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KNOW YOUR SYSTEMS: FLY SMARTER, FLY SAFER

As pilots, we spend a lot of time focusing on airspace, maneuvers, and procedures—but how well do you really know what's going on under the cowling?

Understanding your aircraft's systems—engine, electrical, fuel, and flight controls—is more than just ground school knowledge. It's about equipping yourself to make better decisions in the air, recognize early signs of trouble, and speak the same language as your mechanic or examiner.

To help strengthen this foundation, we're offering an upcoming Aircraft Systems class led by CFI Richard Brong. This session will break down key systems in a way that's practical, clear, and relevant to everyday flying.

- Engine operation and troubleshooting
- Electrical system awareness
- Fuel system flow and failure points
- Control surfaces and how they really work

You'll also head out to the hangar for hands-on time with the aircraft—because reading about a magneto is one thing, but seeing it in the real world makes it click.

- **Date/Time: Saturday, April 5th at 1:00 PM**
- **Location: Great Basin Aviation, Atlantic's Large Upstairs Conference Room**
- **RSVP: 775-856-3655 or goflying@greatbasinaviation.com**

- Note: Dress appropriately for time spent in the hangar, and bring your questions!

Whether you're preparing for a checkride, looking to sharpen your knowledge, or just want to be a safer, smarter pilot—this class is for you.

***See attached flyer**

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Need some study buddies? Don't forget about Monday Night Study Groups on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6pm-8pm.
- Looking for ground school supplement courses? Ask the office about upcoming course offerings. The schedule is out through July.
- Check out these scholarship opportunities: **Fasiang Future of Flight Scholarship**, Website: <https://bold.org/scholarships/fasiang-future-of-flight-scholarship/> and **Reno Air Racing Association Flight Training Scholarship**, Website: <https://airrace.org/flight-training-scholarships/>

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**CAMERON MORRILL –
SOLO**

The sky was calling, and today Cameron Morrill answered by soloing in N752DW at KRTS on runway 8! Calm and collected, Cameron stepped up to the challenge with quiet confidence. After a quick pep talk and a ceremonial “boot” to his flight instructor, James Morgan (a rite of passage, of course), Cameron embraced the skies on his own for the first time and was met with cheers over the radio from fellow pilots in the pattern at KRTS. From day one, Cameron has been an incredibly focused and determined student. Whether he’s flying or meticulously tabbing his FAR/AIM, he’s shown time and again that he’s in this for the long haul. His dedication is obvious—and today, it paid off in a big way. When Cameron isn’t at the airport, you’ll likely find him camping, carving down snowy slopes, exploring great eats around town (he’s a true foodie), or trying to convince his dog to take a break from playing fetch. Huge congratulations to Cameron and his instructor James Morgan on reaching this unforgettable milestone. You’ve earned it! Just don’t get too comfortable—that private pilot checkride is just around the corner! Awesome work!

What what! If you thought one Arango pursuing flight training was enough, then think again! Aviation has been thrumming in the blood of the Arango brothers for a while now, and today the youngest brother, Reymond Arango, has taken to flight and soloed in N37JA at KRTS on runway 8! Rey is truly an amazing aviator, student, and character. He’s always got a positive outlook on his pursuits and is always making us smile in the office. It’s truly no surprise that Rey has conquered solo flight and we’re so incredibly proud of him and all the hard work he’s put in to get to this point in his training. Rey, you’ve been drilling your ground school, flying airplanes, balancing school, and today’s the day, you’re a solo pilot! When Rey isn’t busy being absolutely awesome, you can find him playing sports (he doesn’t like to admit it, but he’s kinda a track star), enjoying the warmer weather, spending time with friends and family, and indulging in some amazing food (he’s a big foodie). Let’s give Rey and his flight instructor, Lucas Murphy, a huge congratulations on this amazing accomplishment! Keep it up, Rey!



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**JESSE SURRY –
PRIVATE**

Whoa, did you see that? It looked like a man, but it was truly too fast to tell... If I had to guess, it had to be none other than the fast and fantastic Jesse Surry! I know Jesse is a running fool and can quite literally run laps around pretty much everyone here at GBA, but why is he running around like a mad man? Well, it's because he's passed his private pilot checkride and he's flying high with excitement (and probably still burning off that adrenaline buzz)! Jesse Surry has been impressing us left and right. From battling the weather, studying his ground, running literal marathons, enjoying the powder, serenading people with his music, and on top of all that, flying and enjoying the skies, suffice to say Jesse has had his hands full these last few months. But today, Jesse came in cool and collected and absolutely dominated his checkride! Jesse, we're so incredibly happy for you and we're so excited to see you achieve such an incredible milestone. Let's give Jesse and his flight instructor Shane Smith, who has been by Jesse's side this entire adventure, a huge round of applause on this awesome accomplishment! Amazing work you guys, now get out there and enjoy the skies!

Rey is GBA's March Pilot of the Month! Oh great... it's Reymond Arango again? Didn't we just celebrate this guy? You better believe it! But why is he here again? Well, since Hailey was going to award this sooner (preferably on the day he soloed) but definitely forgot to order ink for the printer... here we are again! And I mean come on, what's wrong with a little more of that Rey Arango smile in your feed?! Rey has been absolutely crushing his flight training these last couple of months! Since starting in January, Rey has been on fire. He's battled weather delays, crushed his ground school, and just recently took to the skies solo for the very first time. Through it all, he's brought that signature Rey smile and positive energy that lights up the school. Rey, it truly goes without saying that you earned every bit of this. Watching your growth as a pilot has been nothing short of awesome. You're hardworking, humble, and an absolute joy to have around. We know this is just the beginning, and we can't wait to cheer you on through your checkride and beyond! Awesome work Rey, you deserve it! Now go treat yourself to a well-deserved foodie celebration and then get back to flying!



**REY ARANGO –
PILOT OF THE MONTH**

GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT COURSES

**\$45 PER
CLASS (2HRS)**
INSTRUCTOR WILL SIGN
OFF TRAINING IN YOUR
LOG BOOK

AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS - KNOW YOUR PLANE, FLY SAFER

Want to become a more confident, informed, and prepared pilot? Join us for our Aircraft Systems class, where we'll dive into the inner workings of your aircraft—because understanding what's happening under the cowling is just as important as what's happening in the cockpit.

Led by CFI Richard Brong, this class will cover the essential systems every pilot should know:

- Engine
- Electrical
- Fuel
- Flight controls

You'll gain the knowledge to identify and manage potential issues before they become in-flight problems—giving you a deeper understanding of your aircraft and helping you make safer, smarter decisions.

This isn't just a sit-down lecture! The class includes time out in the hangar where you'll get hands-on and look "under the hood" of the aircraft to see these systems in action.

Date/Time: Saturday, April 5th at 1pm

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Please dress appropriately for time spent in the hangar and bring your questions—this is a great opportunity to learn from one of the best.

Contact the office or reserve your spot today—space is limited!



**MORE INFO
AND TO RSVP:**

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