



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT  
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For Immediate Release:

**Lock Haven Flight School Graduates World's Newest Pilot**  
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**Lock Haven, PA, 20 October 2010** – Jason Brown, a computer scientist from McElhattan PA, has just completed six months of flight training at AvSport of Lock Haven on the Piper Memorial Airport, to become (at least briefly) the world's newest licensed pilot. Brown flew the school's Light Sport trainer aircraft this morning from Lock Haven to Allentown PA, to complete his Sport Pilot practical examination with Designated Pilot Examiner Art Tarola at the Queen City Airport.

"Normally, the examiner comes to Lock Haven to give flight tests," notes Prof. H. Paul Shuch, the school's Chief Flight Instructor. "But, after having his checkride cancelled several times due to marginal weather, Jason was getting anxious enough to be more than willing to fly to the examiner's doorstep."

Shuch is currently in California attending a three-week aircraft maintenance course, and thus was unable to share in his student's moment of triumph. Accompanying Brown to Allentown was AvSport's adjunct flight instructor, John Spencer of Lock Haven. Both Spencer and Shuch will be continuing to work with Brown in the months ahead, to prepare him for higher pilot ratings and further flight tests.

Upon completion of the checkride, Spencer and Brown flew back to Lock Haven after dark. "The bonus," states Brown, "is that I got some night flight training and one night landing out of the deal."

The Sport Pilot license 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 for fun, and are restricted to flying simple, low performance aircraft that comply with the Light Sport rule. They are allowed to fly in uncongested airspace, during daylight hours, and only in good weather conditions. Many sport pilots continue their training after becoming licensed, upgrading their skills and privileges, as Brown plans to do.

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.

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CAPTION: Following a successful FAA flight test, designated pilot examiner Art Tarola issues a Sport Pilot license to newly minted pilot Jason Brown.