

## *CURRICULUM VITAE*

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## **AVIATION CREDENTIALS**

### **AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT CERTIFICATE** (since 1988):

Type Ratings:        Airbus A320 (A319, A320, A321)  
                         Boeing 727  
                         Boeing 757  
                         Boeing 767  
                         Canadair CL-65 (CRJ)  
                         Douglas DC-9  
                         McDonnell Douglas MD-80  
                         Learjet series: 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, & 55  
                         Gulfstream G-V (SiC)

Airplane: Single- and Multiengine, Land.

### **COMMERCIAL PILOT CERTIFICATE** (since 1985):

Glider.  
Airplane: Single-engine, Sea.

### **CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR with GOLD SEAL** (since 1985):

Airplane: Single-engine and Multiengine.  
Instrument: Airplane.

### **FLIGHT ENGINEER CERTIFICATE:**

Turbojet-powered.

### **GROUND INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATE:**

Basic, Advanced, and Instrument.

### **FAA-DESIGNATED EXAMINER:** 1994-1996.

Lockheed L-1011 Flight Engineer.

### **FAA-DESIGNATED CHECK AIRMAN:** 1999-2001.

Boeing 727 (pilot) and Lockheed L-1011 (flight engineer).

### **FAAST REPRESENTATIVE** (FAA Safety Team) since 1988.

Includes FAA Safety Counselor, 14 years.

## GENERAL AVIATION EXPERIENCE

21,000+ hours in 100 different types of aircraft.

Board member, National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI).

- Member of strategic planning committee.
- Chair of Education Committee.
- Chair of AirVenture Planning Committee
- Created and taught a course for the Professional Development Program.

Organized and established curricula for and taught FAA-approved flight and ground schools for all levels of pilot certification.

Developed, produced and conducted ForeFlight Workshops series comprised of 19 monthly episodes.

Developed and conducted a monthly aviation education variety show called THE SCHIFF SHOW, which began in January 2025 and is still ongoing. The program is sponsored by AVEMCO Insurance Company.

FAAST Representative (FAA Safety Team) since 2013. Dedicated to promoting aviation safety. Provide the local community with advice, counsel, technical knowledge, aviation experience, and a communication link with the local FAA facility. Act as advisor to the aviation community in support of aviation safety.

Contract instructor for Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association (AOPA) Rusty Pilots Seminars. (January 2017 to present)

Contract instructor for Aircraft Owner's and Pilot's Association (AOPA) Back to Your Roots Seminars (2023 to present)

Flight instructor for AOPA Pinch-Hitter courses.

Flight instructor in a wide variety of single- and multiengine airplanes, preparing students for private, commercial, instrument, airline transport, and flight instructor certification. Provide remedial instruction on behalf of the FAA. Administer flight reviews, recurrent training, instrument proficiency checks, and advanced flight instruction.

Simulator instructor and student teacher, San Jose State University, Department of Aeronautics, 1985-1989.

National Mentor for AOPA's *Project Pilot*, 1994 - 1999.

Participated in the Aviation Explorer Scouts as both a scout and a mentor.

## AIRLINE EXPERIENCE

Have been an airline pilot (TWA and AA) since 1989. (Hired in 1989 by TWA, purchased by American Airlines in 2001).

Currently an Airbus A320 captain for American Airlines. Also flew as a captain for Trans World Airlines (TWA).

Instructor/facilitator for FAA-required Professionalism, Leadership, and Mentor class (Since March 2022).

Preferential Bidding System Instructor for American Airlines.

Captain: Boeing 727, McDonnell-Douglas DC-9, MD-80, Canadair CRJ-700, and Airbus A320 (TWA, American Airlines).

FAA-designated Check Airman: Boeing 727 (pilot).

FAA-designated Check Airman: Lockheed L-1011 (flight engineer).

FAA-designated Examiner: Lockheed L-1011 (flight engineer).

Flight Simulator Instructor: Lockheed L-1011 (flight engineer).

Flight Simulator Instructor: Boeing 727 (pilot).

