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WILLIAM DUBOIS EARNS NAFI MASTER GROUND INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 1/26/2024 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member William Dubois has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor. This is Dubois' third NAFI Master Accreditation.

Dubois is a half-time faculty member at Luna Community College in Las Vegas, New Mexico, where he runs the College and Career Readiness Institute's flight simulators. The institute uses aviation training and projects to help adult education students apply classroom lessons to real life, gain confidence, and boost critical thinking skills. He also travels the country for the AOPA Foundation, teaching Rusty Pilot seminars as one of the organization's 14 professional presenters.



Dubois has been an FAA advanced and instrument ground instructor since 1984 and holds a commercial pilot certificate with an instrument rating and has a degree in aviation technology.

In addition to instructing, Dubois is a prolific aviation writer whose credits include AOPA Pilot and Flight Training, EAA Sport Aviation, FAA Safety Briefing, FLYING Magazine, CFI to CFI, Redbird Landing, SUN 'n FUN Today, and The Pulse of Aviation. He pens two monthly columns for General Aviation News:

Questions from the Cockpit, which answers reader's aviation questions; and Human Factors, which looks to improve safety by analyzing incidents and accidents for lessons learned that can benefit all pilots. He additionally crafts many of the Air Safety Institute's Training and Safety tips and is a NAFI representative to the General Aviation Joint Safety Committee's Safety Analysis Team.

On the flying front, Dubois holds world and national speed records and is active with the Sport Air Racing League, where he is a two-time national champion. He is an aviation history buff with a fondness for old and antique airplanes. He chronicled his adventures re-flying one third of the transcontinental airmail route, using nothing but the 100-year-old written instructions for Smithsonian Air & Space magazine in 2020.

In addition to NAFI, Dubois is a long-time AOPA member, and is a lifetime member of the Ercoupe Owners Club.

*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).*

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