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MICHAEL REICHERT EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI. **5/02/2014** The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) is proud to announce that NAFI member Michael Reichert has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Reichert's third consecutive NAFI Master Instructor accreditation.

Michael Reichert is an East Coast CFI specializing in Flight Instructor initial training, G1000 transition training, and Helicopter



instruction. Reichert's flying "career" started at the age of 8 when his father took him for his first ride in a light twin airplane. Unbeknownst to him, sliding back and forth across the back seat was just enough for his foot to inadvertently shut off fuel flow to one of the engines. Crisis averted, it made a lasting impression. It forever sparked the skyward fever, as well as provided early education for the necessity of good passenger briefings. Reichert is currently a contract pilot as well as the Chief Flight Instructor for a Part 141 program in Pennsylvania. He is a Gold Seal Flight Instructor holding CFI A&H, CFII A&H, MEI, and AGI.

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).

The **National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI)** purpose is to establish and promote a high level of professionalism among aviation educators and to provide recognition for their contributions to aviation safety, education and training. NAFI members teach in 17 countries in flight schools, universities, FBO's, corporate flight 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.