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Local Flight Instructor Joins Educational Advisory Board

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Lock Haven, PA, 10 March 2015 – The Flying Musicians Association, Inc. (FMA), a non-profit alliance of aviation and music enthusiasts, has recently expanded its educational focus, by establishing an Advisory Board. Among the group of distinguished educators appointed is Prof. H. Paul Shuch, founder of AvSport of Lock Haven, the Sport Aviation school on the Piper Memorial Airport.

"The mission of the Flying Musicians is to share our passions in order to inspire, educate, and encourage others by creating enthusiasm, and promoting personal growth through aviation and music," says the group's founder, pilot and musician John Zapp. "With his half-century of flying experience, forty years in the academic community, and his lifelong love of music, I expect Paul will make significant contributions toward meeting our educational goals."

Singer/songwriter/scientist Prof. H. Paul Shuch sings about aviation, engineering, and space exploration under the stage name Dr. SETI. After 34 years in the classroom, he retired briefly in 2007, only to found his own flight school on the Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven PA (birthplace of the ubiquitous Cub). A guitarist of no particular distinction, he continues to write songs as mnemonics to help his students remember key concepts. "There's no greater pleasure," he says, "than listening to my flight students singing to themselves while executing a particularly graceful maneuver."

FMA, founded in 2009, is an organization of pilots who are musicians, spanning the globe, proficiency levels and genres. The skills required to play an instrument and fly an aircraft have marked similarities, from precision and multitasking to listening and fine motor skills. By educating others about these common attributes, the organization hopes to further interest in both.

More information about the Flying Musicians is available online, at <http://www.flyingmusicians.org>. Those interested in learning more about the local flight school are invited to browse to <http://avsport.org>.

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CAPTION: Prof. H. Paul Shuch is backed up by other members of the Flying Musicians Association, during a concert at the Sport Aviation Expo in Sebring FL in January.