

THE HOLD SHORT

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THE AIRPLANES ARE OFF. YOU'RE NOT.

Are you getting sick of us yelling at you about ground school yet?

Good. Because apparently we're not done.

Great Basin Aviation is closed on Sundays. The airplanes stay parked, the office is closed, and the flight side gets a day off. But here's the thing, just because the airplanes aren't flying doesn't mean your training has to stop.

Use Sunday as your ground day.

If you see your instructor has some free time, reach out and book them for ground. Better yet, grab a few other students and ask your instructor to hold a group session. Chances are, if you're confused about something, somebody else is too.

No instructor available? You still have options. Get a few fellow students together, grab one of the conference rooms, and study. Work through practice questions. Chair-fly your next lesson. Practice radio calls with each other. Review weather, airspace, systems, regulations, checklists, or whatever subject keeps showing up on your practice tests and ruining your day.

And please don't wait until three days before your checkride to suddenly decide ground knowledge might be important. We see you (do we have to mention names?)

Some of the most productive training you can do doesn't involve turning a propeller at all. The better prepared you are on the ground, the more you can focus on actually flying when you're in the airplane. That means better lessons, less time explaining concepts with the Hobbs running, and fewer dollars spent learning something you could have studied for free on the couch.

So make Sunday part of your training routine. The flight school may be closed (Jenn and Cassidy might be drinking mimosas), but your books, online ground school, FAR/AIM, flashcards, fellow students, and questionable aviation YouTube rabbit holes are all still available.

Give yourself a couple of hours every Sunday and keep moving toward that certificate.

In between the Raiders game, obviously. We have standards, but we're not unreasonable. 🐶

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

If you're missing anything, please come check the lost and found as soon as possible! We have several items that have been here for months and would love to get them back to their owners.

- We have been super flexible, but the courtesy is being taken advantage of. Effective September 11, 2026, we will no longer waive a first cancellation fee. All no-shows and late cancellations will be charged a minimum of one hour of aircraft time. Instructor fees are at the instructor's discretion. Please respect the time you reserved and show up!
- Markus Barber...if you are reading this week's Hold Short, come see us for your GBA swag!
- CFI-led Study Groups are every Monday from 6-8pm. Contact the office for details.
- Don't forget to tell us where you are heading! Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments.
- Instrument Ground School will start again On October 12th. More info below.

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Please join us in congratulating Bram Iovinella on passing his Private Pilot checkride!

Originally from Rome, Italy, Bram has become someone we're always happy to see walk through the doors at Great Basin Aviation. If you've had the chance to meet him, you know how kind and personable he is. He takes the time to talk to people and treats everyone with warmth and respect. We've loved getting to know him, and today we have a pretty great reason to celebrate him!

Bram arrived this morning cool, calm, and collected, ready to take on his checkride with his instructor, Greg, cheering him on. He flew through his oral exam and finished the day as a private pilot! That calm demeanor came after plenty of studying, practice, and preparation, and we're so happy to see his effort rewarded.

Along his aviation journey, Bram has earned multiple scholarships to help him pursue his goals. Behind each opportunity is the work of following through, continuing to learn, and showing up ready for the next challenge. Today is a milestone he can look back on with pride, and we're grateful we got to be part of it.

Outside of flying, Bram enjoys working out, fishing, and camping, and he's also a talented cook. We've enjoyed learning about the person behind the headset just as much as we've enjoyed watching him progress as a pilot. It's the people who make this community special, and Bram is a wonderful example of that.

A big congratulations goes to Greg, too, for the instruction, time, and support he's given Bram along the way. There's so much work that happens before checkride day, and this is a moment worth celebrating together.

Bram, thank you for the kindness you bring to GBA and for letting us share in your aviation journey. We're proud of what you've accomplished and excited for all the possibilities ahead of you. Take a moment to enjoy this one. You've earned it, private pilot!



