

FAASTeam presents:

NAFI 2026 - Beyond the Checkride - Training Pilots Who Can Handle the Pressure

Event Details

Checkride outcomes tend to get treated like they're about one day. One ride. One performance. But we all know that's not true. What happens on a checkride reflects how that pilot was trained leading up to it. Stress, pressure, and performance breakdowns aren't necessarily checkride problems; they are training problems. And the upside to that is we have control over it. Instead of treating checkride stress like something students just need to "handle," we should be looking at performance under pressure as a skill. Something we should be teaching, practicing, and building throughout training. The focus is on how the training environment we create either sets students up to perform... or quietly works against them. For instructors, this is about getting more intentional with how we train. Not just checking boxes, but building lessons that translate to performance. We'll talk about how to introduce pressure in a productive way and how to keep training consistent with how students are evaluated.

Booth 354, east of hangar B - just behind the Garmin booth, white tent with a huge NAFI logo.

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