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BRETT ZUKOWSKI EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 8/06/2021 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Brett Zukowski has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Zukowski has been fascinated with aviation since childhood and said he started flight training in high school but soon exhausted his financial resources. In his college years he earned the FAA Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) certificate and used aircraft maintenance revenue for further flight training.



By 1989 he had earned his CFI-A, CFI-I, and MEI and then taught at American Flyers of Santa Monica, California and also earned a Bachelor's of Science in Aviation Administration from California State University, Los Angeles. In the following years Brett earned his Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (ATP-AMEL) and worked for two regional airlines, accumulating over 2500 hours of experience as a regional airline pilot based at Washington Dulles and Chicago's O'Hare airports flying the ATR-42 and ATR-72, and BAE Jetstream 3200.

Eventually, Zukowski decided to leave the traveling lifestyle of the regional airline environment and took various aircraft maintenance and teaching opportunities as well as completing graduate school with a master's degree in literature. Realizing that his love of education, teaching, and aviation were a recurring theme in his life, Zukowski accepted a faculty position in the aviation department of Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina, where he taught both aircraft maintenance and flight for a

decade. During the summer breaks from university, Zukowski went to Alaska to fly a Piper Chieftain for benevolent missions and led student mission teams to Alaska for benevolent projects.

When the university terminated the aviation program in 2010 Zukowski and a business partner bought its aviation curriculum and started USAeroFlight Pilot School, which now is serving 75 pilot students under Part 61 and Part 141 of the federal regulations. Zukowski currently serves as Co-owner and Chief Instructor of USAeroFlight Pilot School and serves the community as an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE), FAASTeam Representative and WINGSPRO advisor. Over the last 40 years Zukowski has accumulated over 6000 hours of flight time, over 3000 hours of dual instruction given, and a decade of aircraft maintenance experience as A&P with Inspection Authorization (IA).

Zukowski holds CFI-AIM and ATP AMEL certifications, and has wide teaching experience including church, high school classes and collegiate aviation courses. Zukowski said “teaching is his best resource for investing in the lives of others and takes joy in helping others develop the requisite skills needed for safe flying whether for career or personal use.” He said he believes that “he who teaches learns the most” and looks forward to continued teaching as CFI, testing as DPE, and continued personal learning and development.

*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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