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MORE THAN A FLIGHT SCHOOL

One of the best parts of working in the GBA office is getting to know the people who walk through our doors. We hear about your first flights, the checkrides you're working toward, your careers, your families, and all the things you do outside of aviation. We get a firsthand look at just how unique and amazing everyone here is, but that can be easy to miss when you're only passing each other on the way to a lesson.

So we have a challenge for you: next time you're at GBA, strike up a conversation with someone new. Ask what they're working on, where they've flown recently, or what got them interested in aviation in the first place. Maybe you'll make a new best friend. Maybe you'll find someone to study with or plan a flight alongside. And maybe it'll just be a good conversation. Either way, every connection is valuable, and there's always something we can learn from one another.

We want GBA to be a place where you feel comfortable staying a little longer after your flight, asking questions, sharing what you've learned, and cheering each other on. There are people here at every stage of training, and chances are someone else has faced the same challenge you're working through right now.

Speaking of ways to connect, keep an eye out for upcoming Sunday PPL supplemental classes! We've received feedback from many of you who would love more chances to learn together, especially on weekends, so we're working on making these classes happen. We'll share dates and details soon. Along with covering topics you've asked for, they'll be a great chance to meet other students and maybe find a new study buddy.

If you have a question, an idea for a class or event, or just want to get more involved at GBA, please come talk to us in the office. We'd love to hear from you. This community is made up of all of you, and we're excited to keep building it together!

REMINDERS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

- We have been super flexible, but the courtesy is being taken advantage of. Effective September 11, 2026, we will no longer waive a first cancellation fee. All no-shows and late cancellations will be charged a minimum of one hour of aircraft time. Instructor fees are at the instructor's discretion. Please respect the time you reserved and show up!
- CFI-led Study Groups are every Monday from 6-8pm. Contact the office for details.
- Don't forget to tell us where you are heading! Any XC flight, please add your destination to the comments.
- Instrument Ground School will start again On October 12th. More info below.

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GBA STUDENTS TAKING FLIGHT

🏆✈️ PILOT OF THE MONTH: CORY DAVID 🏆✈️

Cory David is officially taking the top spot on this month's GBA leaderboard! Originally from Santa Clarita, California, Cory is working toward becoming a professional pilot while somehow maintaining his scratch golf handicap. Before trading tee times for flight times, he worked as a golf pro at a country club and traveled across the country for a golf clothing company. These days, he brings that same focus and competitive spirit to every flight.

Cory trains with his instructor, Lucas, and is often in the air with his flying buddy, Julius Lorentzen. The two are always finding another reason to go flying, although Julius has given Cory a rather fitting callsign: Captain Turbulence. On a recent cross-country flight, Cory and Lucas hit some wild mountain wave turbulence on the way back. We're glad they made it home safely, and we suspect Julius will be using that nickname for a while.

Back on the ground, Cory reigns as GBA's Sim King. If the simulator is open, there's a good chance he's in it. We've had to kick him off so often for scheduled tests that it's become a running joke around the office. We tease him, but that extra practice says a lot about how seriously he takes his training.

Cory is kind, hilarious, hardworking, and always brings good energy to GBA. Whether he's in the airplane, on the sim, or making everyone laugh in the office, he's the kind of person you're happy to have on your team. Ted Lasso would approve of his attitude: Believe—and then put in the reps to back it up.

When he's not chasing smoother landings and lower golf scores, Cory enjoys working out, eating ribeye steak, and appreciating a showerhead with excellent water pressure. We respect a man who knows what matters.

Congratulations, Cory! You've earned your spot on the leaderboard. Keep swinging big and flying high! 🏆✈️



Cory David-Pilot of the Month

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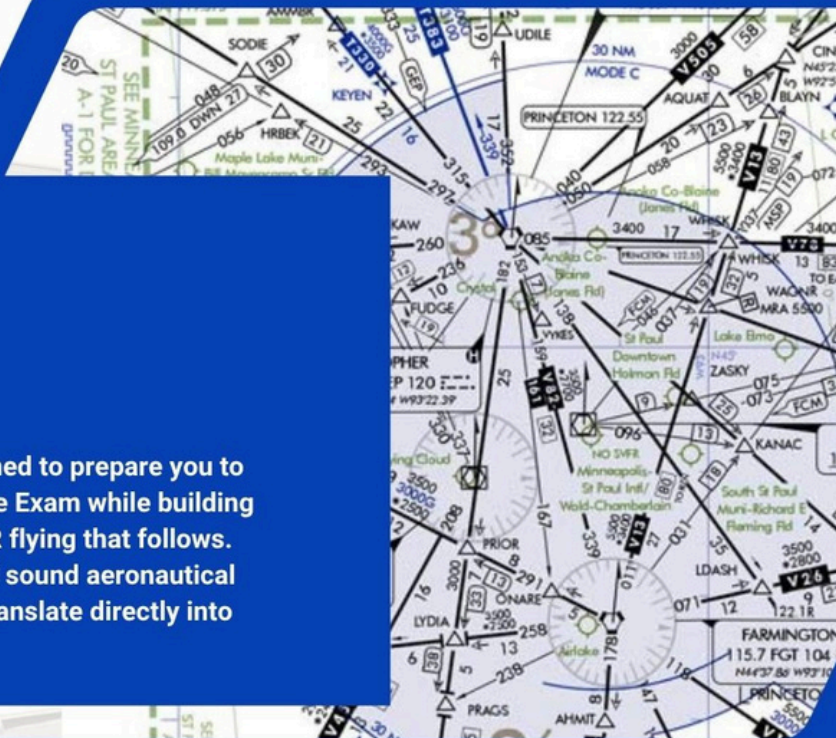
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GROUND SCHOOL OFFERING



INSTRUMENT GROUND SCHOOL

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



DETAILS

WHEN AND WHERE

- Monday & Wednesday evenings
- 6:00 - 9:00 PM
- October 12 - November 18th
- Atlantic Aviation, Large Upstairs Conference Room

COURSE MATERIALS

- Jeppesen Instrument/Commercial & ASA Test Prep Text Books (included)
- Basic Foreflight Subscription

EXPECTATIONS

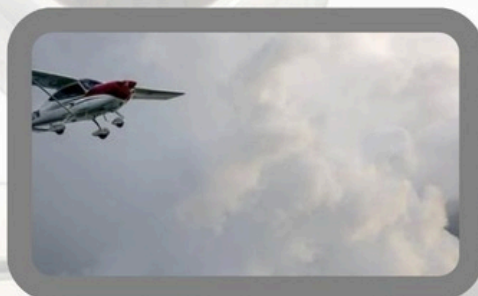
- Willingness to actively participate
- Commitment to completing assigned homework
- Consistent attendance and engagement during class sessions

COST

- \$500 (includes books)

SIGN UP

- Email - GoFlying@GreatBasinAviation.com
- Call/Text - 775-856-3655



Why Choose GBA?

Well, #1, Bob Bennett and our new Instrument Ground Instructor, Alan Woodburn (retired corporate pilot), will be teaching the class, but also, training for your Instrument Rating at GBA means learning in a structured, professional environment led by experienced instructors who emphasize long-term proficiency. Our focus goes beyond passing a test to developing sound aeronautical judgment, strong IFR fundamentals, and disciplined habits that translate into safe, confident decision-making in real-world instrument flying.