



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT  
353 PROCTOR STREET  
LOCK HAVEN PA 17745**

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## **Local Carpenter Builds Flying Skills**

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**Lock Haven, PA, 14 December 2022** – Nine months, start to finish. That’s how long it took Chris Raymond to go from his first flight to earning his Sport Pilot license at AvSport LLC, the sport flying school on the historic Piper Memorial Airport in Lock Haven.

“Chris worked hard,” states Prof. H. Paul Shuch, AvSport’s founder, chief flight instructor, and FAA designated pilot examiner. “Despite working as a carpenter for the family’s construction business, and building his own new home overlooking the airport, he managed to squeeze in one or two flying lessons every week, at first with me, and later with my adjunct flight instructor, Joe Dougherty, who recommended him for the checkride he has just successfully completed.”

“I enjoyed my time flying with Prof. Shuch,” says Chris. “He taught me a lot about aviation, emphasizing procedures to keep me and my passengers safe. I will always remember him as the person who helped me to achieve my dream, and would recommend him to anyone who also dreams of flight.”

Sport Pilots fly solely for pleasure, in fair weather, during daylight hours, in simple, low-performance Light Sport aircraft. Piper Memorial Airport is the ancestral home to the legendary Piper Cub, arguably the world’s first sport plane. Modern Light Sport aircraft allow pilots to recapture the bygone fly-for-fun Cub era, with increased reliability and improved safety. Anyone interested in learning more about sport flying is invited to browse the school’s extensive website at <http://AvSport.org>, where a wealth of free training materials awaits.

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CAPTION: In his role as FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, AvSport founder Prof. H. Paul Shuch hands Chris Raymond his temporary Airman Certificate, following a rigorous practical exam.