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## INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AVIATORS

As we wrap up the year, Great Basin Aviation has two incredible opportunities for our community to come together, share our passion for aviation, and inspire the next generation of pilots. Volunteering isn't just about showing up, it's one of the most meaningful ways we strengthen our aviation community and open the door for future aviators. If you've ever wanted to give back, now is the perfect time.

### **Thursday, December 4th – 4-H Youth Aviation Club Open House**

4-H is launching its brand-new Youth Aviation Club, and we're excited to be part of the kickoff. From 6:00–7:30pm, students will rotate through several interactive stations, including a static aircraft display, weather demos, navigation activities, careers in aviation, and more. It's hands-on, fun, and a great way to ignite interest in flying early on. We're looking for volunteers who can help staff stations, answer questions, and share the joy of flying with curious young minds.

### **Saturday, December 6th – Operation Santa Claus at Atlantic Aviation**

On Saturday, GBA will have an aircraft on static display for Operation Santa Claus, one of our favorite annual events. We need volunteers to help greet families, talk about the airplane, and safely assist students as they hop in and out of the aircraft. This is a wonderful, high-energy event where your enthusiasm makes all the difference.

If you're interested in helping with either, or both, events, please reach out to Jenn at [jenn@greatbasinaviation.com](mailto:jenn@greatbasinaviation.com) or call the office at 775-856-3655. Your time and passion make a real impact, and we would love to have you on board.

Let's finish the year strong and show our community what the GBA spirit is all about.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6pm–8pm.
- The weather is great at midday! Sleep in a little and fly when the air is still cool, calm, and beautiful.



**BRAYDEN BISHOP –  
COMMERCIAL**

Big applause (and maybe a fuel truck horn or two) for Brayden Bishop, who just earned his Commercial Pilot Certificate!

If you've spent any time around Great Basin Aviation, you've probably met Brayden, one of our dedicated line techs who keeps the ramp running like clockwork. From early morning preheats to late-night refuels, he's part of the hardworking crew that keeps every C172 fueled, spotless, and mission-ready.

What stands out about Brayden isn't just his work ethic, but his character. He shows up every day with a genuine smile, steady attitude, and quiet professionalism that make him the kind of person you're just glad to have on your team. He treats everyone with respect, takes pride in every task, and carries himself with the same calm confidence you'd want in any pilot.

Now that the Commercial Certificate is in the books, the next chapter begins, and knowing Brayden, it's just the start. Whether it's instructing, military, charter, or even airline life, we know he'll bring the same dedication and humility that got him here.

Big congratulations as well to his instructor, CFI Andrew Spanier, for the expert guidance and mentorship that helped make this milestone possible.

Brayden, you're proof that great pilots aren't just made in the cockpit, they're also built on the ramp, one hardworking day at a time.

You see her all the time in the office, but that's not why she's Pilot of the Month (and definitely not because she puts up with Jenn 😊). Cassidy earned this title because she's been absolutely crushing it in the air and on the ground.

She's taken charge of her flight training journey and it shows. Cassidy continually proves that the effort you put in on the ground directly translates to performance in the airplane. She doesn't wait for answers, she seeks them out, asks smart questions, and puts that knowledge to work every time she flies.

Lately, all that solo time has sparked a major transformation, from student to true Pilot-in-Command. The confidence, the decision-making, the smooth landings... it's all coming together. Keep leading the way, Cassidy! Your dedication, curiosity, and drive are what the GBA spirit is all about.



**CASSIDY BELL –  
PILOT OF THE MONTH**

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## GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

CHECK OUT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING  
GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES:



# GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES

**\$50 PER  
CLASS (2HRS)**  
INSTRUCTOR WILL SIGN  
OFF TRAINING IN YOUR  
LOG BOOK




**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.



## 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.



**NEXT**

## 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**



From  
1-3PM



**MORE INFO:**

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