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Dennis H. Whitley is an experienced Airline Transport Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor with Advanced Ground and Instrument Instructor privileges, with over 40 years Private, Corporate, Airline Transport, and Instrument Instructor experience. He has accumulated over 7,000 hours of flight time in various piston, turbine and turbojet aircraft. He is certificated under both the FAA and the CAA, and has flown as aerial photography, aerobatics, chemical application, sky diver, corporate, freight, and commercial passenger pilot 135 and 121 operations during his career. Dennis has over 30 years of experience as an MEL/SEL Instrument instructor, and holds the advanced ground and advanced instrument instructor certificates from the FAA.

Dennis is also an FAA safety Team (FAASTeam) Lead Representative, Safety Consultant, and airman counselor in the Central Florida Area. Dennis and his wife speak at many Aviation Safety Seminars throughout the country with over 80 annual presentations and Safety Seminars and CFI Workshops throughout the region. He also served on the board of the Florida Association of Flight Instructors and served on the board of the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 175.

Dennis was the Vice President of The Tampa Bay Aviation Association, and, served on the Board of EAA Chapter 175 as their Program Chair.

Dennis is also a pioneer in Television Broadcasting with a career consisting of over 50 years of experience in Engineering, Sales and Marketing and research and Motion Picture Productions. He was instrumental in the design and development of engineering facilities for the 1996 summer Olympic Games in Atlanta Georgia and has written numerous articles for Broadcast Engineering Magazine and other engineering magazines. Dennis was director of engineering for NBC Atlanta and also served as Chief Engineer for WestStar Television in the Cayman Islands. He moved to Florida in 2008, retired for a while, and got back into the business as a Senior Engineer for FOX Television until finally retiring in 2021. He was, also the Chief Production Engineer for the FAA Safety Team National Resource Center Studios in Lakeland Florida, and continues to consult for several engineering facilities throughout the U.S..

Dennis was nominated for two Emmy Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Television Programming Excellence - Live Special Events, and another Emmy for Outstanding Achievement in Television Programming Excellence - Live Television Directing.

Dennis is also quite a talented musician of 50 years. He is an avid Bass player and loves all types of music. Admittedly, his favorite genre is Country Music where his has recorded several albums and worked in Nashville appearing on many shows such as the famous Earnest Tubb's Record Shop Friday Night Radio Show and the Grand Ole Opry and fronting many famous acts.