

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brian Schiff

My roots in general aviation extend deeply. I have flown a wide variety of aircraft (87 types), hold several instructor ratings, and am recognized for my enthusiasm and ability to teach in ways that simplify complex procedures and concepts. I am a former FAA-designated examiner, FAA-designated check airman, and aviation university graduate with a Master's Degree.

My teaching experience encompasses a broad range of areas spanning nearly 32 years.

- In August, 1986 I obtained an FAA flight instructor certificate (while in college). I gave full-time primary flight instruction during the summers and part-time while attending college at San Jose State University. Soon thereafter I added Instrument-Airplane and Multiengine-Land ratings to my instructor certificate. I ultimately became the chief flight instructor at two flying clubs. I also gave instrument instruction in San Jose State University's Frasca simulators. While teaching for several of San Jose's flying clubs and flight schools, I taught various ground school classes and was in charge of instrument training at Palo Alto Aviation. I ultimately became a student teacher in San Jose State's Department of Aeronautics and administered instrument-evaluation check rides to students at the end of their semesters.
- I became an FAA Safety Counselor in 1988 and participated in the FAA's Wings program. I wrote articles in an effort to increase my students' understanding of complex subjects. Many of these articles were later published in aviation magazines and other publications. I earned my Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificate based on the outstanding pass/fail ratio of my students, a record that continues to this very day. Some of my students became airline pilots and military commanders. During this period I also taught two Pinch-Hitter Courses for AOPA. I continue today as a FAA Safety Team (FAAST) Representative.
- I was hired by TWA in April, 1989. My love for teaching all aspects of aviation would not end. While in training at TWA, I checked out at St. Charles Flying Service. My initial intent was simply to rent airplanes, but there I was encouraged to become a free-lance flight instructor, which I have been doing ever since. Such instruction includes a wide variety of single- and multi-engine airplanes that prepare students for private, commercial, instrument, airline transport, and flight instructor certification. I also have been administering flight reviews and recurrent training.

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- I have donated much time promoting general aviation during my various speeches to high school students and participation at aviation career fairs. This resulted in my counseling students interested in a career as an airline pilot. While doing this, I participated in AOPA's "Fly-a-Teacher" Program. This was a program designed to educate the teachers about general aviation so that they in turn could educate their students.
- In 1993 I brought my instructor experience to TWA and began teaching flight engineers in TWA's Flight Training Center. I gave formal instruction in both the classroom and the flight simulator. In March of 1994, I was chosen to become manager of TWA's Lockheed L-1011 Flight Engineer Training Program. I managed the training syllabus and 17 instructors, and initiated and edited changes in the FAA-approved flight training syllabus and FAA-approved airplane flight manual (AFM). In addition, I helped to develop and oversee the airline's annual recurrent training program.
- During Alpha Eta Rho's anniversary banquet in April, 1994, I was honored with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale for my assistance in educating their students on the training environment of major airlines including the training syllabus and equipment used. I donated my time to give many of them instruction in TWA's flight simulator. (TWA donated the simulator.)
- During TWA's hiring period, I interviewed airline pilot applicants and evaluated their flying skills in a flight simulator. I helped to decide who would become selected as TWA pilots. I also gave instruction in a local school's simulator to prepare airline pilot applicants for their interviews. During my tenure as Flight Manager, I traveled to several aviation universities to interview and recruit students for TWA's intern program.
- While flying for Clay Lacy Aviation (post TWA/AA furlough) I gave dual to novice jet pilots in Learjets. In addition, I helped to organize their training programs.
- Several local airplane owners and clubs have listed me on their insurance policies as an approved instructor for their airplanes.
- As a captain for American Airlines, my duties include the regular evaluation of pilots.

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- As an FFAST Representative (since 2012) I conduct numerous seminars on aviation safety educating local GA and professional pilots on matters including Aerodynamics, Navigation, CRM, Fatigue, Decision-Making, Preflight Planning, Foreflight, Accident Study, and many more.
- As a professional pilot I have been hired by various organizations such as the EAA, 99's, Flying Clubs and Associations, etc. to speak at numerous events to pilots of all experience levels.
- I continue to post aviation-related education materials on my website: www.captainschiff.com