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New York Professor Flies Solo

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Lock Haven, PA, 14 July 2019 – AvSport of Lock Haven, the sport aviation school on the Piper Memorial Airport, is pleased to announce that yet another of its primary students has just achieved his first solo flight. Chong Jue, 65, a professor of anatomy and physiology from Troy, NY, today demonstrated his competence to safely fly his own aircraft as its sole occupant.

Born in Hong Kong when it was a British crown colony, Jue has lived most of his adult life in New York, and for decades has been a US citizen. He had begun flight training several years ago in Maryland, and last year he purchased from his former flight school a well-worn Sky Arrow, an Italian two-seat trainer akin to a flying sports car. After having had his plane delivered to Lock Haven, he began a regular weekend commute to Lock Haven to earn his Sport Pilot rating. He drives the five hours from New York every Friday evening, trains in Lock Haven on Saturdays and Sundays, and then drives the five hours home to New York every Sunday evening.

Jue is receiving training from AvSport founder and Chief Flight Instructor Dr. H. Paul Shuch, himself a retired professor. “I am impressed by Chong’s persistence and dedication,” notes Shuch. “This is a long way to drive for flight training, but this kind of flying just isn’t practical in New York City’s congested airspace. Lock Haven is a low-traffic airport, a perfect place to learn to fly.”

Upon completion of this successful first solo flight, Shuch cut the back off of Chong’s t-shirt, and autographed it to mark the occasion. This ritual dates back to the Golden Age of aviation, when barnstormers frequently had to patch rips in their fabric-covered aircraft with pieces of their own garments. Jue’s shirt is now displayed on the wall of the AvSport office, proudly joining 20 others representing the students who have achieved this same milestone over the past nine years.

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. Sport Pilots fly solely for pleasure, in fair weather, during daylight hours, in simple, low-performance Light Sport aircraft. 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. Anyone interested in learning more about sport flying is invited to browse the school’s extensive website at <http://AvSport.org>, where a wealth of free training materials awaits.

DOWNLOADABLE PHOTO: <http://www.avsport.org/photos/solo/Chong.jpg>

CAPTION: AvSport Chief Flight Instructor Dr. H. Paul Shuch performs a ritual that dates back to the Golden Age of Aviation, by cutting off the back of Prof. Chong Jue’s shirt following the latter’s first successful solo flight. That piece of fabric was signed by Shuch, and now adorns AvSport’s office wall, along with shirts of 20 other successful solo pilots trained at AvSport of Lock Haven.