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About Gary Biba

Gary Biba is a professional pilot and flight instructor in Austin, Texas. He has logged over 6,000 hours in 30 models of airplanes. Gary holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate and is authorized to instruct in both single and multiengine aircraft.

In 2004 the National Association of Flight Instructors awarded Gary the designation of Master Instructor. This honor is reserved for exceptional instructors and acknowledges the professionalism and dedication that he has exhibited throughout his aviation career. In 2003 Gary achieved the status of FAA Gold Seal Flight Instructor. This designation is only issued to flight instructors who maintain high levels of flight-training activity and whose students achieve high pass rates on practical tests.

Gary also participates in the FAA's Flight Proficiency Program and has served as an FAA Aviation Safety Counselor. He has instructed in the prestigious Beechcraft Pilot Proficiency Program, the Columbia Recurrent Training Program and the Cessna Advanced Aircraft Recurrent Training Program. Gary also holds a U.S. national record for "Largest General Aviation Formation." The record was set in 1995 and consisted of 132 Bonanzas flying in formation enroute to the yearly EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show.

Although currently between planes, Gary has owned four Beechcraft Bonanzas. Memorable flights in his Bonanzas include junkets to the Cayman Islands, Nantucket Island and numerous trips to the Colorado Rockies. Aspen and Telluride are among his favorite destinations. His Colorado flights have included stops in Leadville — North America's highest airport, at an elevation of 9,927 feet. Gary also looks forward to his annual flight to Oshkosh, WI to mingle with other flight enthusiasts at the world's largest aviation celebration.

A graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Engineering, Gary spent 20 years working in the construction industry. An eventual move to Austin allowed him to ultimately pursue his passion for aviation. His other interests include travel, Golden Retriever rescue and playing the guitar. Gary and his wife currently share their home with five Golden Retrievers.

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