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BEN ATNIP EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Ben Atnip has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Atnip's second NAFI Master Accreditation.

Ben Atnip, Gold Seal, CFI, CFII, MEI, ATP AMEL & ASEL, has been a commercial pilot in Wyoming since 2005. He



attended Utah Valley University. He worked in the construction industry growing up, and started flying at 19 years old.

Atnip's first flight job was working in Riverside, Oklahoma where he taught private through commercial students. Atnip then moved back to his hometown Cody Wyoming and started a flight school with a local FBO, Choice Aviation. At first he was the only instructor, with one airplane, but it quickly grew. The flight school now employs 13 pilots and has a fleet of airplanes ranging from a Super Cub to King Airs. Atnip is Chief Flight Instructor and is connected with the collegiate program at Northwest College. In addition he is Chief Pilot for the company's Part 135 certificate.

Atnip has a passion to teach and has acquired around 8,000 hours with over 3,500 hours of instruction given. He teaches a variety of courses, but specializes in spin training, tailwheel courses, mountain flying, Cirrus CSIP instruction as well as an insurance-approved King Air instruction.

Atnip is married to Alyssa and they are expecting their first baby girl in April.

In his spare time, Ben also enjoys skiing, playing the banjo, chess, ping-pong and volleyball.

*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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