



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT
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Road Worker Takes to the Air

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Lock Haven, PA, 1 September 2010 – Patrick Winter of Coburn PA, a highway maintenance equipment operator for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PENNDOT), has just completed his flight training at AvSport of Lock Haven on the Piper Memorial Airport. Winter, 47, who began flight instruction just four months prior, completed his required practical examination in the school’s Light Sport trainer aircraft on the first of September, to become a fully licensed Sport Pilot.

“Pat’s experience with complex machinery made him an ideal flight student,” notes Prof. H. Paul Shuch, the school’s Chief Flight Instructor. “He was comfortable in the aircraft from his first flight, progressing very smoothly through all the phases of flight training. He’s going to make a fine pilot.”

“I had a whole lot of fun flying with my instructor at Lock Haven,” said Winter after his checkride, “and I love the Evektor airplane. My thanks to Art Tarola for coming out to Lock Haven to be my examiner.”

Tarola, who runs AB Flight, a flight school at Queen City Airport in Allentown, flies his own light sport airplane to Lock Haven from time to time, to give practical tests to AvSport students.

The Sport Pilot license 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. Sport pilots fly for fun, and are restricted to flying simple, low performance aircraft that comply with the Light Sport rule. They are allowed to fly in uncongested airspace, during daylight hours, and only in good weather conditions.

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: Following a successful FAA flight test, designated pilot examiner Art Tarola issues a Sport Pilot license to newly minted pilot Patrick Winter.