

# THE HOLD SHORT

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## DON'T BE "THAT PILOT." HOW TO KEEP THE RAMP (AND YOUR REPUTATION) CLEAN

Ramp etiquette is more than courtesy, it's the first lesson in airmanship. Before any checklist or radio call, take a breath and look behind you before start-up. Prop blast doesn't care who it hits, and a quick scan can prevent blowing dust, rocks, or loose items toward neighboring aircraft, people, or open hangars. Taking those few seconds of awareness shows professionalism and respect for everyone sharing the ramp.

The same principle applies when parking: never spin a plane into a spot. It might feel efficient, but the risk of FOD damage, chipped paint, nicked props, and sandblasted windshields far outweighs the convenience. If you're not perfectly aligned or unsure about geometry on a tight ramp, stop, shut down if needed, and ask for help. There's no shame in waving over a CFI, line tech, or another pilot to help push the airplane in. Choosing safety and precision over speed is what separates good pilots from great ones.

Treat every airplane on the ramp like it's your own. Taxi at a walking pace in tight areas, angle the aircraft so your prop wash isn't directed toward anyone else, and always keep your head on a swivel for people, golf carts, chocks, tow bars, and bags that tend to wander when the wind picks up. These are not just "nice-to-have" habits, they're the foundation of good judgment and discipline.

Respect on the ground becomes respect in the air. The same awareness, patience, and communication you show during start-up and taxi carry over into the pattern, into instrument approaches, and into how you interact with other pilots. At Great Basin Aviation, we're proud of how our community looks out for one another and our equipment. Let's keep that culture strong, start with awareness, avoid spinning into parking spots, ask for help when you need it, and model the kind of care that keeps everyone safe. That's what true airmanship looks like, long before the wheels ever leave the ground.

## REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- 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.
- Don't forget about the Ground School Supplement Courses. Schedule is on the last page.
- **Check out the new time logs in the binders. Renters and/or CFI need to sign that the post flight checklist is completed.**



**JARED GARRIDO –  
INSTRUMENT**

Big news: Andy Glenn is now a CFII! Proof that focus and determination, sprinkled with tee times, a concert or two, and our trademark “so...how’s that checkride prep?” nagging, can carry you all the way across the finish line. Andy put in the reps and showed up ready every time, and it shows in the way he teaches: calm cockpit, sharp standards, real-world IFR scenarios, clean Garmin flows, and weather judgment you can actually use when the mountains get moody. He’s the kind of instructor who meets you where you are, pushes you one notch further, and makes every rep count. Huge thanks to Richard Brong, CFII, for the steady mentorship and instruction that helped polish the edges. If you’re looking to level up before winter, instrument students, rusty IFR pilots, or VFR folks getting serious, reach out to get on Andy’s schedule. Let’s turn “I hope” into “I have it.”

Congratulations to Jared Garrido! He just soared through his Instrument checkride with flying colors, and immediately announced he was heading home for the most well-deserved nap of his life. After countless hours of studying, flying through simulated clouds, and proving he can handle anything ATC throws his way, we’d say he’s earned it.

From Sparks, NV, Jared has been all about aviation since day one. When he’s not flying, he’s playing video games, making aviation TikToks, or brushing up on flight knowledge (because apparently, this guy doesn’t know how to not talk about airplanes). He’s incredibly sharp, the kind of student who can nail steep turns one day and ace math problems the next.

And get this, Jared graduated high school as a junior so he can dive into his aviation career even faster. Talk about commitment! His dream? To become an air traffic controller, though he’s so talented he could easily do both, pilot and controller. Basically, the guy could be giving himself clearances one day.

He loves blue skies, Mexican food, and a smooth flight, but don’t even mention bad weather or the Dodgers, instant no-fly zone. Huge shoutout to his instructor, Shane Smith, for helping him reach this incredible milestone. Amazing job, Jared, the sky (and the tower) are both yours for the taking. Now go enjoy that nap, Captain... you’ve earned it.



**ANDY GLENN –  
CFII**

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# GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT



**TREY CASINI –  
CFII**

Congratulations to Trey Casini, CFII!

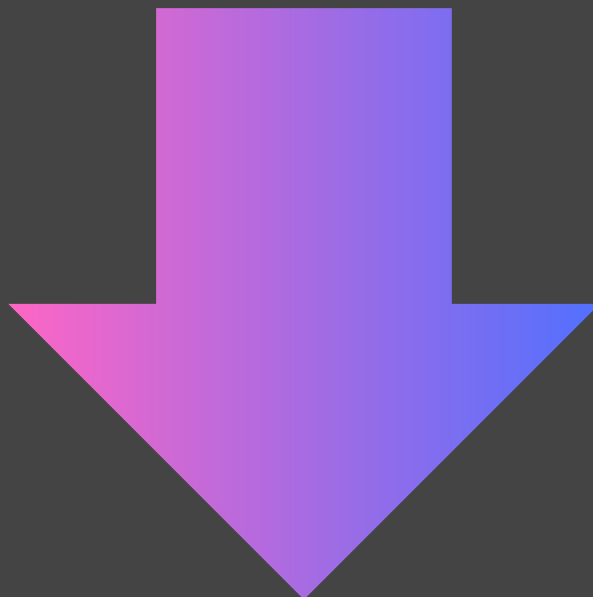
The smartest guy in the room (still up for debate) just proved that brains and dedication make quite the combo. Sure, he can solve a Rubik's Cube, whatever...but now he can also teach others how to fly confidently through the clouds.

Trey has been full-throttle at Great Basin Aviation since his private pilot days, grinding through each rating with focus, grit, and that trademark grin that somehow survives even our worst sass. He's no stranger to hard work, early mornings, or showing up in his PJs... or in shorts and a t-shirt when it's subzero outside. Dedication and questionable wardrobe choices run deep.

And then there's the hair. Always perfect. Always camera-ready. Not even a headset can mess it up. If great hair and great flying were Olympic sports, Trey would medal in both.

Huge congrats as well to his instructor, Richard Brong, for helping guide Trey to this next level of aviation excellence. We're so proud of both of you and can't wait to see Trey pass along his knowledge (and maybe his haircare secrets) to his students.

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CLASS (2HRS)**  
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OFF TRAINING IN YOUR  
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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.

#### 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.



#### 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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