



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT
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York Psychiatrist Has His Head In The Clouds

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Lock Haven, PA, 25 October 2015 – After three months of training at AvSport of Lock Haven, the Sport Aviation school on Lock Haven’s Piper Memorial Airport, Dr. Peter Hartmann has become (briefly) the world’s newest licensed pilot. Hartmann, a retired physician, psychiatrist, and medical educator from York PA, completed a successful FAA Practical Examination today, and was awarded his Sport Pilot certificate.

Hartmann had received over a year’s worth of prior flight instruction in Lancaster PA, and is in fact part owner of an Evektor SportStar, a two-seat Light Sport airplane built in the Czech Republic. When his insurance company decreed that he could not fly his own aircraft until receiving his license, he had to find another SportStar in which to complete his training. As it happens, the nearest available SportStar was at the Lock Haven flight school. He resumed instruction in July with Prof. H. Paul Shuch, founder and Chief Flight Instructor of the local school.

“One must remain active and intellectually challenged in retirement,” notes Hartmann, “to protect against mental and physical deterioration. There is no greater, nor more rewarding challenge than learning how to fly.” He now looks forward to taking his wife for many a flight in his own aircraft.

Upon completion of his FAA flight test, Hartmann was joined in the Pilot’s Lounge for a celebration by several of the dozen former AvSport students who have achieved this same distinction since the flight school was established in January of 2010.

Piper Memorial Airport is the ancestral home to the legendary Piper Cub, arguably the world’s first sport plane. Modern Light Sport aircraft, such as the one which Hartmann owns and the one in which he earned his license at AvSport, allow pilots to recapture the bygone fly-for-fun Cub era, with increased reliability and improved safety. More information about sport flying is available online, at <http://AvSport.org>.

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CAPTION: Designated Pilot Examiner Art Tarola (left) congratulates Peter Hartmann, upon the York physician’s successful completion of an FAA Checkride, leading to receipt of his Sport Pilot certificate.