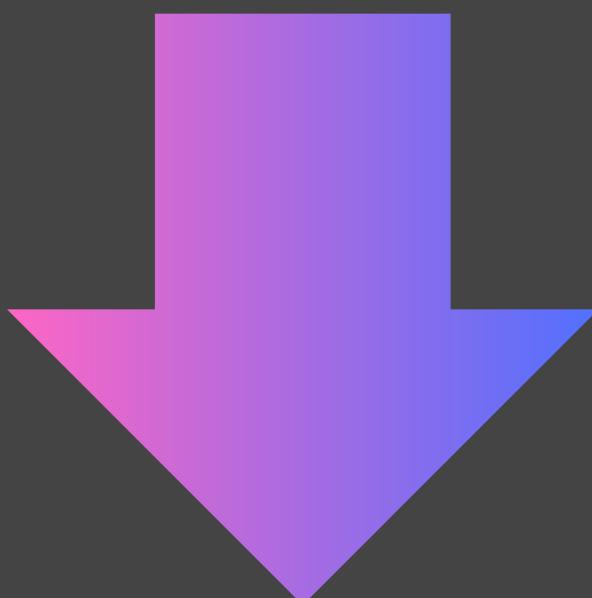
Pilot of the Month: Skyler Steele

Meet Skyler Steele, our newest Pilot of the Month, and honestly, it's about time! Skyler is one of those people who makes everyone's day a little brighter the moment he walks in. He's endlessly kind, always willing to help, and just has that calm, positive energy that makes you think, yep, I'd totally trust him with the controls.

Skyler has been flying through his milestones like it's nothing, showing up with focus, consistency, and a great attitude every single time. When he's not in the air, you'll catch him helping out around the school, or even starring in one of our social media videos (because of course he nailed that too). Originally from Livermore, California, Skyler's working toward becoming a commercial or private pilot, and with his drive, work ethic, and kindness, he's absolutely on track to make it happen.

A big congrats to Skyler and his instructor, Lucas Murphy, who nominated him for this well-earned recognition. Skyler, you make GBA a friendlier, happier place, and we couldn't be prouder of you!

CHECK OUT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES:



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SEPTEMBER

9/20 - AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

The Aircraft Systems class teaches how key systems, engine, electrical, fuel, and control function, preparing you to identify and manage potential issues for safer flight.



10/04 - AERODYNAMICS

This class covers how these planes fly: lift, drag, thrust, and weight, helping you understand airflow, stability, stalls, and maneuvering for better control and efficiency in flight.

NEXT

10/18 - AVIATION WEATHER

This class teaches you how to interpret METARs, TAFs, charts, and weather patterns, helping you make informed decisions for safer flight planning and in-flight adjustments.

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

11/01 - AIRSPACE

This class covers airspace classes, chart recognition, communication and equipment requirements, plus the weather minimums every pilot needs to know.



11/15 - CHARTS AND FLIGHT PLANNING

This class helps you master sectionals, airspace, and chart symbols, ensuring you can navigate safely and efficiently in all flight environments. This class will also cover route selection, fuel calculations, airspace considerations, and weather analysis, ensuring you can plan safe, efficient, and well-prepared flights.

12/06 - EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

This class prepares you to handle engine failures, system malfunctions, lost communications, and in-flight emergencies, ensuring quick thinking and confident decision-making in critical situations.

12/20 - CHECKRIDE PREP

This class helps you master oral exam questions, flight maneuvers, and scenario-based decision-making, ensuring you are confident and well-prepared for your checkride.

DECEMBER



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