First Officer: Boeing 727, Boeing 767, Boeing 757, and McDonnell-Douglas DC-9.

Flight Engineer: Boeing 727 and Lockheed L-1011.

Flight Manager of Training: Lockheed L-1011. Participated in TWA's pilot recruitment program. Responsible for interviewing and evaluating pilots, hiring and managing instructors, and overseeing the L-1011 training program.

Human Factors Instructor: Taught human factors and CRM courses to flight crewmembers and flight attendants.

Pilot in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet: Qualified as a flight engineer for the U.S. Department of Defense Airlift Command.

Extensive global experience in domestic and international flight operations (including China and the Middle East) and involving ETOPS (extended-range, twin-engine operations), polar and transoceanic operations.

Navigational experience with Loran C, inertial navigation, global positioning (GPS), VLF/Omega, and flight-management systems.

Additional qualifications include:

- Category II and III instrument approaches.
- Reduced vertical separation minimums (RVSM).
- Precision runway monitor (PRM) approaches.
- Reduced navigation performance (RNP) approaches.

Authored and edited airplane flight handbooks, checklists, policy manuals, training manuals, flight manual bulletins, operational safety bulletins, and standard operating procedures for Trans World Airlines.

Airline charter pilot for numerous professional sports teams and other organizations.

Helped to establish an Advanced Qualification Program (AQP) at TWA.

Participated as captain, first officer, and flight engineer on maintenance- and engineering-related flight tests.

Airline representative at career fairs discussing airline hiring practices and recruiting procedures with potential applicants.

Interviewed and selected college students for intern positions with TWA.

Addressed flight safety concerns while representing the Allied Pilots Association on various committees. Wrote safety articles for *Safety Blast* (published by Allied Pilots Association).

Prepared pilot applicants for their airline interviews (both simulator and oral).

Mentored student pilots in American Airline's Cadet Academy in preparation for becoming airline pilots.

## **AIR TAXI AND CORPORATE EXPERIENCE**

Wyvern-qualified captain for on-demand transport of high-profile passengers at Clay Lacy Aviation and ACM Aviation. Operations included air taxi, air ambulance, and corporate transportation in numerous aircraft, including the Cessna Citation, Learjets 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 55, Gulfstream G-IV, G-IVSP, G-450, G-V, G-550, and Beech King Air in both domestic and international operations.

Additional duties at Clay Lacy Aviation included serving as an instructor pilot, organizing the company's training programs, and maintaining FAA-required records, as well as being an Astrovision™ (cinematography) pilot for Clay Lacy Aviation.

Provided pilot services to the media and evacuated aircraft during "The Flood of '93" in St. Louis, Missouri.

## **AVIATION SAFETY CONSULTANT**

Official Judge and consultant for the Air Race Classic 2024 and 2025 Air Races

Official Judge and consultant for the Air Race Classic Derby (2021)

Served as an aviation safety expert, accident investigator, and consultant for numerous aerospace organizations, insurance companies, law firms, and the U.S. Department of Justice (1998 to present).

Provided consulting services to corporate and charter flight departments to prepare for FAA audits, establish standard operating procedures, and develop and enhance Safety Management Systems (SMS).

Member, Southern California Airspace Users Working Group (SCAUWG)

Currently serving on the Advisory Board for the Aviation department at Tarrant County Community College.

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) airport support network (ASN) representative for Hicks Airport (T67)

## **PEACE FLIGHT: ISRAEL TO JORDAN**

Served as Safety Officer and Government Liaison Officer before and during the first-ever flight (consisting of 31 light airplanes) between Israel and Jordan (with the direct approval of H.M. King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin)—May 1995 (YouTube: search “Operation Peace Flight”).

## **EDUCATION**

Master of Science Degree in Aviation Safety (December 2012)  
University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Professional Aeronautics (1993)  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL.

Attended San Jose State University in San Jose, California, for four years in preparation for a Bachelor of Aviation Science Degree (1985-89).

Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society,  
University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO.

National Association of Flight Instructors  
Completion of Professional Development Program

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Honored by Alpha Eta Rho, Aviation Fraternity (April 1994)  
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.

