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EDGAR FINK EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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

Fink spent 16 years on jump status parachuting out of airplanes from 1962-1978.



Fink received his private pilot's license from Venice Flying Service on September 18th, 1984. He later moved to Cape Coral, Fla. and joined the Sundowners Search & Rescue Flying Club. During this time Fink trained for his instrument rating, which he completed in October of 1986, followed by his commercial pilot's certificate in November 1990.

In 1993, armed with an Advanced Ground Instructor Rating, Fink started teaching a Private Pilot Ground School at Edison Community College, and at Cape Coral High School through its Adult Community Education Program. In April of 1995, Fink earned his CFI certificate and began teaching full time, earning his CFII certificate a year later and his first NAFI Master CFI designation the year after that, in November of 1997.

Fink has been a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary since July 2001 and participated in its aviation program until May 2010. He teaches Private Pilot Ground School courses at Cape Coral High School and at Cypress Lake High School, and continues to provide individual flight instruction at Page Field in Fort Myers.

*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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