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WINTER IS COMING. KEEP YOUR TRAINING MOVING.

As we head into the quieter months, it's a good time to check in on your flight training. What's going well? What needs more attention? And what can you do between lessons to make your next flight more productive? I know we sound like a broken record...we see you rolling your eyes. But seriously, progress comes from a combination of flying, studying, and preparation. Your instructor is here to guide you, but the work you put in outside the airplane helps those lessons stick and helps you get more out of your training budget. Before each lesson, take a few minutes to review your last flight summary and any assigned material. Know what you'll be working on, and bring questions about anything that isn't clear. If you're unsure what to prepare, reach out to your instructor. A little preparation can make a big difference once you're in the airplane. Ground school is a big part of that process. Understanding weather, airspace, aircraft systems, and performance helps you connect what you're learning to the decisions you make in flight. Keeping up with those subjects throughout your training also makes the approach to your written test and checkride much more manageable. Consistency helps, too. Life, weather, and budgets can interrupt even the best plans, but staying engaged between flights can help you retain what you've learned. Review a checklist, chair-fly a procedure, complete a ground school lesson, or write down questions for your next meeting with your instructor. If something isn't clicking, speak up. Learning to fly involves a lot of new information, and needing another explanation is completely normal. A focused ground lesson can give you time to work through a topic without the distractions of the cockpit. Take advantage of opportunities to learn with others, too. Attend our Sunday supplemental ground classes to strengthen your understanding and spend more time on topics that need attention. Our free Monday night study groups, held from 6–8 p.m., are another great way to ask questions, review material, and learn alongside fellow students. Making these sessions part of your routine can help keep your training moving between flights. And yes, we still support leaving a little room for the Raiders game. As you plan your lessons, please also remember the importance of showing up on time, communicating schedule changes early, and treating the aircraft with care. Those habits help us keep training running smoothly for everyone. Flight training is not a race. The goal is steady progress toward becoming a safe, confident pilot. This week, choose one small step that will help you move forward: finish a ground school section, review your last lesson, attend a class or study group, or schedule time to work through a challenging topic. A little effort between flights goes a long way. We're here to help you make the most of it.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- 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!
- Cooper Bowen...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.

PRIVATE PILOT ALERT!

Please join us in congratulating Jack Rauscher on officially earning his Private Pilot Certificate at just 17 years old!

Jack has been an absolute natural in the cockpit from the beginning. In fact, just about every instructor who has flown with him has commented on how naturally flying seems to come to him and how quickly he picks things up. Earning your PPL at 17 is already an incredible accomplishment, but Jack has made the journey look impressively effortless (or at least very nonchalant).

A special shoutout also goes to Jack's instructor, Lucas, who has been an incredible mentor and teammate throughout the process. Together, Jack and Lucas made a great team, and their hard work, trust, and dedication helped make this achievement possible. Jack's combination of natural skill, determination, and genuine passion for aviation makes it clear that he has what it takes to go far in this industry and pursue a future as a professional pilot.

When he's not flying, you can find Jack working at Starbucks, making jokes, or giving everyone in the office a hard time. We give it right back, of course, but we wouldn't have it any other way. Somewhere along the way, he also randomly decided to dye his hair blonde, a decision delivered with about the same level of nonchalance as everything else Jack does.

Most importantly, Jack is the very proud dog dad of Maya, who may officially hold the title of one of the cutest dogs to ever be associated with GBA.

Jack will be celebrating with his family today, and he has a LOT to celebrate.

Earning a Private Pilot Certificate is a huge accomplishment at any age, but doing it at 17 is something pretty special.

Jack, we are incredibly proud of you and have loved watching you grow as a pilot. Congratulations, Private Pilot Jack Rauscher! We can't wait to see where flying takes you next!



Jack Rauscher- PPL

**SCROLL DOWN FOR DETAILS
ON UPCOMING SUPPLEMENTAL
CLASSES AND GROUND
SCHOOL!**

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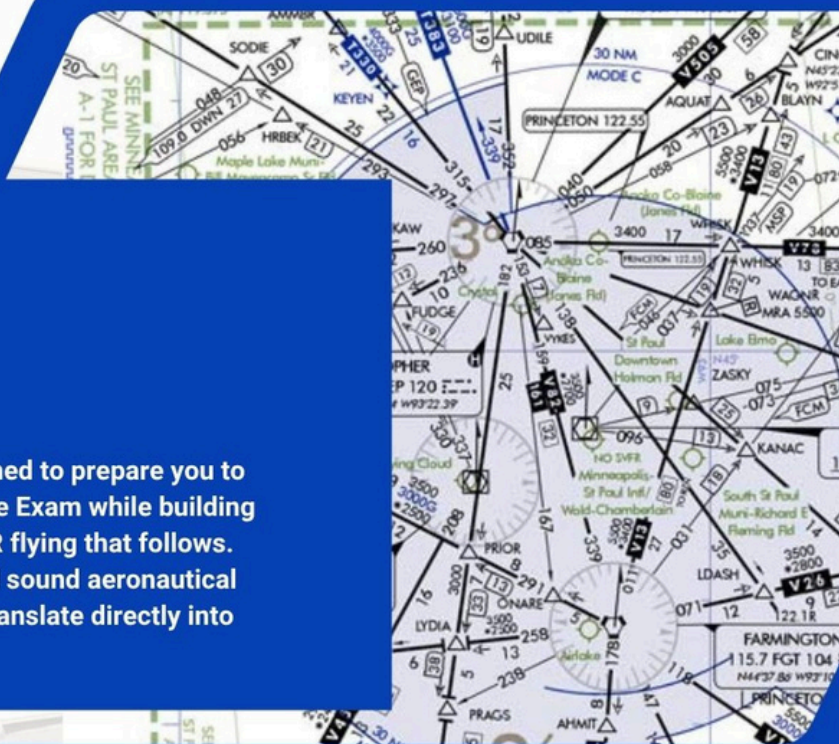
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GROUND SCHOOL OFFERING



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 Conference Room

COURSE MATERIALS

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

EXPECTATIONS

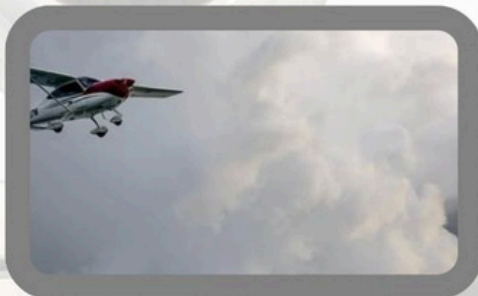
- Willingness to actively participate
- Commitment to completing assigned homework
- Consistent attendance and engagement during class sessions

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.