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AVIATION IS BETTER TOGETHER

One of the best things you can do as a pilot has nothing to do with stick-and-rudder skills. Build your aviation community.

Flying can sometimes feel like a solo pursuit, but the pilots who continue learning, stay motivated, and become safer aviators almost always have one thing in common: they surround themselves with other people who love aviation.

That might mean attending a weekly study group, taking an in-person ground school, joining a local aviation organization, volunteering at airport events, or simply pulling up a chair in the office or lobby and talking airplanes for an hour.

Some of the best lessons aren't found in a textbook. They're shared over a cup of coffee while discussing a cross-country flight, listening to a mechanic explain a maintenance issue, or hearing another pilot describe a situation they encountered and how they handled it. Every conversation adds another tool to your aviation toolbox.

At Great Basin Aviation, we believe learning doesn't stop when the engine shuts down. That's why we encourage students to attend study groups, even when they don't have a lesson scheduled. Sit in on a ground school. Ask questions. Meet other students. Celebrate checkride passes. Learn from someone who's just a few steps ahead of you.

The aviation world is surprisingly small, and the friendships you make today may become your future safety pilot, instructor, mentor, coworker, or even captain.

The certificate gets you into aviation. The community keeps you there. We'll see you around the airport.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- The GBA offices will be closed on July 4th so we can enjoy the holiday with our freinds and family.
- Private Pilot Ground School will start on June 30th. Call the office for details.
- Check out the attached flyer for a fun CAF Open House on Saturday!
- Study groups will be on hiatus for the remainder of the month. They will pick back up in July.
- Dont forget to tell us where you are heading! Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments.
- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored.
- Taxiway signage and names will change on July 9th. There is a map in the GBA if you want to check it out and get familiar with it prior to the change.



**Mike Lilyquist-
Solo**

🎉✈️ Huge congratulations to Mike Lilyquist on his first solo flight! Some students stand out because they're naturally talented. Others stand out because they're incredibly hardworking. Mike somehow managed to be both. As a hand surgeon, Mike spends his days doing work that requires incredible precision and focus. Somehow, he still finds the energy to show up before sunrise for flight lessons, making him one of our most dedicated early-morning flyers. Between a demanding career, family responsibilities, and flight training, Mike has consistently shown up prepared, ready to learn, and willing to put in the work. If something matters to Mike, he's going to give it everything he's got. What makes Mike especially memorable, though, is how he treats people. He's one of the kindest people you'll meet and is always friendly, positive, and appreciative of everyone around him. Whether he's talking with instructors, line staff, office staff, or fellow students, Mike makes GBA a better place simply by being part of it. When he's not flying airplanes or saving people's hands, Mike is a proud husband and dad. If you've spent more than a few minutes talking with him, you've probably heard a story about his kids or his awesome wife. His family is clearly his greatest source of pride. His aviation journey has also been made a little more fun thanks to fellow student and friend Brett Nelson. With Brett recently earning his own solo, we're starting to think these two may have quietly turned flight training into a competition. Under the guidance of Andy Glenn, Mike recently departed Runway 32 at Stead Airport and completed his first solo flight, a milestone every pilot remembers for the rest of their life.

Mike, we're incredibly proud of you and can't wait to see what's next. Congratulations! 🎉✈️

🎉✈️ Huge congratulations to Kelsey Nelson on her first solo flight! Some people have busy schedules. Kelsey looked at a busy schedule and decided it wasn't nearly busy enough. When she's not working as an engineer, she's often flying to Idaho aboard a King Air for work. While most passengers are settling into their seats, Kelsey is usually up front talking with the pilots, listening to radios, and soaking up every bit of aviation she can. It's safe to say the flying bug got her a long time ago. Of course, aviation isn't her only high-speed hobby. When she's not at work or flight training, you'll likely find Kelsey racing go-karts at the track near Stead. Apparently driving fast on the ground wasn't exciting enough, so she decided to start flying too. As a mom, engineer, racer, and now solo pilot, Kelsey somehow manages to balance more than most people could fit into a single week. Through it all, she's remained focused, hardworking, and determined to keep moving forward in her training. Under the guidance of her instructor, Trey, Kelsey reached one of the biggest milestones in aviation today when she took off on her very first solo flight. It's a moment every pilot remembers forever and one that represents countless hours of hard work, preparation, and dedication. Kelsey, we're incredibly proud of everything you've accomplished so far and can't wait to watch the rest of your aviation journey unfold. Congratulations on your first solo! 🎉✈️



**Kelsey Nelson-
Solo**



**Ian Paterson-
Solo**

🎉✈️ Huge congratulations to Ian Paterson on his first solo flight! Today, Ian took off from Runway 32 at KRTS for the very first time with nobody else in the airplane, a milestone every pilot dreams about. Under the guidance of his instructor, Andy Glenn, Ian put together an awesome flight and officially joined the ranks of solo pilots.

Ian is one of those students who quietly puts in the work. He works full-time in construction, yet has continued to make flight training a priority, showing up ready to learn and improve every lesson. Balancing a demanding job while earning a pilot certificate isn't easy, but Ian has proven that consistency and dedication go a long way.

