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## **DONALD KAYE EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION**

**KALAMAZOO, MI — 10/8/2022** The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Donald E. Kaye has earned his 11th NAFI Master Flight Instructor accreditation.

Born in Canton, Ohio, Kaye was interested in aviation from an early age. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical



engineering, he went to work for Kaiser Aerospace and Electronics. Almost everyone in his division had a pilot certificate, and in 1968 Kaye, too, became a private pilot. A year later, he earned his commercial pilot certificate.

From 1970 to 1992, Kaye's time was consumed with the business aspects of life including becoming a real estate broker, developer, and investor. It took an issue of FLYING Magazine with a Mooney TLS on the cover to direct his attention back to aviation. Kaye soon earned his instrument rating and within a month, purchased a Mooney TLS. Kaye went on to achieve his CFI and CFII and began teaching full-time, specializing in instruction in all models of Mooneys. His ATP certification followed.

He taught the primary Mooney Pilot Proficiency Program and its corresponding mountain flying course for years. After a student of one of his students bought a King Air C90, he earned his multiengine and MEI ratings. Shortly afterwards, the same student bought a CJ1 and a Citation CE-525S ATP was added to Kaye's credentials.

With more than 12,200 hours of total general aviation time, 6,657 of Kaye's hours have been devoted to teaching. He has been willing to travel to Canada, Australia, and even North Dakota in the middle of January to assist those interested in learning the art of flying.

Several years ago, he upgraded the panel of his airplane with the latest aviation technology. With the experience gained in the use of this new technology, he has been able to guide students on both the purchase of such technology and how best to use it to provide the safest possible flight.

*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).*

*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 thirty 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 [www.NAFINet.org](http://www.NAFINet.org).*