

Charles E. Rockwell -- Resume

Current Employment

FAA Certificated Flight Instructor Southern Vermont Regional Airport. President Green Mountain Flight Training
Senior Examiner, Instructor Trainer, and member of the Certification and Education Committee of the Professional Ski Instructors of America Eastern Division
Substitute teacher (History and Music) and softball coach at Long Trail School
Snow ski teacher full and part time since 1968, currently a ski teacher trainer at Bromley and Killington/Pico Ski Resorts

Past Employment

Retired US Army Colonel Armor Branch (27 years service)
Company and Battalion Command
Combined Arms Services Staff School Instructor Command and General Staff College
Developed and instituted the ski training curriculum for US Army Mountain Warfare School
Director of Professional Development responsible for all Officer and Enlisted continuing education
Mobilization Officer for the VT Guard in preparation for Operation Desert Storm
Chief USA Biathlon Team
Retired VT Professional Land Surveyor and former survey company owner
Tennis Pro Killington School for Tennis

Current Boards

Chair Vermont State Board of Land Surveyors
Chair Town of Rupert Development Review Board
Town of Rupert Planning Commission Member
Commissioner Bennington County Regional Commission

Other Previous Boards

VT Regional Director of the Professional Ski Instructors of America-Eastern Division (10,000 members)
Vice President and the Eastern Division Director of the Professional Ski Instructors of America (over 25,000 members)
The Mentor Connector (Rutland) Board, Past President, Development and Finance Committees
Long Trail School Trustee, Secretary of the Corporation, and member of the Head of School Search Committee
National Sports Academy Lake Placid, NY Trustee
VT State Director of the New England Trail Riders Association

Education

Secondary school Phillips Academy, Andover, MA
Middlebury College BA Geography minor French
Command and General Staff College US Army

Aviation Certificates, Ratings, and Participation Activities

Private Pilot ASEL 1993, then Instrument, Commercial, ASMEL, and CFI

Regularly attend local and regional FFAST Team and AOPA seminars

Attended Sun n Fun and AOPA Fly Ins when able

Member Southern Vermont Regional Airport Committee whose function is marketing, future planning, and development

AOPA and EAA member

Personal aircraft Piper Aztec

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Why do you want to serve on the SAFE Board of Directors?

I have always enjoyed the challenge of improving things, and being part of the solutions. I believe members have the responsibility to participate in the process of growing and bettering their organization. Although I have been teaching for 48 years, I have only been a CFI for a few years. As such, I believe I can bring the perspective of new CFIs to the Board.

How will your aviation and professional background, special talents, and leadership skills help to further SAFE's mission and goals?

As the past President of a mentoring organization, I am well aware of the importance of mentoring. Through my military and ski teaching background, I am vested in developing and providing professional educational opportunities at all levels. Excellence is a critical component of professionalism.

My writing and outreach skills and experience can help provide SAFE member and organizational promotional messaging to the various email newsletters such as AvWeb, AOPA, etc.

As a retired Army Colonel, and currently serving at the state and local levels, I have years of experience interfacing with our government. Due to my ski industry experience, I am also comfortable with interacting within the aviation industry. My military and other leadership positions speak to my leadership skills.

What do you see as the most pressing concerns and/or tasks for SAFE and for SAFE's Board of Directors in the next three years based on SAFE's current mission and vision Statements?

With many new CFIs seeking only 1500 hours before heading to the airlines, many DPEs have commented on the diminished quality of applicants. SAFE hosting relevant seminars and symposia to improve professionalism, knowledge, continuing education, and mentoring will go a long way in fulfilling the mission and vision of SAFE. It is also critical to ensure the growth and financial sustainability of the organization.