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MATTHEW MCDANIEL EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 8/18/2023 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Matthew McDaniel has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is McDaniel's 11th NAFI Master Accreditation.

McDaniel has been an active CFI for more than 32 years and has specialized in Cirrus and other technically advanced aircraft instruction for the past 22 years. He is a Platinum Cirrus Standardized Instructor Pilot. He also enjoys teaching in antique taildraggers, such as the Globe/Temco Swift. He has flown more than 125 aircraft types and holds eight turbine aircraft type ratings.



As a freelance aviation author, McDaniel has had nearly 150 articles published in about a dozen aviation magazines and online. He currently flies as a Boeing 737 series captain for a major U.S. airline. As the founder and owner of Progressive Aviation Services, LLC, he operates out of his home area of Milwaukee, where he lives with his wife and two children.

*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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*instruction. NAFI helps shape the current and future direction of flight training. For more information about NAFI or the NAFI Master Instructor program call **866-806-6156** or visit www.NAFINet.org.*