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DONALD E. KAYE EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Donald E. Kaye has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Kaye's 10th consecutive NAFI Master Flight Instructor award.

Born in Canton, Ohio Kaye says he was interested in aviation from an early age. After getting his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, he went to work for Kaiser Aerospace and Electronics. Most everyone in his department had their pilot's certificate and in early 1968 he became a Private Pilot. A year later he got his Commercial Certificate.



From 1970 until 1992, worked as a real estate broker selling apartment houses, as a real estate developer, and real estate investor. It took an issue of Flying Magazine with a Mooney TLS on the cover to direct his attention back to flying. He soon earned his Instrument Rating, and within a month purchased a Mooney TLS. Thereafter, he achieved his Instructor and Instrument Instructor Ratings, and started teaching full time, specializing in teaching all models of Mooneys. His ATP certification followed.

For many years he taught both the primary Mooney Pilot Proficiency Course and its corresponding Mountain Flying Course. After a student of one of his students bought a King Air C90, he earned his Multiengine and Multiengine Instructor Ratings and began teaching the Multiengine Rating. Shortly thereafter the same student bought a CJ1, and the Citation CE-525S ATP was added to his credentials.

With over 11,600 hours of total time, 6,600 hours have been devoted to teaching. He has been willing to travel, to Canada, Australia and even North Dakota in the middle of January to assist those interested in learning the art of flying.

Several years ago, he upgraded the panel of his airplane to the latest in technology. With the experience gained, he has been able to quickly guide students on both purchases of such technology and on how best to use it to provide for the safest flight possible.

*The **NAFI Master Flight Instructor Accreditation** is earned by aviation educators based upon a system of advanced professional standards and peer review. The accreditation identifies and publicly recognizes those teachers of flight who demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community. The NAFI Master Instructor accreditation is for two years and may be used to renew an FAA flight instructor certificate. Applicants must have been a CFI for two years and have given 1,000 hours of flight instruction. In addition, candidates must meet and document activity in four NAFI Master Instructor categories (Instructor, Educator, Service to the Aviation Community, and Professional Activity).*

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