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## JOSH AND AUSTIN ARE OFF TO THEIR NEXT ADVENTURES!

It's time to bid farewell to one of GBA's finest, Josh Blackburn. After contributing his expertise as a valued instructor at GBA, Josh and his wife have decided to make the journey back to Kentucky (you might have noticed he talked a little funny). Their primary motivation is to be closer to family, especially their adorable grandkids. Though he may be moving to a new location, Josh's passion for flight instructing remains unwavering. We want to take this moment to wish him the very best as he embarks on this new chapter in his life. Josh, your presence and contributions at GBA will be missed, but your legacy will continue to soar in the world of aviation. Here's to a fantastic future, Josh!



Saying goodbye to Austin White is truly bittersweet. He's not just a talented CFI; he's been a part of our GBA family. We still remember when he walked in as a wide-eyed student pilot in 2020, and now, he's spreading his wings to pilot a Citation X for a Part 135 operation in the dazzling city of Las Vegas. Austin, you've left an indelible mark here at Great Basin Aviation. Your dedication and passion have lit the path for countless aspiring pilots. You've been the guiding star, and it's evident in the positive impact you've had on our students. As you take this exciting step in your career, you're not just pursuing your dream; you're inspiring us all. We have no doubt you'll continue to soar, excelling in your new role. Your dedication and love for aviation will not only shape your own future but will also contribute to the broader aviation community. Wishing Austin White the very best in this thrilling adventure ahead! We can't wait to witness the incredible milestones you're bound to achieve in your aviation journey.

## REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Starting October 1, scheduling for flights will begin at 7am. If you already have a 6am flight, it will not be bumped. Please note, the sun is not rising until after 0640 now so no solos should be going out before 7am. Please chat with your instructor or GBA staff if you have any questions. Thank you!
- Don't forget about the **FREE** Monday night study group too! Every Monday, 6pm-8pm.

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# GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Today is a day for celebration because Mustafa Shah has just pulled off an aviation ace – he's officially earned his Commercial Pilot wings! For a card gamer, this achievement is like the winning card in a high-stakes game, and Mustafa has played his hand brilliantly. His dedication and hard work have paid off, and we couldn't be more thrilled for him. Mustafa has been a part of GBA for a couple years now and it has been awesome to watch him progress! Let's also give a big round of applause to Mustafa's CFI, Kevin Marshall, who has been there every step of the way, teaching, guiding, and making sure Mustafa was ready to take flight as a Commercial Pilot. So, Mustafa, as you continue on your aviation journey, may your flights always have clear skies, your landings be smoother than a royal flush, and your adventures be as exciting as a game of cards with the most interesting hand in the world!



## MUSTAFA SHAH – COMMERCIAL



## SCOTT GRADY – SOLO

Ladies and gentlemen, it's a moment of pride as we celebrate Scott Grady's remarkable achievement in the world of aviation! Scott, at the controls of N670CS, displayed exceptional skill and courage as he embarked on this solo flight. He didn't just solo; he took the reins with confidence, bidding farewell to his CFI (metaphorically, of course), and seized Runway 26 at KRTS as his own personal gateway to the skies. But Scott Grady isn't just any pilot; he's an aviation hero. Beyond his solo flight triumph, he proudly serves as a member of the Nevada Air National Guard, standing ready to protect our skies and our nation. Awesome job Scott! Your solo flight marks a significant milestone, and we eagerly await the thrilling adventures that lie ahead in the friendly skies! Let's also take a moment to applaud his trusted co-pilot and mentor, the exceptional CFI Kevin Marshall. Kevin, your outstanding guidance has paved the way for Scott's success, and that deserves recognition! Great job to both of you!