Flying has always been part of Ian's story. Growing up with a dad who's a pilot gave him an early appreciation for aviation, and it's been fun to watch him turn that inspiration into an accomplishment of his own.

When Ian isn't working or flying, you'll probably find him on a golf course. Anyone who's played with him knows he's a seriously good golfer. When he's not chasing birdies, he's usually out skiing in the winter, hunting in the fall, or spending time with his dogs. As different as they seem, golf and flying have a lot in common: they both reward patience, discipline, and the ability to stay focused one shot, or one landing, at a time.

Ian has been a pleasure to have around GBA. He's humble, hardworking, and always brings a great attitude to training. Milestones like today's don't happen by accident; they're earned through countless hours of preparation, and it's been awesome watching him reach this point.

Congratulations again to Ian, and a huge shoutout to Andy Glenn for helping him reach this incredible achievement. We can't wait to watch Ian continue his journey toward his Private Pilot Certificate.

Way to go, Ian! The whole GBA family is proud of you! 🎉✈️

🎉✈️ Huge congratulations to Sean Devlin on his first solo flight!

Some people bring good energy wherever they go. Sean somehow manages to bring good energy, great stories, and about five new nicknames for his instructors every time he walks through the door.

By day, Sean is a physician, spending his time caring for others in one of the most demanding professions there is. He's also part of the medical team at Burning Man, where he somehow manages to combine emergency medicine with one of the most unique environments imaginable. As if that wasn't enough, he's also a part owner of Grateful Gardens, proving he doesn't really believe in the concept of free time. No matter how busy life gets, Sean is always smiling. He's the kind of student who makes flight training more fun for everyone around him. Whether he's keeping the office laughing with his latest instructor nickname or organizing study sessions to help fellow students prepare, he genuinely wants everyone to succeed alongside him. That attitude is exactly what makes Sean such a great fit at Great Basin Aviation. Flying is certainly an individual accomplishment, but Sean has never treated it that way. He's built friendships, encouraged other students, and helped create the kind of community that makes people excited to come back for the next lesson.

A huge shoutout goes to his instructor, Greg Anthenien, who had the privilege of helping Sean reach this incredible milestone. Watching students like Sean achieve their first solo is one of the most rewarding parts of flight instruction, and this one was certainly well earned.

Congratulations again on an awesome solo flight, Sean! We can't wait to see what's next as you continue toward your private pilot certificate.

Blue skies, Sean! ✈️



**Sean Devlin
Solo**

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

CAF OPEN HOUSE

BBQ + EAA PANCAKE BREAKFAST



SATURDAY
JUNE 27TH



9:00 AM
- 2:30 PM



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AIRCRAFT RIDES



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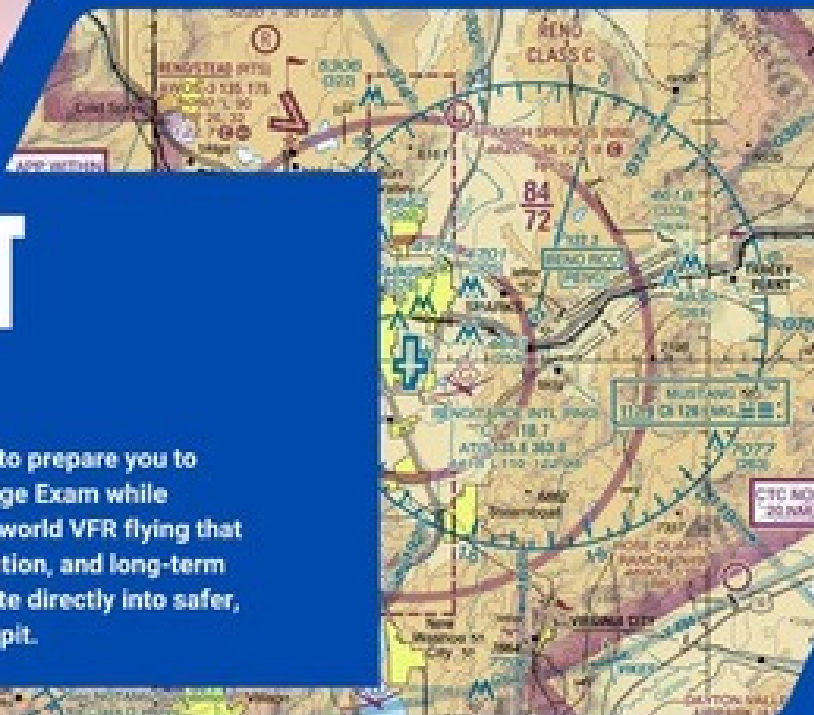
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PRIVATE PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

This in-person Private Pilot Ground School is designed to prepare you to successfully pass the FAA Private Pilot Rating Knowledge Exam while building a strong foundation for the oral exam and real-world VFR flying that follows. The course emphasizes understanding, application, and long-term proficiency, not rote memorization, so concepts translate directly into safer, more confident instrument decision-making in the cockpit.



DETAILS

WHEN AND WHERE

- Tuesday & Thursday Evenings
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- June 30 - August 6
- Atlantic Aviation

COURSE MATERIALS

- Cessna / King Private Kit w/logbook, E6B, and plotter (included in price)
- 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 (includes kit)
- \$250 (if you already have the kit)

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