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ELIAS KONTANIS EARNS NAFI ASSOCIATE MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

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The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) is proud to announce that NAFI member Elias Kontanis has earned accreditation as a NAFI Associate Master Flight Instructor.

Elias began flying in 2001 at the East Hill Flying Club in Ithaca, New York. He earned his CFI with Aviation Adventures in Manassas,



Virginia in 2012 and became a part-time instructor for the company the same year. As a one-time "Rusty Pilot," Elias is passionate about encouraging lapsed pilots to re-engage with aviation. To this end, he specializes in comprehensive flight reviews. He equally enjoys working with those aspiring to earn their private pilot certificates and commercial certificates. Elias also volunteers as a FAA Team representative for the Washington FSDO and was recognized on the AOPA 2014 Flight Training Excellence Awards Honor Roll.

*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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departments, the military and as independent flight instructors. Founded in 1967 NAFI works with industry and government to help shape the direction of flight training and to serve as a voice for flight instruction. For more information about NAFI or the NAFI Master Instructor program call 866-806-6156 or visit www.NAFINet.org.