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PHOENIX EAST AVIATION TAKES DELIVERY OF DIAMOND TWIN-ENGINE DA-42 NG AT AOPA AVIATION SUMMIT

Daytona Beach, Florida, USA -- Phoenix East Aviation, Inc. of Daytona Beach, Florida has selected the DA42 NG for its multi-engine training fleet. It took delivery of its newest DA42 at the recent AOPA Aviation Summit in Long Beach; Phoenix East pilots flew the aircraft from Long Beach, California, back to the flight academy's facility in Daytona Beach, Florida, where it joined the training fleet of Cessna, Diamond and Piper aircraft.

With an all-carbon airframe and FADEC controlled, twin turbo-diesel Austro AE 300 engines, along with the Garmin G1000 integrated glass cockpit, including the GFC700 Automated Flight Control System and Synthetic Vision Technology (SVT), the DA42 NG is general aviation's undisputed technology leader.

Ghassan Reslan, CEO of Phoenix East, personally accepted delivery of the DA42 NG from Diamond Aircraft representatives. Phoenix East placed an initial order for two DA42 NGs and plan to upgrade their existing DA42 tdi's with the Austro Engine AE 300 powerplants. Additionally, Phoenix East announces its intention to migrate their entire multi-engine fleet to the DA42 NG. "The Diamond DA42 NG offers our students, who are pursuing professional pilot careers, the most advanced multi-engine training platform in the industry", said Mr. Reslan, "with the DA42 NGs state-of-the-art engines, airframe, and avionics technologies, our students will be well prepared for careers as jet pilots."

"With the introduction of the DA42 NG, Diamond Aircraft is pleased to expand its relationship with Phoenix East Aviation", said David Moser, Director of Fleet Sales for Diamond. "With unprecedented fuel economy, stellar performance, and exceptional reliability, we are confident that Phoenix East will be thrilled with their selection of the DA42 NG."

Phoenix East Aviation, Inc. provides comprehensive pilot training, specializing in professional flight instruction. FAR Part 141, private, commercial and multi-engine professional programs and FAR Part 61 courses are offered. The school is nationally accredited and is approved to offer Veteran Benefits under the G.I. Bill. Headquartered in Daytona Beach, Florida, where the climate permits flight operations 350+ days/year, the school has been in continuous operation since 1972.

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