

Master Pilot Award
Eugene A. Bielecki

Eugene Bielecki first soloed in a Piper J-3 Cub on May 4, 1946 at Outlaw Airport in Columbus, Georgia. He is a graduate of flight schools in Columbus, Georgia, Clarksville, Tennessee, and Lippitt Aviation at T.F.Green Airport. It was at these schools that Gene earned his first ratings.

And speaking of ratings, Gene holds the following: Airline Transport Pilot – Airplane Single and Multiengine Land with a type rating in the CE-500 Citation; Commercial Privileges – Airplane Single Engine Sea; and Private Privileges – Glider. He is also a Certified Flight Instructor in Airplane Single and Multiengine and Instruments; and holds an Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor rating as well.

Over the years Gene has been a Flight Instructor, Chief Flight Instructor, and a corporate pilot. He is also an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner.

In addition to all of his pilot ratings and credentials, Gene has accumulated over 27,000 flight hours as a pilot. That's the equivalent of approximately 14 years of 40-hour workweeks in the air.

Gene is well known throughout New England for his involvement with the FAA Safety Program. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Aviation Safety Group of Massachusetts. He is also well known for his frequent Aviation Safety Seminars that are held at CCRI in Lincoln and Warwick.

He is also an avid supporter of the FAA Pilot Proficiency Award Program, known as the "Wings Program." He not only encourages participation by all pilots, but also has qualified for all twenty phases of the program, plus two others. I guess we need to add a few more phases to the program for Gene.

His contemporaries have honored Gene on many occasions. Following is a partial list of those awards for which Gene has been recognized: 1980 Rhode Island Pilots Association Airman of the Year; 1981 and 1984 recipient of the FAA Flight Instructor of the Year Award; 1984, 1993 and 1999 FAA Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year Award; 1995 AOPA Presidential Citation Award; 1996 Boston FSDO, Bruce Pronk Award for life time achievements in aviation; 2003 recipient of the Aero Club of New England State Award for Rhode Island; and he was the recipient of the 2004 Safety Spokesperson of the Year award from the Boston FSDO.

Gene has repeatedly been recognized by the aviation community of New England as a champion for aviation safety through his excellent instructional methods and his dedication to the FAA Aviation Safety Program.

We are proud to present Eugene A. Bielecki with the United States of America, Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award.