



REGIONAL BEST FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

Students glowed about each of the regional Best Flight Instructors. These CFIs were tops in instructor technique, ability to adapt to fit the student's learning style, and in bringing the student into the aviation community.



NORTHEAST

Robert Keleti

Airport: Republic (FRG), New York

Years experience: 14

Why he won: "Clients say that Robert is a natural teacher and has a wealth of aviation knowledge—but most important, he is able to approach each student with a personal touch," said Chris Moser, senior director of AOPA flight training initiatives. He added that Keleti "inspires safety and passion for aviation while providing value throughout the training. Customers commented that Robert is able to keep you motivated through the challenges, and pushes you to excel; very much a personalized experience."



SOUTHEAST

Chris Dupin

Airport: Destin Executive (DTS), Florida

Years experience: 4

Why he won: His students say "that he is passionate about teaching, he is friendly, knowledgeable, and always has a positive attitude," Moser said. Dupin takes the time to listen to questions and makes sure his students walk away feeling confident about what was discussed. Students consistently noted his professionalism. "He always has a plan for the lesson and is always prepared for his students."



MIDWEST

Jim Fellers

Airport: Lake in the Hills (3CK), Illinois

Years experience: 11

Why he won: "Jim's students commented about how professional he is in the cockpit. He understands that the material can be confusing at times, and has found a way to teach aviation in a way that really sticks with his students. Jim makes flight training fun. He allows students to learn from their mistakes in a safe way, always reinforcing the lesson with a calm, friendly reminder on the proper way to handle those challenging situations in the future," said Moser.



SOUTHWEST

Scott Campbell

Airport: Scottsdale (SDL), Arizona

Years experience: 5

Why he won: Students describe Campbell, the owner of Sierra Charlie Aviation, as knowledgeable, courteous, friendly, and a very well-rounded instructor. Adaptable to many learning styles, he does his best to ensure that each student has adequate training time with him each week. "He really takes the time to explain why something is done, not just how," Moser said.



NORTHWEST

Zoan Harclerode, national winner

Airport: Peterson Air Force Base (COS), Colorado

Years experience: 28

Why she won: Harclerode works with military veterans and other students, always taking time to meet the individual's needs, whether that means help completing Veterans Affairs paperwork, preparing study materials, or receiving some additional ground school to grasp a challenging bit of flight training learning. "Zoan was described as a consummate professional, customer service oriented, and an excellent teacher," Moser said.