



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

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Corrections Officer Escapes Gravity

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Lock Haven, PA, 29 March 2019 – After a long year of training, George Snedeker, a retired corrections officer from Julian PA, has earned his Sport Pilot rating at AvSport of Lock Haven, the local Sport Aviation flight school. Snedeker passed his checkride in his own aircraft, a Zenith 601 experimental airplane based on the Piper Memorial Airport.

Snedeker received his primary flight training last year from AvSport founder and Chief Flight Instructor H. Paul Shuch. He then completed his advanced training with Joe Dougherty, an Adjunct Flight Instructor at AvSport who served as his Recommending Instructor, and signed George off to fly a practical test with Prof. Shuch, who is also an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner.

“It was a pleasure flying with George in his own airplane,” stated Shuch, “after having instructed him months earlier in a completely different aircraft. Transitioning him to Joe for his advanced training allowed me to look at him with fresh eyes, and evaluate him objectively on his checkride.”

The Sport Pilot license, in which AvSport specializes, 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 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: Congratulations to George Snedeker, who briefly became the world's newest licensed pilot at AvSport of Lock Haven on March 28, for successfully completing a Sport Pilot practical test with FAA Designated Pilot Examiner H. Paul Shuch. Here Prof, Shuch presents George with his pilot certificate, in front of his own airplane on the Piper Memorial Airport.