



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT
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Sport Pilot Training Lands at Piper Memorial Airport

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Lock Haven, PA, 25 January 2010 – A new flight school has been established at the Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven PA, ancestral home to the legendary Piper Cub. AvSport of Lock Haven specializes in quality training in modern Light Sport aircraft, toward earning the recently implemented FAA Sport Pilot license.

AvSport founder and Chief Flight Instructor Dr. H. Paul Shuch, a retired aeronautical engineering professor and lifelong pilot, envisions a General Aviation renaissance, brought about by the availability of simple, reliable, and forgiving aircraft, coupled with the introduction of a new class of pilot's license requiring half the training time, at half the cost, of the traditional Private Pilot license. "We have streamlined training, without sacrificing safety," notes Shuch, "by simplifying flying, taking it back to its roots when the Cub was king."

AvSport's Light Sport trainer aircraft is a case in point. Built in the Czech Republic by what Shuch calls "meticulous Eastern European craftsmen," the school's newly acquired Evektor SportStar is relatively slow, docile, cost-effective, fuel-efficient, and easy to learn to operate. "If you can drive, you can fly," claims Shuch.

Prof. Shuch, who retired from Lycoming College after a distinguished 35 year teaching career, began his flying lessons in 1961, in an Aeronca Champ, a plane not all that different from William Piper's Cub. He holds Commercial Pilot, Flight Instructor, and Instrument Instructor ratings, and is the volunteer FAA Safety Team Lead Representative for Lock Haven. He will be offering a free Sport Pilot Seminar in Hangar One at the Piper Memorial Airport on Saturday morning, 30 January 2010, at 10 AM. All interested parties are welcome to attend, and to take a look at AvSport's curriculum, training materials, and new airplane.

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