Inducted into the International Forest of Friendship (2022)  
Atcheson, KS.

## ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Author of numerous magazine and newsletter articles regarding flight training, flight safety, operational procedures and techniques, and aeronautical theory published in:

- *Air Line Pilots Association*
- *Airways Magazine*
- *Airline Newsletter*
- *AOPA Pilot*
- *APA Safety Blasts*
- *Aviation International*
- *Flight Training Magazine*
- *General Aviation News*
- *Lift Magazine*
- *Midwest Aviation Journal*
- *SoCal Pilots Newsletter*
- *Suburban Journal*
- *Twin & Turbine*
- *NAFI eMentor Newsletter*
- *NAFI Mentor Magazine*
- *CFI Care column in NAFI eMentor*

## PRESENTATIONS GIVEN (partial list)

Have conducted considerably more than a hundred seminars, presentations, and classes dealing with aviation safety, most notably for the FAA and AOPA. Topics included the following:

- Aeronautical Decision Making
- AIM Exposed
- Aircraft Accidents – What Can Be Learned
- Airline Techniques for the General Aviation Pilot
- Airspace
- AOPA Rusty Pilots
- Automation Dependency
- Aviation Tips and Tricks
- Being Pilot in Command
- Crew Resource Management
- Debunking Aviation Myths, Fads & Fallacies
- Engine Failure After Takeoff – The Possible Turn
- FAA Runway Safety Simulator
- Fatigue Risk Management
- ForeFlight, Basic, Advanced, IFR, VFR
- ForeFlight Workshops (monthly)

## Curriculum Vitae - Brian Schiff

- Garmin GNS 430/530 Seven Part Series
- Back to Your Roots (AOPA)
- Aviation Myths, Fads & Fallacies Debunked
- Handling Emergencies
- Human Factors
- Recognizing & Handling Flight Instrument Failures
- Runway Safety
- The P.A.V.E. Checklist
- Teaching Weather
- THE SCHIFF SHOW (monthly)
- Weather Resources
- What Would You Have Done
- Unusual Airports and Approaches
- See [www.schiffseminars.com](http://www.schiffseminars.com) for recent seminars given.

### **GENERAL AVIATION ADVOCATE**

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Airport Support Network (ASN) Volunteer for Hicks Airfield, Ft. Worth, TX (T67). An ASN Volunteer engages with airport management and local officials, promotes the airport's value in the community, and protects America's Community Airports.

Given numerous speeches, keynote addresses, and made presentations to prospective pilots (including high school students) to promote aviation as a career and counsel them in their aviation studies.

Volunteer pilot in AOPA's Fly-a-Teacher Program.

Volunteer pilot in AOPA's Fly-a-Controller Program.

Mentor for AOPA's Project Pilot, 1994 – 2011.

Participated in AOPA's "You Can Fly" program.

Aviation Safety Expert and Consultant for printed and electronic media.

Volunteer pilot for Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program.

Official Judge in 2022 Susan Liebler 99's Scholarship Essay Contest



## **AFFILIATIONS (past and present)**

- AeroValley Flying Club, Denton, Texas
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Airline Pilots Association (ALPA)
- Alaska Airmen's Association
- Allied Pilots Association (APA)
- American Independent Cockpit Association (AICA)
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Aviation Explorers
- California Pilots Association
- CalPilots
- Cessna Pilots Association
- Experimental Aircraft Association
- FAA Aviation Safety Counselor (FKA Accident Prevention Counselor)
- FAA Safety Team Representative
- Fullerton Pilots Association
- GoFly Texas Flying Club
- Greater St. Louis Business Aircraft Association
- Greater St. Louis Flight Instructors Association
- Missouri Pilot's Association
- National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI)
- National Aeronautic Association
- National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA)
- Seaplane Pilots Association
- SoCal Pilots Association
- Society of Aviation and Flight Educators (SAFE)
- Southern California Airspace Users Working Group
- Tarrant County Community College – Aviation Department
- Young Eagles (EAA)
- Air Race Classic
- Other various industry working groups