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From NAFI's Board Chair

A New Year's Thanks to NAFI's Members

As we begin the New Year, I want to take a moment to thank you all for making 2017 a great year for NAFI. It was particularly gratifying because 2017 was your organization's 50th anniversary, which made the year even more special. Looking back, we're very proud of having introduced the Professional Development Program, about which you'll see more in the coming months, the NAFI Professional Development Center at EAA AirVenture, our members' continued participation in the Pilot Proficiency Center, also at AirVenture, and the *MentorLive* broadcasts, which are an outgrowth of the NAFI Chairman's webinars we initiated a few years ago.

However proud we are of our achievements, though, we can't rest on our laurels. As we said in our introduction to the Professional Development Program, instructors must continue to grow and get better at their craft. That's also true of organizations. NAFI is committed to working to meet its membership's needs by doing the same. With the programs we have in place, we are confident we're accomplishing that. However, your feedback is desired. As we start the New Year, please consider making suggestions about what you'd like to see in *MentorLive* or in *Mentor*. And, don't forget, your suggestion might become an opportunity for you to share your thoughts with your peers via those two media. If there's any other way we can improve, please let us know that as well.

We look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, please have a very safe, happy, and prosperous New Year. It's going to be another great year for all of us, and our students.

**Bob Meder,
NAFI Board Chair**

**China Plans Mission
to the Far Side of the
Moon**

**India Grounds
Hundreds of Airbus
A-320 (NEO) Flight
Due to Engine
Technical Snag**

**Pilot Continues Fight
for Jet Ops at LNA**

**Zimbabwean Family
Stranded in Bangkok
Airport for Months**



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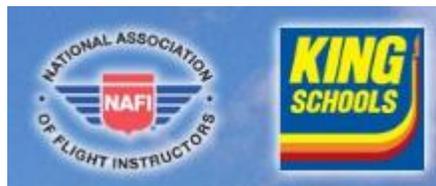


Deadline is Today for NAFI-King Schools Scholarship

**Deadline Is Today for NAFI-
King Schools Scholarship!**

King Schools and NAFI are working together for the second year to create an opportunity for a CFI to receive a scholarship to further education and training.

The application deadline is today, January 3, 2018. The scholarship includes \$5,000 to be applied to education and/or training, and lifetime access to the entire King Schools course library, including FIRCs for life. The application is hosted on the King Schools website. Go to www.kingschools.com/nafinet for more information and to fill out the online application.



Congratulations!

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We are always on the lookout for opportunities to assist our members. Please contact [NAFI](#) if you have job listings to

Demand Increases Salaries of Airline Jobs

After more than a decade of low wages for regional airline pilots, the market is changing. FAPA, a consultancy specializing in preparing pilots for interviews, says entry-level wages for new regional airline pilots are up to an average of almost \$50,000. Read more [here](#).

A Good Year for Commercial Aviation

Last year was the safest on record for commercial jetliners, several industry groups reported. And for the past two decades, there has been a downward trend in accidents and fatalities in the airline industry. According to the Aviation Safety Network, no one died in 2017 due to an aviation accident aboard a commercial passenger jet.

For trips made by cargo and commercial turboprop planes, there were 10 accidents in 2017 that resulted in 44 onboard fatalities and 35 on the ground. The most recent incident included in those numbers was the Dec. 31 crash in Costa Rica that killed 12 people, including 10 American tourists. Authorities are still investigating the cause of the crash, which occurred shortly after takeoff. It was the deadliest such accident in Costa Rica since 1990. Read more [here](#).

Trump Takes Credit for Aviation Safety

President Donald Trump took to Twitter and claimed credit for the newly released airline safety data. What's most bizarre about Trump's claim, Flying Magazine said, is that the reports regard worldwide commercial aviation. He has nothing to do with such success, Flying said. Additionally, as many aviation experts have pointed out since his tweet, there hasn't been a fatality resulting from a U.S.-scheduled airline crash since 2009. That's something that experts and officials attribute to the continued efforts of many people, according to Flying. Read more [here](#).

Innovation News

Natilus Developing Autonomous Cargo Seaplanes

Aviation startup Natilus is working to develop an autonomous seaplane

share.

Jobs

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A great shirt, featuring NAFI logo on left chest and Under Armour logo on the right. 4-Way Stretch construction improves range of motion and dries faster
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To log in to the members section of the NAFI website, use the e-mail address you provided to NAFI and your NAFI number on your first login or for future logins, use the password you created.

capable of delivering large shipments of international freight. Natilus was set to test the water-taxiing capabilities of a small prototype drone this month. Read more [here](#).

SpaceX Leases Cape Canaveral Home for Dragon Capsules

In a sign that astronaut launches from Florida are growing nearer, SpaceX recently leased an Air Force facility where it will prepare Dragon capsules. Read more [here](#).



The ATC Debate

ATC Debate May Heat Up Early in 2018

The first three months of the new year will be a critical period in the debate surrounding the organization of the U.S. air traffic control system. Congress is facing a March 31 deadline to resolve lawmakers' differences on the proposal that was tucked into comprehensive long-term FAA reauthorization legislation. The FAA is operating on a short-term extension of its authorization, but that is set to expire March 31. This sets the stage for an intense period of lobbying-on both sides of the ATC issue as lawmakers seek to come to a resolution on whether to create an independent, user-funded ATC organization. Read more [here](#).

Government News

Investigation Says FAA Oversight of Booming Regional Airlines Lacking

The Federal Aviation Administration isn't providing adequate oversight to regional air carriers that now account for more than 40 percent of all U.S. commercial flights, in some cases missing signs of financial distress and

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failing to fully scrutinize pilot training, an internal investigation has found.

"FAA's process for identifying periods of transition and growth at regional air carriers is ineffective in key areas" and "inspectors do not adjust air carrier surveillance in response to changes because the tools they have to assess risk are ineffective," the Transportation Department's inspector general concluded in a report released over the Christmas holidays. Read more [here](#).



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