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New Flight School Launches its First Student

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Lock Haven, PA, 30 January 2010 – The new flight school recently established at the Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven PA, offered a free public Sport Pilot seminar this morning, and immediately afterward, conducted its first introductory lesson. Matthew Hoppes, 29, of Roaring Branch PA, the first student for recently formed AvSport of Lock Haven, completed one hour of ground instruction, followed by one hour of flight instruction in the school's new Evektor SportStar light-sport trainer, starting him down the path toward earning his wings.

"I was originally concerned about the glass bubble cockpit," admitted Hoppes, "and if I would feel comfortable in it. However, once airborne, I was in awe at all that could be seen, without restriction, from the aircraft."

AvSport founder and Chief Flight Instructor Dr. H. Paul Shuch conducted a two-hour seminar at the airport, explaining the rules, requirements, and restrictions of the recently implemented FAA Sport Pilot license. Attended by 47 people, the seminar showcased the school's recently purchased Evektor SportStar which, just the day before, Shuch had flown to its new home in Lock Haven. He had gone to Long Island earlier in the week to complete three days of training in the Light Sport aircraft, and explained to the crowd that "no matter how many thousands of hours of flight experience you may have, when you acquire a new airplane, you get to be a student pilot all over again." With nine hours of experience flying the plane, Shuch explained, "I'm finally starting to feel like a flight instructor again."

"Professor Shuch is an excellent teacher," commented Hoppes after his lesson, "helping his students to understand the aerodynamics and reasons behind proper and safe flight operations."

In the seminar, Shuch outlined a new flight training program which he calls "Three Weeks, Rain or Shine." Students willing to commit to three intensive flight lessons a week for just three weeks (along with rigorous homework assignments between lessons) can expect to complete the course by performing their first solo flight. Lessons cannot be cancelled, rescheduled, or refunded. "Students are making a major commitment," notes Shuch, "but then, so am I. During the three week term, I will take on only four students, thus assuring that each will get all the personal attention he or she needs to succeed."

DOWNLOADABLE PHOTO: Matt Hoppes completes first flight lesson.

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