

Clifford Floyd "Cliff" CHETWIN, Master CFI (Renew: 1Feb17) Santa Fe, NM

Clifford F Chetwin, a 6-time Master and a charter SAFE member, recently renewed his Master CFI accreditation through MI LLC's [MICEP program](#).

The president of Kestrel Aviation LLC, Cliff is a retired National Park Service (NPS) regional chief pilot and aviation program manager. In addition to having served as a SAFE board member, he works as a nationally acclaimed aviation safety lecturer while also serving as a FAASTeam lead representative in the FAA's Albuquerque FSDO area.



Master Instructors LLC takes great pride in announcing a significant aviation accomplishment on the part of Clifford F Chetwin, a nationally known aviation safety speaker and a resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico as well as Colorado.

Recently, Cliff's accreditation as a Master CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor) was renewed by Master Instructors LLC, the international accrediting authority for the Master Instructor designation as well as the FAA-approved "Master Instructor Program Continuing Education Program (MICEP)ä." He first earned this national professional accreditation in 2007, has held it continuously since then, and is one of only 36 worldwide to earn the credential six (6) times.

To help put these achievements in their proper perspective, there are approximately 101,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 800 aviation educators worldwide have achieved one or more of the Master accreditations thus far. Twenty-three (23) of the last National Flight Instructors of the Year, National FAASTeam Representatives of the Year, or National AMTs of the Year were Masters (see: <http://www.GeneralAviationAwards.org/>) while Cliff is one of only 9 New Mexico teachers of flight to earn one or more of these prestigious "Master" titles.

In the words of former FAA Administrator Marion Blakey, "The Master Instructor accreditation singles out the best that the right seat has to offer."

The Master Instructor designation is a national accreditation recognized by the FAA. Candidates must demonstrate an ongoing commitment to excellence, professional growth, and service to the aviation community, and must pass a rigorous evaluation by a peer Board of Review. The process parallels the continuing education regimen used by other professionals to enhance their knowledge base while increasing their professionalism. Designees are recognized as outstanding aviation educators for not only their xcellence in teaching, but for their engagement in the continuous process of learning -- both their own, and their students'. The designation must be renewed biennially and significantly surpasses the FAA requirements for renewal of the candidate's flight instructor certificate.