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ALTITUDE, AIRSPEED, AND APPRECIATION

This week, as the rest of the world slows down for turkey, pies, and questionable family conversations, we want to pause and say something important:

We're thankful for YOU.

Every early-morning preflight, every late-night lesson, every solo victory lap, every "can you check my math" moment, every crosswind landing that made your instructor sweat, every time we make you star in a social media "great idea," each piece of it is why GBA is more than a flight school. It's a community. A family. A crew.

We're thankful for:

- Our students, who work hard, show up, and push themselves even when it's cold, windy, or life is throwing curveballs.
- Our instructors, who give their time, energy, brain cells, and occasionally their entire sanity to get people flying safely and confidently.
- Our line techs and office team, who keep the fleet fueled, clean, organized, and ready, even when it's freezing at 0600 or sizzling at 100 degrees.
- Our families and supporters, who cheer from the sidelines and believe in the dream.

Aviation isn't easy. It's not supposed to be. But flying with people who support each other, laugh together, and celebrate every milestone? That's what makes this place special.

So as you enjoy your Thanksgiving break, know this: GBA is grateful for the passion, dedication, and heart each of you bring to this ramp. Because without you, GBA wouldn't feel like a community, we'd just be a row of airplanes.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Stay safe, stay warm, and we'll see you back in the pattern soon.

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.
- let us know if you want to give back to the aviation community at the following upcoming opportunities:
 - Thursday, December 4th (6-730pm) - 4-H Aviation Night
 - Saturday, December 6th (1000-1pm) - Operation Santa Claus

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



RANDY SCHEFFLER – INSTRUMENT

Instrument Rating Complete!

Huge congratulations to Randy Scheffler, who officially earned his Instrument Rating today!

Randy is one of the most humble, steady, quietly exceptional people you'll ever meet. He drives in from Susanville without blinking an eye and somehow balances law enforcement, military service, family life, and flight training like it's just another Tuesday. The kind of service-before-self mindset he brings to his work on the ground absolutely shows up in the cockpit—calm, disciplined, and always pushing himself to be better.

We're incredibly honored to support someone who gives so much to his community and country, and still shows up ready to learn, ready to fly, and ready to do whatever challenge we throw at him... including being a social media model. (He may be humble, but the camera loves him.)

Huge shoutout to his instructor, Richard Brong, for guiding Randy through the grind, the precision, and the IFR brain-melt moments that come with earning this rating.

Randy, your dedication is inspiring, your service is deeply appreciated, and your achievement today is beyond well-earned. Congratulations on becoming an instrument-rated pilot! Now onto your Commercial Certificate!

Join us in celebrating Kayleigh Dohm, our newest Private Pilot! Kayleigh has absolutely poured herself into this goal, especially over the past week. She has been at Great Basin Aviation nearly nonstop, studying from open to close, reviewing every detail, and preparing with a level of drive and focus that inspired everyone around her. Kayleigh's dedication is no surprise to anyone who knows her. With her master's degree, she's already proven she can take on big goals, and she brings that same intensity to her aviation journey. Add in her unwavering loyalty as a New York Rangers fan, and you can see exactly where her determination comes from.

This week alone, Kayleigh put in full days of study and preparation, showing up ready to learn and ready to work. Her hard work paid off today in the best way possible. She completed her checkride with confidence and earned the title of Private Pilot.

Kayleigh, we're so proud of you. Your commitment, passion, and heart for aviation shine through in everything you do. We also want to extend a huge congratulations to her CFI, Greg, for guiding her, supporting her, and helping her reach this milestone. Congratulations, the sky is yours! ✈️💙



KAYLEIGH DOHM – PRIVATE

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CHECK OUT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING
GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES:

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**\$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**11/01 - AIRSPACE**

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

NOVEMBER**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

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