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WHY WE YELL ABOUT GROUND SCHOOL

In the ever-changing landscape of aviation, it's crucial to highlight the unsung hero of pilot training - Ground School. At Great Basin Aviation, we believe in emphasizing the significance of comprehensive ground instruction, considering it a cornerstone in the journey to becoming a proficient private pilot.

Why Ground School Matters More Than You Think:

1. **Knowledge is Power:** Ground school is where you build the foundation of aeronautical knowledge. Understanding the principles of flight, navigation, weather patterns, and regulations is not just a requirement but a key to becoming a safe and informed pilot.
2. **Safety First:** The knowledge gained in ground school directly translates into better decision-making in the air. From weather assessment to emergency procedures, a well-grounded pilot is better equipped to handle various situations, ensuring the safety of both themselves and their passengers.
3. **Regulatory Compliance:** Ground school provides an in-depth understanding of aviation regulations. This knowledge is crucial not only for passing exams but for adhering to aviation laws and regulations throughout your flying career.
4. **Cost-Efficiency:** Investing time in ground school can be a cost-effective approach. Mastering concepts on the ground can reduce the need for excessive flight hours, making the overall training more efficient and budget-friendly.
5. **Comprehensive Learning Experience:** The synergy between ground school and flight training is essential for a well-rounded education. Ground instruction complements practical flight training, offering a holistic understanding of aviation principles.

Great Basin's Commitment to Ground Excellence:

We recognize that the skies are not just about flying; they are about understanding, decision-making, and responsibility. To reinforce our commitment to your success, we are placing a heightened focus on ground school instruction. Expect engaging sessions, knowledgeable instructors, and a dynamic learning environment that will empower you for a lifelong journey in aviation. Join us in embracing the true essence of pilot education - where the ground is as crucial as the sky.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- The **FREE** Monday Night Study Group Class will start up again on Monday, January 22nd. If you would like to join the PPL Study Group What's App, please contact the office for the link.



**BRETT GILMORE –
PRIVATE PILOT**

Guess who just unlocked the skies? It's Brett "Happy" Gilmore, officially now a Private Pilot! Despite weather battles, work hustle, family duties (baby No. 3 is due any day), and juggling his role in the Nevada Air National Guard, Brett soared through it all. If that's not enough, he practically owns the town's sugar-free Red Bull supply (and 805)! When he's not on dad duty, defending the skies, or fueling up with caffeine, Brett's been bugging us at the GBA office. Kidding, more like educating us on useless information. Huge shoutout to his wingman in the cockpit, Instructor Extraordinaire, Alex Spencer! Here's to Brett's victory lap in the friendly skies, and onto the next adventure: Instrument Rating! Way to go, Brett!

We've got some serious aviation magic to share! Meet the legend, Shane Havens – the pilot who's not afraid to clock in some serious road time from Winnemucca, is crafting his own winged masterpiece, and has been giving his all to flight training these past months. The moment we've all been waiting for is here – Shane just nailed it and officially earned his wings as a Private Pilot! Despite the unpredictable weather trying to play spoiler this month, Shane found the perfect window to soar through his checkride with style.

Sure, Shane's heart may forever beat for the trusty C172, but he's gearing up to own the skies with his very own, personally built RV-10! What can't this guy do?? He is a force of nature, and now he's added the title of Private Pilot to his already impressive collection of achievements. Awesome job Shane for this incredible milestone, and a massive shoutout to his co-pilot through it all, Instructor Extraordinaire, Kevin Marshall! Shane, spread those wings wide and soar high – we'll be watching for you cruising right passed us at 170kts in your RV!



**SHANE HAVENS –
PRIVATE PILOT**