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DOUGLAS AUCLAIR EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI 6/19/2015 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Douglas Auclair has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Auclair's second NAFI Master Accreditation.

Auclair is the founder and president of Air Ventures Flying School at North Central State Airport (KSFZ) in Smithfield, Rhode Island. Air Ventures operates in the location of the former Skylanes flight school, which was founded by the renowned aerobatic instructor Sabatino "Sabbie" Ludovici. Auclair renovated the



location, and expanded the flight school to include a number of single engine planes and an FAA-certified LaserGrade (now PSI) testing center. Under his direction, the Air Ventures' location has again become a popular destination for local pilots and students, and the site of well-attended airport social events including an annual chili cook-off and holiday parties.

Auclair, a long-time Rhode Island resident, began his flight training in 2005 and has been a flight instructor since 2008. In addition to flight training, he conducts regular ground schools for VFR and IFR pilots and has trained and mentored a number of certified flight instructors who will be joining his team of flight instructors.

*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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