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VITOR NEVES EARNS NAFI ASSOCIATE MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 4/30/2024 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Vitor Neves has earned accreditation as a NAFI Associate Master Flight Instructor.

Vitor Barros Leite da Costa Neves hails from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. From a young age, Neves harbored a passion for travel, which steered him towards the world of aviation. This intrinsic interest led him to pursue a degree in aeronautical sciences in Rio de Janeiro, laying the foundation for his aviation career.



After completing his initial studies, Neves moved to San Diego and began flight training at Gillespie Field and went on to earn his flight instructor certificate in South Florida. Driven by a desire to give back to the flight school where he had learned so much, Neves returned to San Diego to instruct aspiring pilots from around the globe. Over the years, he had the privilege of teaching a range of students from private to commercial in both single and multi-engine aircraft, enriching his professional experience in the process.

Seeking to expand his academic and professional horizons, Neves enrolled at Cypress College, earning associate degrees in aviation management and commercial pilot. Concurrently, he began instructing at

Fullerton Airport, where he was exposed to the multifaceted nature of the aviation industry. Teaching at a Part 61 school gave Neves the opportunity to share his expertise with eager learners. He gained valuable insights into the business operations of a smaller aviation institution, where teamwork and adaptability are paramount.

In 2023, Neves embraced a new challenge by joining a Part 135 operations team piloting the King Air 350. Outside of his aviation activities, Neves enjoys surfing, snowboarding, and traveling with his fiancée and family.

*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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