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Prof. H. Paul Shuch congratulates student pilot Jennifer Miller on her first successful solo flight, by trimming her shirttail. This tradition dates back to the Golden Age of aviation, when fledgling aviators often had to patch holes in their fabric covered aircraft with pieces of their own garments.

## Local pharmacist fills flight prescription

LOCK HAVEN — Jennifer Miller, a pharmacist in Lock Haven has come one step further to her lifelong dream of becoming a pilot, by flying a Light Sport aircraft as its sole occupant.

Miller, originally from Texas, has been receiving flight training for nearly five months at AvSport LLC, the sport flying school on the Piper Memorial Airport.

"Jennifer has immersed herself in her studies," says Prof. H. Paul Shuch, her flight instructor and the founder of AvSport. "She has become an active member of several aviation organizations, including the Flying Musicians Association, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and the 99s, the international association of woman pilots. Through those memberships, Jennifer has been learning from others, even when not flying. She is a disciplined student, well on her way to becoming an accomplished aviatrix."

During the winter months, when the local weather is not suitable for flight training, Miller will be engaged in home study, to prepare herself to sit for the FAA Sport Pilot Knowledge Test. After passing that written exam, she will commence advanced training, which will take her from what her flight instructor calls an "airplane driver" all the way to what he refers to as "Pilot In Command."

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.