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MATTHEW P.R. MCDANIEL EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Matthew P.R. McDaniel has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is McDaniel's eighth NAFI Master Instructor Accreditation.

McDaniel is a Gold Seal Flight Instructor, ATP, CFII, MEI, AGI, & IGI and Platinum CSIP.



In 25 years of flying, he has logged over 15,000 hours with over 5,500 hours of instruction given. He owns Progressive Aviation Services, LLC, which has specialized in technically advanced aircraft and glass cockpit instruction since 2001. He writes on a variety of aviation topics and has published in a variety of aviation periodicals. He also teaches seminars nationwide on advanced IFR and WAAS operations.. He also flies the Airbus A-320 for an international airline, holds six turbine aircraft type ratings, and has flown over 80 aircraft types. He has earned the Master CFI designation for seven consecutive two-year terms.

The **NAFI Master Flight Instructor program** is the longest running and most prestigious FAA accredited master flight instructor program in the industry. The NAFI Master 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).

Members of the **National Association of Flight Instructors** work as independent instructors, at flight schools, universities, FBOs, corporate flight departments and in the military. Since 1967, NAFI and its members, who teach in 30 countries, are dedicated to increasing and maintaining the professionalism of flight instruction. NAFI members influence active pilots daily: students working to become pilots, current pilots training to advance their skills with new ratings or certificates and pilots who seek to improve their skills with recurrent training. NAFI also serves as an advocate with industry and government as a voice for flight 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 <u>www.NAFINet.org</u>.