

AVIATION SAFETY PROGRAM FSDO-15 SPEAKERS BUREAU

JOHN ‘ROCK‘ ROCKCASTLE

Rock Rockcastle holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate in Single and Multi-engine airplanes and a Commercial Pilot Certificate for single engine seaplane. He has over 13,500 total hours of which over 9,000 are in flight instruction and an additional 6000 hours in simulator instruction. He has been a Chief Flight Instructor for a FAR Part 141 Flight School located at the Glenview Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois.

Rock is a Gold Seal Master Flight Instructor and his ratings include airplane, instrument and multi-engine as well as advanced and instrument ground instructor ratings. He has participated in the Wings program since its inception and has earned the FAA Phase XX Wings. He has also achieved the Master level in the current Wings program.

He has been an active FAA Aviation Safety Counselor since 1981, initially with the Great Lakes FSDO in DuPage, Illinois and presently with the FAA National Resource Center in Lakeland, Florida. In 1989 he was recognized as the FAA National Flight Instructor of the Year. Rock serves as an FAA FFASTEAM Lead Representative, formally a Safety Counselor and has received the Orlando FSDO's "Counselor of the Year Award." Along with his counselors duties he also serves on the Production Crew at the FAA Production Studio in Lakeland, Florida, as well as being on the Board of Directors of the Florida Flight Instructor Association.

Since retiring from Chrysler Corporation as Area Manager in the Marine Division and the US Navy where he served as a Chief Petty Officer in the Submarine Service he has been residing on his horse and cattle ranch in Oxford, Florida. For the past eleven years he has been working as a flight instructor for Simcom Training Center in Orlando. He presently teaches the Beechcraft Barons, Cessna 300 & 400 series and Piper Navajo series