Our Vision
AvSport envisions a General Aviation renaissance, facilitated by quality training of Sport Pilots and the availability of modern Light Sport Aircraft.

Our Mission
AvSport enhances aviation safety and enjoyment, by offering:
- a rigorous, though flexible, flight training curriculum
- experienced, professional Certified Flight Instructors
- well maintained advanced Light Sport Aircraft
- modern and accessible instructional materials
- individualized instruction
- an affordable aviation experience

Meet Our Chief Flight Instructor
- H. Paul Shuch, Ph.D., CFII, DPE, LSRM, iRMT
- Air Force veteran, Commercial Pilot, retired college prof.
- Certified Flight Instructor, Airplane & Instrument
- Ph.D. in Air Transportation Engineering (Cal Berkeley)
- Started flying in 1961; 47 years of teaching experience
- FAA licensed Light Sport Aircraft maintenance technician
- Volunteer FAA Safety Team Lead Rep for Lock Haven
- Recipient of EAA and FAA Safety Achievement Awards
- FAA Designated Pilot Examiner for the Sport pilot rating
- FAA Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award winner

Conveniently located in the newly renovated terminal building, Hangar One, on North side of Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven PA.
**What is the Sport Pilot License?**

The FAA’s newest introduction to General Aviation gets you into the air in half the training hours, and at half the cost, of the traditional Private Pilot license. Sport Pilots fly simple, low-cost, low-performance Light Sport aircraft, and may carry only one passenger. They fly only during daylight hours, in good weather, and are restricted from flying in the nation’s busiest airspace (unless they have received additional training and an instructor’s endorsement). No medical examination is required, though you must possess a valid driver’s license, and abide by any medical restrictions it may impose.

Before Sport Pilot was established in 2004, the flight training paradigm had not changed appreciably since before Pearl Harbor. This new portal of entry to the world of aviation has allowed AvSport to develop a new curriculum, employing the very latest in instructional methodology and technology. It’s never been easier to learn to fly.

A Sport Pilot may not fly in furtherance of any business activity. This is personal pleasure flying that dates back to the days of the barnstormers, upgraded to modern equipment and advanced training methods. The Sport Pilot rating is an ideal stepping-stone for those wishing later to upgrade their skills and privileges. If you’ve always dreamed of flying for fun, the Sport Pilot rules will enable you to live that dream!

**What is a Light Sport Airplane?**

Small, lightweight, safe, and simple to fly, LSAs are the modern reincarnation of the classic Piper Cub born right here in Lock Haven. Under FAA rules, Light Sport airplanes (LSAs) fall into two categories: Experimental (homebuilt) and Special (factory built). AvSport of Lock Haven trains in Special LSAs manufactured in the Czech Republic by meticulous European craftsmen, and certified by the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) to meet the consensus LSA standard.

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**AvSport’s Course Catalog**

**Flight FUNdamentals tm Mini-Course**

$1300* for your first four flight lessons!
- 4 hours of dual flight instruction
- 8 hours of individualized ground instruction
- the Gleim Sport Pilot Kit with Test Prep Software

Counts toward your complete Sport Pilot training course

**Up, Up, and Away tm Pre-Solo Training**

$4000* takes you from zero hours to first solo flight!
- 15 hours of dual flight instruction
- 1 hour of supervised solo flight experience
- 20 hours of individualized ground instruction
- the Gleim Sport Pilot Kit with Test Prep Software

**Out On Your Own tm Post-Solo Training**

$4000* takes you from your first supervised solo flight to being a fully licensed Sport Pilot!
- 10 hours of dual flight instruction
- 10 hours of solo flight experience
- 16 hours of individualized ground instruction

**Airspace Ace tm Endorsement Module**

$1300* allows Sport Pilots to earn endorsements for flying in congested and controlled airspace!
- 5 hours of dual flight instruction
- 7 hours of individualized ground instruction
- Online access to all required training materials

**The Next Step Up tm Private Pilot Add-On**

Our Sport Pilot graduates can go on to earn their Private Pilot license, for an additional $4000!*
- 14 hours of dual flight instruction
- 5 hours of solo flight experience
- 17 hours of individualized ground instruction
- all required books, supplies, and training materials

**Pilot Downsizer tm LSA Transition Module**

Licensed private pilots: go LSA for just $1300!*
- 5 hours of dual flight instruction
- 4 hours of individualized ground instruction
- AvSport’s LSA Training materials, with supplies, manuals, checklists, and custom training videos

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* Note: Prices are subject to change without notice. AvSport advertised hours and pricing are based upon our minimum curriculum as established in FAR Part 61. Prices include aircraft rental, fuel, instructor fee, books and supplies, training materials, and PA state sales tax, but not FAA examination and licensing fees, which are neither set by nor paid to AvSport. Students may opt to receive training above and beyond AvSport’s minimum requirements. If you desire or require additional instruction, it may be purchased at our affordable Pay As You Go rates.

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**Flight Simulation at AvSport**

AvSport is proud to introduce AOPA's Jay flight simulator by Redbird, a scenario-based training system which allows the pilot to test his or her skills in a variety of aircraft, flying a variety of routes, under varying weather conditions, with the machine providing constant visual, tactile, and verbal feedback. The Jay is an ideal electronic combination of aircraft, airspace, and flight instructor. Although hours spent flying the Jay may not count toward your license, they promise to reduce in-aircraft training time by helping you to gain proficiency in the tasks you find most challenging. After all, it isn't hours in the logbook, but rather skill with the stick, that really counts.

AvSport primary students are granted free unlimited simulator use. Our Sim Club members can enjoy unlimited simulator access for just $150 per year.

Train at AvSport to Become a Commercial Drone Operator

For as little as $1000 (including taxes), earn your FAA Remote Pilot Certificate with a Small Unmanned Aircraft System rating. Call to reserve your seat in our next course.