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MAUREEN GARROW EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 03/17/2017 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Maureen Garrow has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.



Garrow said she discovered her love of aviation late in life and passion for teaching even later. One day while driving by DWH with the convertible top down a plane passed low

overhead on landing surprising her Siberian Husky, which at that moment immediately fell flat and covered its head, she said. After a laugh, Garrow commented to her husband “I have always wanted to fly.” Hence, flight lessons were her Christmas gift in 1995.

She earned her private pilot, instrument and commercial ratings with the help of United Flight Systems.

In the late fall of 2013, Garrow started work on her CFII. She was affiliated with a flight school and served as assistant chief until August of 2016. Garrow is now an independent flight instructor and has been a FAASTeam representative since 2014. Her FAA Gold Seal instructor was awarded in July of 2016.

Garrow has said that “all instructors have the same basic skills. The difference is the passion for aviation and desire to help students achieve their goals.” With this achievement she would like to give special thanks to Captain David Wright.

*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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