



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

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Local Flight School Schedules Grand Opening

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Lock Haven, PA, 20 February 2010 – AvSport of Lock Haven, the sport aviation training center recently established at Piper Memorial Airport, will host a Grand Opening celebration on Saturday morning, March 27th, 2010. The new flight school will take this opportunity to introduce members of the public to its educational programs, students, flight instructors, and Light Sport training aircraft.

Festivities are scheduled to commence at 10 AM, with a formal ribbon cutting planned for 11. Lock Haven's City Manager Richard Marcenkevage and Mayor Rick Vilello, along with airport manager Ed Watson, are expected to do the honors. AvSport's chief flight instructor, Prof. H. Paul Shuch, will be on hand to answer questions about the new FAA Sport Pilot License, which cuts the time and cost of flight training in half, as compared to the traditional Private Pilot license. A retired aerospace engineering professor and lifelong pilot, Dr. Shuch sees this new license as rejuvenating General Aviation, a once-great local industry hard hit by the recent economic downturn. He feels the new rules are encouraging a wider interest and participation in flying. "If you can drive, you can fly," claims Shuch.

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. Built in the Czech Republic by meticulous Eastern European craftsmen, AvSport's new Evektor SportStar Plus trainer represents the first aircraft certificated under the new Light Sport Aircraft rules. Its 100 horsepower, four-cylinder Rotax engine, manufactured in Austria, powers 80% of the current Light Sport airplane fleet.

AvSport's office is located in Piper Memorial Airport's newly renovated General Aviation terminal building, in Hangar One at 353 Proctor Street, Lock Haven PA 17745. This building is situated on the North side of the airport, accessed via East Water Street. Parking is available on the East side of Hangar One.

When asked what kind of refreshments will be provided at his flight school's Grand Opening, Prof. Shuch responded, "Wings, what else?"

DOWNLOADABLE PHOTO: Newly renovated General Aviation terminal in Hangar One at the Piper Memorial Airport houses the offices of AvSport of Lock Haven.

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