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AT THE HOLD SHORT LINE

A new year in aviation is a natural time to pause, reflect, and recommit to doing things well. There are no shortcuts or instant improvements, just continued opportunities to refine habits, sharpen skills, and approach training with purpose.

At Great Basin Aviation, progress is built through consistency. Following checklists, asking questions, logging meaningful practice, and learning from each flight, on days with ideal weather and on days when conditions or schedules are less cooperative, are all part of becoming a capable and confident pilot.

The past year brought important milestones, including first solos, new certificates, long hours of study that paid off, and instructors and staff who consistently showed up to support students and keep operations moving safely and efficiently. It also included challenges such as weather delays, maintenance issues, and the normal fatigue that comes with sustained effort. Each of these experiences contributes to growth when approached thoughtfully.

As we move into the new year, our priorities remain unchanged. Safety will continue to come before speed. We will remain focused on building competent aviators with sound judgment and confidence. We will continue to invest in students, instructors, and staff, recognizing that people, not just airplanes, build strong aviation communities. And we will be clear about the nature of flight training, it is demanding, rewarding, and worth the commitment.

Whether your goals this year include a first solo, a new rating, completing unfinished training, or simply flying more consistently, steady progress comes from preparation and follow-through.

Every experienced pilot began in the same place, learning fundamentals, building judgment, and waiting for the opportunity to advance. When that opportunity comes, readiness matters.

Make 2026 a year of intentional training, consistent effort, and thoughtful decision-making, on the ground and in the air.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Reminder from the December 5th Hold Short, and subsequent weeks, the rental cost per hour for G1000 aircraft increased on 1/1/2026.**
- 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.
- **Monday night study groups will not be held from December 22nd to January 19th. They will start up again on Monday, January 26th. Thanks!**

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

Check this out! Our in-person Private Pilot Ground School is back and designed to set you up for real success, not just the written, but the flying that comes after. Even if you already have the kit and are working through it on your own, you're welcome to jump in and join the class.



PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

This in-person ground school is designed to prepare you to successfully pass the FAA Private Pilot Knowledge Exam and to build a solid foundation for the oral exam and real-world flight training that follows. The course emphasizes understanding, application, and long-term proficiency, not rote memorization.

DETAILS

► WHEN AND WHERE

- Tuesday & Thursday evenings
- 6:00–8:00 PM
- Starting January 20
- January: 20, 22, 27, 29
- February: 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26

► COURSE MATERIALS

- Cessna / King Private Pilot Kit w/Logbook, E6B, and plotter
- Access to the Cessna e-course and reference library
- Companion app access
- Question review and test-prep tools

► EXPECTATIONS

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

► COST

- \$500 with Cessna / King Private Pilot Kit
- \$250 if kit already purchased

► SIGN UP

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



WHY CHOOSE GBA?

Training at Great Basin Aviation means learning in a structured, professional environment led by experienced instructors who train with long-term proficiency in mind. Our focus is not just passing a test, but developing sound aeronautical judgment, strong fundamentals, and habits that carry forward into safe, confident flying.