Bram Iovinella- PPL

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ON UPCOMING SUPPLEMENTAL
CLASSES AND GROUND
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GROUND CLASS OFFERING

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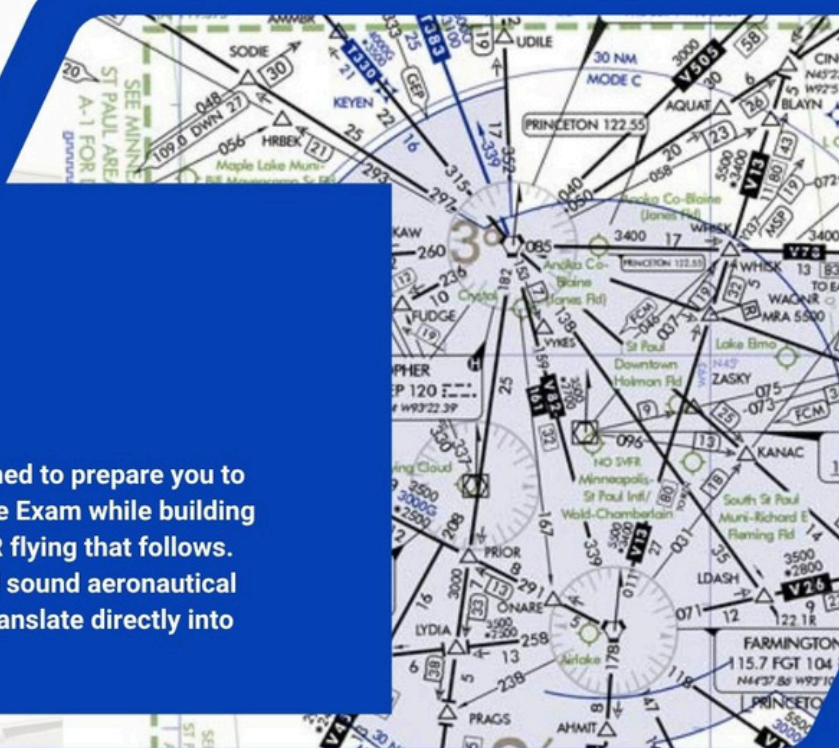
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GROUND SCHOOL OFFERING



INSTRUMENT GROUND SCHOOL

This in-person Instrument Pilot Ground School is designed to prepare you to successfully pass the FAA Instrument Rating Knowledge Exam while building a strong foundation for the oral exam and real-world IFR flying that follows. The course emphasizes understanding, application, and sound aeronautical decision-making, not rote memorization, so concepts translate directly into safer, more confident instrument flying in the cockpit.



DETAILS

WHEN AND WHERE

- Monday & Wednesday evenings
- 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- October 12 - November 18th
- Atlantic Aviation, Large Upstairs Confernece Room

COURSE MATERIALS

- Jeppesen Instrument/Commercial & ASA Test Prep Text Books (included)
- Basic Foreflight Subscription

EXPECTATIONS

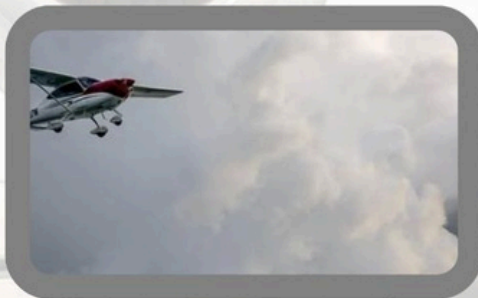
- Willingness to actively participate
- Commitment to completing assigned homework
- Consistent attendance and engagement during class sessions

COST

- \$500 (includes books)

SIGN UP

- Email - GoFlying@GreatBasinAviation.com
- Call/Text - 775-856-3655



Why Choose GBA?

Well, #1, Bob Bennett and our new Instrument Ground Instructor, Alan Woodburn (retired corporate pilot), will be teaching the class, but also, training for your Instrument Rating at GBA means learning in a structured, professional environment led by experienced instructors who emphasize long-term proficiency. Our focus goes beyond passing a test to developing sound aeronautical judgment, strong IFR fundamentals, and disciplined habits that translate into safe, confident decision-making in real-world instrument flying.