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## **DOUGLAS AUCLAIR EARNS NAFI MASTER INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION**

**KALAMAZOO, MI — 8/25/2023** 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 fourth NAFI Master Accreditation.

Auclair lives in Rhode Island and owns and operates Air Ventures Flying School, which he started in 2010. Auclair holds a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation and is currently pursuing a master's degree in space operations.

Auclair started flight training in 2005 and has been a flight instructor since 2008. He is qualified to fly and teach in a range of airplanes from Piper Cubs to Citation jets and has dedicated his professional career to the development and improvement of the flight training industry.



Auclair and his school have received awards from AOPA, including the 2022 Eastern region Best Flight School, and 2023 Eastern region Best Flight Instructor. When he is not flying or teaching, Auclair enjoys spending time flying his Stinson 108 and exploring the world with his family.

*The **NAFI Master Flight 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).*

*Members of the **National Association of Flight Instructors** work as independent instructors, at flight schools, universities, FBOs, corporate flight departments and in the military. Since 1967, NAFI and its members, who teach in thirty countries, are dedicated*

*to increasing and maintaining the professionalism of flight instruction. NAFI members influence active pilots daily: students working to become pilots, current pilots training to advance their skills with new ratings or certificates and pilots who seek to improve their skills with recurrent training. NAFI also serves as an advocate with industry and government as a voice for flight instruction. NAFI helps shape the current and future direction of flight training. For more information about NAFI or the NAFI Master Instructor program call **866-806-6156** or visit [www.NAFINet.org](http://www.NAFINet.org).*