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Local Flight School Endorses National Sport Aviation Event

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Lock Haven, PA, 9 October 2011 – Prof. H. Paul Shuch, founder of AvSport of Lock Haven, the sport aviation flight school established recently on the Piper Memorial Airport, has announced his support of US Sport Aviation Expo, a trade show for the Light Sport Aircraft industry held annually in Sebring, FL.

“Although people have been flying for sport for the better part of a century,” notes Dr. Shuch, “the advent of the modern Light Sport Aircraft is a relatively recent development. The FAA created this new category of aircraft registration, along with the accompanying Sport Pilot License, in 2005.” Since then, Shuch notes, over a hundred aircraft manufacturers around the world, and an increasing number of flight schools, are catering to what he calls the “emerging fly-for-fun movement” that Piper Aircraft pioneered with its Cub, right in Lock Haven.

The Sport Pilot license is the newest portal of entry into the world of aviation, allowing prospective pilots to become licensed in half the time, and at half the cost, of the traditional Private Pilot license. Sport pilots fly for fun, and are restricted to flying simple, low performance aircraft that comply with the Light Sport rule. They are allowed to fly in uncongested airspace, during daylight hours, and only in good weather conditions. “Of course,” Shuch emphasizes, “the training curriculum at AvSPORT was designed with pilot advancement in mind. Our Sport Pilot students can continue on for the Private and Commercial licenses, should they desire, with all Sport Pilot training counting toward those higher ratings.”

In his capacity as an FAA Safety Team Lead Representative, Dr. Shuch will be actively involved in the January 2012 Expo, and will present one of his popular Wings safety seminars. He laments only that “the local demand for my instructional services is making it increasingly difficult for me to get away and participate in industry events to the extent that I would like.”

About US Sport Aviation Expo

Now approaching its eighth year, US Sport Aviation Expo is a four-day event that enables manufacturers of modern Light Sport Aircraft to showcase their latest offerings to a large audience of pilots, flight instructors, flight school operators, and prospective students, affording attendees an opportunity to see, try, buy, and sell light sport aircraft. It provides an annual platform to establish new business relationships and learn about the Sport Pilot Certificate and other LSA related certification issues. This year, over 180 exhibitors are expected to have some 150 different aircraft on display. The event takes place January 19 – 22, 2012.

About AvSport and its Chief Flight Instructor

Dr. Shuch is a retired aerospace engineering professor and Air Force veteran who took his first flying lesson in 1961. AvSport, which opened January 1, 2010, specializes in training on modern light sport aircraft. Students are able to earn the FAA's new Sport Pilot License with half the training time and at less cost than other licensing. The flight school is located at the William T. Piper Memorial Airport in Lock Haven, PA.

Downloadable Photo: <http://AvSport.org/photos/events/expo2011.jpg>

Caption: Crowds flock around some of the 150 Light Sport Aircraft on display at the 2011 US Sport Aviation Expo in Sebring, FL. (US Sport Aviation Expo photo)

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