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BLACK FRIDAY AT GBA: CLEAR SKIES, CLEAR SAVINGS

Black Friday deals? Absolutely. Just because we spend most of our time thinking about airspace and altitudes doesn't mean we can't appreciate a good holiday bargain. Whether you're looking to launch someone's aviation journey or help a current student push toward their next rating, we've lined up a few limited-time offers that are ready for takeoff.

Here's what's on the board:

- Discovery Flight Gift Certificate — \$225 (regular \$250)
- 10-Hour Flight Block — 15% off for new or returning students
- Bonus Gift Certificate — Buy \$300, get \$350 value (limit 1 per customer)

These deals are designed with everyone in mind, from the curious future pilot to the student trying to stretch their training budget. And yes, gifting yourself absolutely counts as holiday spirit.

All offers are available now through Tuesday, December 2nd. After that, they'll taxi off into the sunset and won't return until... well, probably next year.

If you're ready to grab one (or a few), stop by the office, call us, or shoot us an email. Let's kick off the holidays with full tanks, big goals, and a whole lot of excitement for the year ahead.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored even after hours.
- 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 opportunity:
 - Thursday, December 4th (6-730pm) – 4-H Aviation Night



**SKYLER STEELE –
PRIVATE**

Huge congratulations to Skyler Steele, who earned his Private Pilot Certificate today! Skyler has put in the work, stayed focused, and showed up day after day with determination, and today all of that effort paid off in a big way. This achievement is no accident, it's the result of commitment, consistency, and a whole lot of heart. Skyler is one of those genuinely good people we're incredibly lucky to have as part of the GBA family. He's humble, hardworking, and one of our silent frost heroes who quietly comes in at night to put wing covers on so your airplane is ready to go first thing in the morning. He never asks for recognition, but he absolutely deserves it. All of these amazing qualities still don't compensate for him being a 49ers fan, but we'll keep him around anyway. His loyalty runs deep, even if it's to the wrong team. Now Skyler gets to enjoy the holidays, watch some football tomorrow, maybe a strong margarita tonight, take a well-earned breather, and then jump right back into training as he starts charging toward his instrument rating. The momentum is strong, his attitude is exactly where it needs to be, and we have no doubt he'll keep climbing. Awesome job, Skyler, and great work as well to his CFI, Lucas Murphy.

Huge congratulations to Josh Gilmore, officially Reno's newest CFI! That's right, the same Josh who has graciously become whatever we needed for social media content, our T-Rex on the line, our Most Interesting Man in the World, and the man we're all eagerly waiting to watch make his full redneck debut (just wait for it). If GBA needed a mascot, a model, or a meme... Josh showed up.

He's worn just about every hat imaginable here, line tech, Dungeons & Dragons master, reluctant influencer, occasional dinosaur, and part-time chaos generator, all while being one of the hardest-working and most genuine people you'll ever meet. And yes, even as a line tech, he somehow still parks a plane in the wrong spot every now and then... like today, his checkride day. But, at least he checked it in.

Through all the jokes, characters, and social media antics, Josh has remained steady, humble, and dedicated. He's the kind of guy you can't help but roast a little, because he makes it too easy, but you also can't help but respect him, because he works hard and cares deeply. That's exactly the kind of instructor students will be lucky to have.

Huge shout-out to his CFI, Richard Brong, for guiding him through this journey and helping him unlock the mighty "CFI" achievement.

Congrats, Josh, time to take that right seat, start shaping new pilots, and maybe, just maybe, learn to park an airplane where it actually belongs. We're proud of you!



**JOSH GILMORE –
CFI**

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Please join us in celebrating Aki Nyrhinen, who just earned his Instrument Rating! This is one of the biggest milestones in a pilot's training journey, and Aki tackled it with calm focus, humility, and the kind of patience he listed as his favorite personal trait, and it absolutely showed.

Originally from Finland, Aki brings a unique blend of precision, curiosity, and quiet determination into every flight. When he's not in the air, you'll find him skiing, riding bikes, writing software, or shoveling snow, which honestly makes flying through IMC seem pretty relaxing in comparison.

Aki excelled in instrument flying from the start, especially when it came to smooth, controlled approaches and landings. He even noted that he is good at landing, and he proved it over and over. One of our favorite facts about him is that he's smooth enough on steep turns that it used to rock his daughter to sleep. That's exactly the kind of finesse you want in a newly minted instrument pilot.

Huge shoutout to his CFII, Andrew Spanier, for guiding, teaching, and flying alongside Aki all the way to this accomplishment. Your mentorship played a key role in today's success.

Aki, congratulations. Earning your Instrument Rating is a serious achievement, and you've handled the training, the workload, and the challenge with true pilot discipline. We are incredibly proud of you. Blue skies and even smoother approaches ahead. Great job, Aki!

AKI NYRHINEN – PRIVATE

Private Pilot Incoming!

A huge congratulations to Dalton Drum, who officially earned his Private Pilot Certificate today!

Dalton is one of the most laid-back, unshakeable people you'll ever meet in flight training. No matter what the day throws at him, weather delays, busy patterns, last-minute schedule changes, or the general chaos that is aviation, he stays calm, focused, and steady.

But don't let the relaxed vibe fool you, Dalton put in the work. Hours of study, early mornings, late evenings, and the grind that comes with turning "someday I'll be a pilot" into "I passed my checkride!" He earned every bit of this accomplishment, and then some.

As a lefty, Dalton proved that southpaws really do have superpowers, from the left seat to those buttery left turns, he made it look easy. And through it all, he was nothing but respectful, kind, and an absolute pleasure every time he walked through the office door.

Huge shoutout as well to his instructor, CFI James Morgan, for guiding him through the journey with skill, patience, and a whole lot of good teaching.

Dalton, congratulations on becoming a Private Pilot. You worked hard, you stayed humble, and you crushed it. Now someone get this guy a beer.



DALTON DRUM – PPL

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CHECK OUT INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING
GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES:



GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES

**\$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



NOVEMBER




11/01 - AIRSPACE

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



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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