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RIC BLAMER EARNS NAFI MASTER FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR ACCREDITATION

KALAMAZOO, MI — 5/8/2024 The National Association of Flight Instructors is proud to announce that NAFI member Ric Blamer has earned accreditation as a NAFI Master Flight Instructor.

Blamer is the airport manager and an independent flight instructor at Geauga County Airport in northeast Ohio. He shares his passion for aviation as the Young Eagles coordinator, IMC and VMC Club coordinator for EAA Chapter 5, as well as being a FAASteam service provider. He takes his role as an aviation ambassador on the road to local schools, Rotary Clubs, and other organizations. His passion for teaching and flying is infectious.



Blamer holds CFI, CFII, AGI, and IGI instructor certifications; ASEL, ASES, and Part 107 pilot certificates. He started the Geauga Aviators flying club which has grown to 15 members and is looking to add one or two more aircraft. Recently he was instrumental in forming the Geauga Aviation Foundation. Its mission is to promote aviation and provide a connection to the non-flying community through educational programs.

*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.