

THE HOLD SHORT

A

30MAY - 05JUN

SPEAK UP, ASK QUESTIONS, AND ADVOCATE FOR YOUR TRAINING

One of the most important skills a pilot can develop isn't found in the FAR/AIM, a textbook, or a checklist, it's the ability to ask questions.

At Great Basin Aviation, we want every student to feel empowered to speak up if something isn't working. Maybe you don't understand a concept. Maybe you need more practice in a certain area. Or maybe you and your instructor simply have different teaching and learning styles. That's okay.

Every instructor brings a unique personality, communication style, and teaching approach to the cockpit. Likewise, every student learns differently. A pairing that works exceptionally well for one student may not be the best fit for another. That doesn't mean anyone is doing anything wrong, it simply means people learn differently.

Sometimes students hesitate to make a change because they feel loyal to their instructor or worry about hurting someone's feelings. While that loyalty is admirable, your primary responsibility is to your own training and success. Flight training is a significant investment of both time and money, and you deserve an environment where you can learn effectively and make steady progress.

If you ever feel stuck, confused, or uncertain about your training path, please ask questions. Talk with your instructor. Talk with the Chief CFI. Talk with the office. We are here to help.

The goal isn't to keep you paired with a particular instructor. The goal is to help you become a safe, confident pilot.

The most successful students are often the ones who aren't afraid to raise their hand, ask questions, and advocate for their own learning.

Remember: there are no bad questions in aviation, only missed opportunities to learn.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- **Dont forget to tell us where you are heading!** Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments in the booking.
- In the event of cancellation, call the office or email us asap. Messages and emails are monitored even after hours.
- Scheduling for 5am flights began on June 1st. Enjoy that cool, crisp, morning air!
- 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.



**Skyler Steele-
Instrument**

Huge congratulations to Skyler Steele on earning his Instrument Rating 🛩️ If you've been around GBA for more than about five minutes, there's a very good chance Skyler has either helped you on the line, cracked a joke, or somehow made your day a little better. Originally from California, Skyler has become such a huge part of the GBA community and genuinely embodies the kind of atmosphere we try to create here.

Between working two jobs, flight training, being a full-time dog dad, and somehow still always showing up with a positive attitude, Skyler has absolutely earned this accomplishment. Whether he's helping students get situated, taking care of instructors, running around on the line, or just keeping morale high with his sense of humor, Skyler is one of those people everyone enjoys being around.

Outside of flying, Skyler is also ridiculously talented at videography and has become one of the creative brains behind a lot of the content around here. In fact, one of the recent viral videos on the GBA account was actually his idea, which honestly explains a lot. When he's not at the airport, there's a good chance he's snowboarding, shopping at Costco, or trying to survive life while being gluten intolerant 🦴

Training with Lucas Murphy, Skyler has made the instrument process look way easier than it actually is. He picks up on things incredibly fast, works hard without complaining, and continues to prove that consistency and effort matter more than anything in aviation. Behind the jokes and easygoing personality is someone who takes flying seriously and has put in a ton of work to get here.

We're incredibly proud of you Skyler. GBA wouldn't be the same without you around and we can't wait to see what's next!

Tyler Ashburn is a Private Pilot!! If you've spent any amount of time around Great Basin Aviation, you know that Tyler Ashburn is guaranteed to make you laugh. Whether he's handing out hilarious nicknames to the office staff, keeping everyone entertained around the airport, or asking for full fuel (every single time 😊), Tyler has become a favorite around GBA.

Hailing from Tahoe, Tyler brought a ton of personality, positivity, and determination to his training. He was always one of the first people to cheer on other students' successes, celebrate milestones, and support everyone around him. No matter how challenging a lesson felt or how much stress came with preparing for the checkride, he kept showing up, kept working, and trusted the process.

A huge shoutout goes to his instructor, Greg Anthenien, who helped guide Tyler through the ups, downs, and countless hours of training that led to this moment. We'd also like to recognize Hudson Neal, who taught Tyler in our in-person ground school. Tyler specifically mentioned how much those classes helped him build confidence and understanding throughout his training and better prepared him for the journey to becoming a private pilot.

Now that he's officially a pilot, Tyler is headed to Texas, and we have a feeling he won't be able to stop looking up every time he hears an airplane overhead.

Tyler, congratulations on an accomplishment that few people ever achieve. Your sense of humor, positive attitude, and determination have made you an awesome part of the GBA family. We can't wait to see what adventures come next.



**Tyler Ashburn-
PPL**