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LASALLE MAN NAMED CERTIFIED FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Darrel Dilley, a Colorado native from LaSalle, Colorado has been named the 2008 Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) of the Year by the Federal Aviation Administration's Denver Flight Standards District Office for Colorado and Wyoming, and its Northwest Mountain Region which covers the seven state area of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Utah Idaho Oregon and Washington.

Dilley, a graduate of Metropolitan State College of Denver, earned his CFI rating in 1974 in both airplanes and gliders, and his certification for instrument flight instructing in 1975.

Dilley flew multiple aircraft for the U.S. Navy, and was hired by Ozark Airlines in 1979, which eventually merged with TWA. Dilley has flown for United Airlines since 1992, where he was selected as a Pilot Instructor and has logged over 14,000 hours of flying time, and over 8,000 hours as a flight simulator instructor and check airman. During his professional flying career, Dilley has flown the MD-80, DC-9, FH-227, DC-10, Boeing 727 and the Boeing 737. He presently flies and instructs in the Boeing 777. Dilley is among a select few in the United States who have earned a Gold Seal CFI with a National Association of Flight Instructors Master Designation.

Dilley remains active in many areas of aviation, and presently serves as the Chief Flight Instructor of Blue Sky Flyers, based at the Greeley-Weld County Airport, serves on the Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority Board of Commissioners, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) as a Flight Advisor, the Airline Pilots Association Air Safety Committee, as a FASTeam Lead Representative for the Federal Aviation Administration, and his spare time is rebuilding his Starduster airplane.

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