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DONALD KAYE EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Donald Kaye has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Kaye's ninth consecutive NAFI Master Instructor accreditation.

Kaye was born in Canton, Ohio and says he was interested in aviation from an early age. After getting his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, he went to work for Kaiser Aerospace and Electronics. Most of his colleagues there had their pilot's certificates and in early 1968 he became a private pilot. A year later he got his commercial certificate.



From 1970 until 1992, his time was consumed with the business aspects of life including becoming a real estate broker selling apartment houses, a real estate developer, and a long time real estate investor. An issue of *Flying* magazine with a Mooney TLS on the cover drew his attention fully back to flying. He soon earned his instrument rating, and within a month purchased a Mooney TLS. Thereafter, he achieved his instructor and instrument instructor ratings and started teaching full time, specializing in teaching in all models of Mooneys. His ATP certification followed.

For many years he taught both the primary Mooney Pilot Proficiency Course and its corresponding Mountain Flying Course. After a student of one of his students bought a King Air C90, he earned his

multiengine and multiengine instructor ratings and began also teaching the multiengine rating. Shortly thereafter the same student bought a CJ1 and the Citation CE-525S ATP was added to his credentials.

With over 11,000 hours of total GA time, 6,100 hours have been devoted to teaching. He has traveled 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 to the latest in aviation technology. With the experience gained in the use of all this new technology, he has been able to guide students on both purchases of such technology and on how best to use it to provide for the safest flight possible.

*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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