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JOSEPH PERROTTA EARNS NAFI ASSOCIATE MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI 5/22/2015 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Joseph Perrotta has earned accreditation as a NAFI Associate Master Flight Instructor.

Joe Perrotta of Peachtree Georgia was bitten by the aviation bug at an early age. Visits to John F. Kennedy International Airport with his father to watch the takeoffs and landings convinced him that he wanted to fly.

Perrotta attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Science and his flight instructor certificate. He then added his CFII and MEI at the university. After graduation, he returned to Embry-Riddle as an instructor to share his passion with incoming students. He honed his piloting skills while flying for a Part 121 carrier. Due to his commitment to safety and "by the book" approach to flying, he was selected to take part in a risk analysis assessment used to identify threats on the flight deck and design procedures to minimize those threats. He now instructs under Part 61 at his local airport with a good friend he met while flying the line. This is where you will find him whenever he isn't caring for his future student, his son.



Perrotta's commitment to quality teaching motivated him to obtain his Master's Degree in Physics Education. He is most proud of the aviation club he formed at a local high school to introduce young adults to the many career paths in the aerospace field. The club has toured corporate flight departments, aviation museums, and approach control facilities. He also has a love for warbirds, so he has taken the club to see an AT-11, B-17, B-24, P-51, SBD Dauntless, and Corsair. In addition, he has helped many of the club members earn their private pilot certificates. He hopes to see the club grow in size, and to be able to continue to mentor young adults towards successful careers in aerospace.

*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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