

Flight simulator lands at Piper Airport

LOCK HAVEN — AvSport of Lock Haven, the sport flight school on the Piper Memorial Airport, has added 12 new aircraft to its flight line, all neatly packaged inside a high-performance computer.

Over the past two weeks, AvSport's new Jay flight simulator from Redbird has been assembled and activated across the hall from the flight school office on the North side of the airport. AvSport students and graduates are now using the new simulator for review, skills development, currency training, and experiencing different aircraft types.

AvSport's new flight simulator has been installed in the Pilot Briefing room, Hangar One at the Piper Memorial Airport.

Throughout the Sentimental Journey to Cub Haven Fly-In from June 19 to 22, the simulator remains open for use by all fly-in attendees at no charge.

After Sentimental Journey ends, the Jay will be available for use by Simulator Club members any time during normal airport business hours (currently 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends).

Simulator Club members have password access to an online scheduling calendar, through which they can reserve the simulator in two-hour blocks. A free introductory Simulator Club membership is also being provided to all student pilots enrolled in one of AvSport's intensive training courses.

The Jay, first of a new breed of flight simulators facilitating structured, scenario-based training, was introduced by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) at the Sun-n-Fun fly-in in Florida in April, 2013. AvSport is proud to have acquired one of the very first Jay production units, and as an early adopter, has already made unlimited simulator use available to interested pilots and prospects for a flat annual fee. Simulator Club annual membership dues are priced at the cost of just a single hour of flight time in a primary trainer aircraft.

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. Lock Haven is the birthplace of the legendary Piper Cub, considered by many to be the very first sport aircraft.

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