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FRANCIS GOEDDEKE EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 12/13/2016 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Francis Goeddeke has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Ground Instructor.

Goeddeke took his first flying lesson in 1986 and says that one flight changed his life. When he began flight instructing, he also enrolled in Embry-Riddle's bachelor's program in Professional Aeronautics through the independent study program. From there, he took an educational leave from his day job to attend Embry-Riddle on campus in Daytona Beach to study for his Master of Aeronautical Science degree, specializing in



Human Factors. While studying, he realized there are a lot of great human factors researchers, but the bigger problem is management doesn't always use them. From there he went on to study for his MBA and PhD in management.

When he retired from his day job, he joined the Peace Corps where he spent 4-1/2 years in Mongolia. Upon returning to the United States he was on the beach in Miami, wondering what he was going to do with his life. Then he saw a DC-3 flying overhead making an approach into Miami-Opa Locka Executive Airport. That gave him his answer. So he showed up at the airport the next day and started working at Wayman Aviation.

At Wayman, he became Assistant Chief Flight Instructor and teaches many of the professional pilot ground school courses. In this capacity he has developed his own 32-hour ground school for aspiring flight instructors. He also teaches online in Embry-Riddle's Master's program and with St. Thomas University's Education Doctorate program. He is also a FAASTeam representative.

Frank says he would like to thank all the instructors he has flown with, especially Todd Birdsall, Jeff Hall, Mike Zielke, Alex Alvarez, and Alfredo Wayman, for being such great role models.

*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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