



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT
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Local Gunsmith Shoots for the Sky

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Lock Haven, PA, 22 October 2021 – Mike Goodman, who operates Goodman’s Arms LLC in McElhattan PA, today achieved the significant milestone of flying an aircraft as its sole occupant. Goodman, 38, has been receiving flight training for just under seven weeks, averaging two lessons per week, at AvSport LLC, the sport flying school on the Piper Memorial Airport in Lock Haven.

“Five years ago, I had the same fear of flying that many others experience,” states Goodman. “Then, I joined a radio controlled model aircraft club, which sparked my desire to take on the challenge of becoming a pilot. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I can’t wait to share my love of the sky with others, after completing AvSport’s sport pilot program.”

“Mike’s RC model experience had already taught him the basics of aerodynamics,” says AvSport founder and Chief Flight Instructor Dr. H. Paul Shuch, a retired Physics professor and lifelong pilot. “Now, he has gotten the feel for the forces he only knew in theory.” Goodman will next commence advanced training, which will take him from what Prof. Shuch calls an “airplane driver,” all the way to a full-fledged Sport Pilot.

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.

DOWNLOADABLE PHOTO: http://avsport.org/photos/solo/Mike_G.jpg

CAPTION: Prof. H. Paul Shuch congratulates student pilot Mike Goodman on his first successful solo flight, by trimming his 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.