

THE HOLD SHORT

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FLYING WITH INTENTION IN 2026

A new year is a great time to reset, refocus, and set intentions, especially in aviation. Whether you're a student pilot, renter, or working toward advanced ratings, 2026 is a perfect opportunity to be intentional about your flying goals.

This year, consider setting goals that help you grow outside your comfort zone while staying safe and thoughtful. Real progress happens when we gradually expand limits, fly in new conditions, and challenge ourselves with purpose. That might mean flying on days that aren't picture-perfect (when conditions are safe), working through discomfort with an instructor, or practicing scenarios that build confidence and judgment.

Another great goal is flying to new airports. If you've heard of the Kessel Run, you know how valuable it can be to explore beyond your home base intentionally. New airports bring unfamiliar airspace, procedures, runways, and decision-making, all of which translate directly into stronger real-world flying.

2026 is also a great year to fly more at night. If you're career-bound, night hours are not optional; they're required, and they matter. Night flying sharpens situational awareness, planning, and confidence, and it's an excellent way to build time when daytime schedules get tight. It is also great for instrument training! You're not looking out the window anyway, and calmer traffic and smoother air can make nighttime instrument lessons incredibly productive.

Of course, 2026 could also be the year you earn a new rating or certificate, Private, Instrument, Commercial, CFI, or beyond. Each milestone builds on the last, and consistent progress adds up faster than you think.

Set goals that excite you. Talk with your instructor, make a plan, and commit to steady progress, even when life gets busy. Make 2026 the year you fly with intention, push your boundaries responsibly, and become the pilot you've been training to be. Let's make 2026 your aviation year!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Reminder from the December 5th Hold Short, the rental cost per hour for G1000 aircraft increases 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.

GREAT BASIN AVIATION
Reno, NV

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.

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