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CLEARED FOR FREEDOM – CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY AT GBA



As we roll into the Fourth of July, the skies over Reno aren't the only thing buzzing with energy; the ramp at Great Basin Aviation is usually full of students, instructors, and the shared pursuit of flight. But today, we're pressing pause to celebrate something even bigger.

GBA is closed today in honor of Independence Day. While we may not be flying, we're still reflecting on the incredible freedom that aviation represents, and the uniquely American spirit that makes it possible.

Flying is a privilege not available to everyone worldwide. But here, as Americans, we're fortunate to live in a country where the sky isn't the limit, it's the starting point. The freedom to pursue your dreams, to defy gravity, and to chase a horizon of your own choosing is something we're grateful for every day.

At its core, the Fourth of July is about more than fireworks and BBQs, it's about the courage, sacrifice, and perseverance that laid the foundation for the freedoms we enjoy. Every time we step into the cockpit, we honor that legacy by learning, growing, and becoming part of something greater.

So whether you're taking to the skies this weekend or enjoying a well-earned day off, take a moment to appreciate what it means to be an American, and how lucky we are to live in a country where flight is not just a dream, but a reality.

From all of us at Great Basin Aviation, we wish you a safe, joyful, and high-flying Fourth of July.

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- Need some study buddies? Don't forget about Private Pilot Study Groups on the 1st and 3rd Monday, 6pm-8pm. Instrument Ground School help, those will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6pm-8pm.
- **Check the parking map!! Make sure you know where to park your plane when you return.**
- Do not add unnecessary oil. If it is at 6, you are good. Adding extra "just because" is a waste, and it just burns off. Check the POH for oil requirements.
- There is still a couple seats available in the July 5th Emergency Procedures Supplement Class. Call or email to secure a spot!



**RYAN MADOLE –
PRIVATE**

Help us give a big GBA shoutout to Ryan Madole, who just earned his Private Pilot Certificate! Ryan has been the epitome of quiet determination throughout his training, steadfast, focused, and all in. Whether he's fly fishing in the great outdoors, strumming his guitar, or jamming out to some good ol' country music, Ryan brings a calm, steady energy that served him well in the cockpit. With the guidance of CFI Andrew Spanier, Ryan put in the time, effort, and heart it takes to reach this milestone. He showed up, stayed motivated, and never let a rough day knock him off course. His journey wasn't about checking a box; it was about growth, skill, and purpose. And now, he's got the certificate to prove it.

So what's next? Military? Civilian? Whichever runway Ryan decides to take, we know it'll be one with direction and meaning. He's not just another pilot; he's a pilot with purpose. And whether he's flying high or kicking back with some country tunes, we know his path is going to be a good one. Congrats again, Ryan! Your hard work and humble spirit have truly stood out, and we can't wait to see where you go from here.