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## **DR. PETER M. DITTMER EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION**

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Peter M. Dittmer, Ph.D. has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Dittmer's fourth NAFI Master Instructor accreditation.

Dr. Peter Dittmer is acting Chief Pilot for the Professional Pilot Program at Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell, New Mexico. His Ph.D. is in Education, and he holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate, and has a "Gold Seal" Flight Instructor Certificate for instrument single and multiengine aircraft. Dittmer has been teaching college level classes and instructing in both flight and ground classes for more than 27 years.



A NASA Faculty Fellowship recipient, Dittmer spent two summers at Edwards Air Force Base designing curriculum to train mission managers. He is also a past recipient of the Flight Instructor of the Year Award for the Southwest Region. He is active with aviation organizations including University Aviation Association, NAFI, Civil Air Patrol, Virginia Space Grant Consortium, and has over 8,000 hours of instruction given. His wife of 28 years, Sondra, has been a great sport, supporting his "passion" that became a "profession."

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