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GREGORY G. GORAK EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI **8/24/2016** The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) is proud to announce that NAFI member Gregory G. Gorak has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Gorak's 10th consecutive NAFI Master Instructor accreditation.



Greg Gorak is an 8,600-plus hour Airline Transport Pilot as well as a dynamic educator. He started flying in 1962 in a Piper J3 Cub and received his private pilot's certificate in a 7 ECA with long-time instructor Al Sabota and examiner Hugo Picco. He was a member of the West Allis flying club at the time, which helped him get his

private in 1963, commercial in 1966, and CFI in 1967. Gorak was Chairman of the Career Pilot Program at Gateway Technical Institute for nine years and also taught for the National Association of Flight Instructors in 1976. Gorak then founded Gaits Aviation Seminars, Inc. in 1977 and has been on the Presenter's Circuit for 45 years. Gaits Aviation Seminars has graduated over 17,676 flight instructors. Gorak flew charter for seven years with Scott Air Charter at Mitchell Field, accumulating thousands of hours in various.. During this time Gorak had five children.

The Federal Aviation Administration named Gorak the Flight Instructor of the Year in 1975 and NAFI inducted him into the Flight Instructor Hall of Fame in 2013. Gorak has written a number of articles for publications, including *FAA Aviation News*, *Midwest Flyer*, *Professional Pilot*, and *NAFI Mentor*.

The NAFI Master Flight Instructor program is the longest running and most prestigious FAA accredited master flight instructor program in the industry. The NAFI Master 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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