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## **Flight School Announces 2017 Training Schedule**

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**Lock Haven, PA, 5 January 2017** –AvSport of Lock Haven, the Sport Pilot flight school on the Piper Memorial Airport, has announced its academic schedule for the 2017 calendar year. Several different aviation courses will be offered, spread among three academic quarters. (Because of inclement weather, AvSport normally shuts down during the Winter quarter.)

AvSport's Spring term runs from 12 March to 15 April, 2017. The flight school's Summer term has been scheduled for 9 July through 12 August, 2017, and the Fall quarter runs 24 September through 28 October 2017. In all cases, students commit to a total of ten lessons, scheduled as two three-hour periods of individualized flight and ground instruction per week. Tuition and fees for each academic quarter run \$2700 plus tax, including all books and required training materials.

During all three terms, AvSport will be offering its "Five Weeks, Rain or Shine" pre-solo and "Five More Weeks of Heaven" post-solo Sport Pilot flight training modules, as well as "The Next Step Up," a Private Pilot upgrade course for licensed Sport Pilots. In order to maximize the individual attention required for success in flight training, AvSport accepts only four students (on a first come, first served basis) during each of its three five-week terms.

Between terms, students may enroll individually for Discovery Flights, Introductory Lessons, flight reviews for licensed pilots, and AvSport's four-lesson "Flight FUNDamentals" mini-course. Also offered during these inter-session periods are "Pilot Downsizer", a three-day transition course for licensed pilots wanting to experience sport flying, and "Airspace Ace", a four-lesson mini-course which provides licensed Sport Pilots with the experience and endorsements required to fly into more complex, controlled, and congested airspace.

In addition to traditional flight training, AvSport also offers quarterly courses to prepare commercial drone operators to obtain their FAA Remote Pilot certificate. These three-day courses run March 7-9, June 6-8, September 5-7, 2017. Each Unmanned Aircraft System course includes 12 hours of classroom instruction, and 6 hours of supervised drone flight experience. Cost is \$650 plus tax, and enrollment is limited to five students per session.

The Sport Pilot license, in which AvSport specializes, 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. 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.

Aspiring Sport Pilots are invited to browse AvSport's extensive website, <http://AvSport.org>, for a wealth of free training material. For more information, email [fly@avsp.org](mailto:fly@avsp.org), or call Prof. H. Paul Shuch, AvSport's Chief Flight Instructor, at (570) 419-1229.