

Dick Rochfort, ATP, CFII – Master Instructor Renews His Master CFI

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The National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) takes pride in announcing a significant aviation accomplishment on the part of veteran pilot instructor Dick Rochfort, ATP, CFII – Master Instructor, a resident of Baltimore, MD. Recently, Dick's designation as a Master CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor) was renewed by NAFI for the fourth time. To help put this achievement in its proper perspective, there are approximately 90,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 500 of them have achieved that distinction thus far. The last twelve national Flight Instructors of the Year were Master CFIs while Dick is one of only 7 Maryland aviation educators to earn this prestigious "Master" title. In the words of FAA Administrator Marion Blakey, "The flight instructor is where the rubber meets the runway. The Master Instructor accreditation singles out the best that the right seat has to offer."

About NAFI and the Master CFI Program:

The Master Instructor designation is a national accreditation recognized by the FAA that is earned by candidates through a rigorous process of continuing professional activity and peer review. Much like a flight instructor's certificate, it must be renewed biennially. This process parallels the continuing education regimen used by other professionals to enhance their knowledge base while increasing their professionalism. Simply put, the Master Instructor designation is a means by which to identify those outstanding aviation educators, those "Teachers of Flight," who have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community. Earning this designation is tantamount to having the words *summa cum laude* emblazoned on an instructor's certificate. These Masters truly represent the *crème de la crème* of our industry! To publicly recognize these individuals and their noteworthy accomplishments, NAFI will be hosting its "Meet the Masters" breakfasts, to which Dick will be invited, during EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh and Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland. Any support that can be provided will be appreciated.

NAFI is dedicated to providing support and recognition for America's aviation educators while helping them raise and maintain their level of professionalism. It is also committed to providing a safe and effective learning environment for student pilots. The Association was founded in 1967 and affiliated with EAA in 1995. Please feel free to disseminate this information.

About Dick Rochfort:

Dick Rochfort is a full-time Master Certified Flight Instructor providing type-specific, insurance-approved initial, recurrent and instructor standardization training, buyer consulting, aircraft relocation and expert witness services to Piper PA46 (Matrix, Malibu, Mirage, and Meridian) owners, pilots and instructors worldwide. He holds ATP and Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificates with CFII, MEL, and CE-525S ratings. He has been actively involved in flight training as an instructor since 1991.

Dick is an Aviation Safety Counselor for the FAA Baltimore Flight Standards District Office, and a member of the FAA Wings Industry Advisory Committee. His training program is FITS (FAA Industry Training Standards) approved and FAA Wings approved and fully insured. He has held the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) Master CFI designation for over 10 years. His education includes undergraduate degrees in Clinical Psychology and Engineering, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Dick lives in Baltimore, Maryland with his wife and two daughters.

About RWR Pilot Training:

RWR Pilot Training is headquartered in Baltimore, MD and offers insurance approved, excellent type-specific training for pilots of the Piper PA46 Matrix, Malibu, Mirage, and Meridian aircraft world-wide. The company also provides aircraft relocation and consulting services including pre-purchase activity and expert witness. RWR Pilot Training delivers the best value available today in pilot training for the PA46 aircraft. RWR Pilot Training is a National Industry Member of the FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam).

RWR Pilot Training now offers a program in which pilots train to FAA Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) standards. This advanced program is available to any PA46 pilot who wishes to participate. Pilots who are willing and able to demonstrate ATP level knowledge and skills and who agree to adopt PA46 Standard Operating Procedures (included with the training) will receive the coveted aviator's "Pro-Card". The Pro-Card documents the aviator's professional attitude with respect to the technically advanced PA46 aircraft. Additionally, many insurance underwriters are willing to offer significant discounts to pilots who carry the Pro-Card because it demonstrates a commitment to measurable improvements in aviation safety.

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