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Roger Clark Earns Elite Balloon Instructor Accreditation!

1/24/2020 The Elite Balloon Instructor Committee is proud to announce Mr. Roger Clark as an Elite Balloon Instructor!



Clark, from Greer, SC, has just under 4,000 flight hours and passed 39 years of active flying experience in July 2019. Clark has owned his own flight school and balloon company since the late 1980's.

As an instructor and educator, Clark has successfully trained many students to their LTA balloon rating. Clark is an active flight instructor with 777 hours of flight training given. Clark also organizes and instructs a yearly ground school. As an FAA Safety Team Representative, Clark is active with regional pilots on many safety initiatives.

Student Joseph Hurdt recommended Clark by writing, "he is passionate about ballooning and is always eager to teach and assist others in any way. On the ground, Roger's advanced knowledge and understanding of weather and various meteorological tools are crucial for pre-flight planning. In the air, his calm demeanor puts students at ease, while conveying the FAA's Practical Test Standards and demonstrating invaluable piloting skills."

Clark has provided great service to the aviation community and has kept his own professional education up to date. Clark is organizing and is the Director of the upcoming BFA Southeast Youth Balloon Camp to be held this summer.

Elite Balloon Instructor

The Elite Balloon Instructor Program fueled by the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) was created to differentiate between commercial balloon pilots. In the ballooning community, all commercial pilots are considered flight instructors. The Elite Balloon Instructor Program will separate those who provide flight instruction and are raising and maintaining the professional standing of the flight instructor in the ballooning community.

To learn more about the program visit: <https://www.theballoontrainingacademy.com/ebi/> or email theballoontrainingacademy@gmail.com

The Balloon Training Academy

The Balloon Training Academy is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to bring the launch field to students across the USA. Through online ground schools, flight instructor refresher courses, continuing education courses, and flight training syllabus we make quality hot air balloon education readily available. To learn more visit: www.theballoontrainingacademy.com

National Association of Flight instructors

Since 1967, NAFI dedicates its efforts exclusively to “raising and maintaining the professional standing of the flight instructor in the aviation community.” NAFI’s renowned Master Flight Instructor program is recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration and showcases CFIs who are raising the bar on flight instruction. NAFI is proud to fuel the Elite Balloon Instructor program! To learn more about NAFI visit www.nafinet.org