



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT  
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## **Touch the Sky on *International Learn to Fly Day***

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**Lock Haven, PA, 5 April 2014** – Have you always dreamed of becoming a pilot? Do you wonder what it takes, what it costs, and whether you have the Right Stuff? Find out on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at AvSport of Lock Haven, the Sport Pilot flight school operating on Lock Haven’s Piper Memorial Airport, as it celebrates the fifth annual International Learn to Fly Day.

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 open house, 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 on hand to discuss the possibilities and enjoyment available in aviation. Free “Learn to Fly” booklets will be provided to all interested parties.

The May 17 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 AM with a free public lecture, titled “If You Can Drive, You Can Fly,” by AvSport’s chief flight instructor, Prof. H. Paul Shuch. This 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 for a modest fee. Food items will be on sale to benefit the Sentimental Journey to Cub Haven fly-in, and participants will have a chance to check out the flight school’s new Redbird Flight Simulator.

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 more than 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 community’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.

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CAPTION: Piper Memorial Airport’s quiet rural setting makes an ideal location for Sport Pilot Training, at AvSport of Lock Haven.

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