

## Touch the Sky on International 'Learn To Fly Day'

**T**he world of flight offers fun, freedom, and experiences unlike anything else in the world. You're invited to participate at AvSport of Lock Haven. The local Sport Pilot flight school hosts an International Learn To Fly Day event at Hangar One on Piper Memorial Airport, Saturday, May 21.

International Learn to Fly Day was created by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) to invite people interested in the world of flight to discover more by meeting local aviators, and discovering the initial steps toward living the dream of personal flight. Nearly 600,000 people from all walks of life in the U.S. are licensed pilots, and millions more have dreamed of joining that group.

During AvSport's International

Learn To Fly Day event, guests will discover more about how learning to fly is not as time-consuming or expensive as you might think. Pilots, students, flight instructors, and aircraft owners will be available to discuss the possibilities and enjoyment available in aviation.

The May 21 event in Lock Haven will be held at Hangar One on the North side of the historic Piper Memorial Airport, accessed via Water Street. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with a free presentation, titled "If You Can Drive, You Can Fly," by AvSport's chief flight instructor, Prof. H. Paul Shuch. The seminar will be followed by an opportunity to examine AvSport's primary Light Sport Trainer, a modern Evektor SportStar manufactured in the

Czech Republic. Throughout the afternoon, participants will have an opportunity to experience half-hour Discovery Flights, and glider rides, for a modest fee. Food items will be on sale to benefit the Sentimental Journey to Cub Haven fly-in.

AvSport was founded in January 2010 by Dr. Shuch, an Air Force veteran and retired aeronautical engineering professor who started flying in 1961, and has been a flight instructor for thirty years. "I chose

to start my flight school at Lock Haven," he explains, "because of the city's proud aviation tradition, the area's lovely terrain, and the airport's enthusiastic support of sport aviation."

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.