



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT
353 PROCTOR STREET
LOCK HAVEN PA 17745**

For Immediate Release:

Maintenance Director Named FAA Master Mechanic

**For more information, contact Prof. H. Paul Shuch, Chief Flight Instructor
Office (570) 748-3725, Cell (570) 419-1229, email fly@AvSport.org**

Lock Haven, PA, 10 September 2020 – Prof. H. Paul Shuch, Chief Flight Instructor and Director of Maintenance at AvSport LLC, the full-service flight school on the Piper Memorial Airport, received a surprise at tonight’s online FAA Safety Team meeting. He was presented with the FAA Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award, in recognition of more than half a century of contributions to aviation safety.

Shuch, an aerospace engineer and professor, has been involved in aircraft communications, navigation, and electronic systems design, maintenance, and education since joining the US Air Force in 1965. During the Vietnam War, he served as a Telecommunications Systems Controller and Nav aids / Communications Management Office (NCOMO) duty NCO. Upon his discharge in 1969, he worked as an engineer for several aerospace companies in the San Francisco Bay Area, before both starting his own electronics company and pursuing a teaching career. He has owned and maintained several of his own aircraft ever since.

Upon retiring as a Professor of Physics and Engineering in 2007, Shuch established AvSport LLC, a full-service flight school on the Piper Memorial Airport in Lock Haven PA. There he holds the positions of Chief Flight Instructor and Director of Maintenance. He continues to promote aviation safety by serving as a volunteer FAA Safety Team Lead Representative, conducting more than a dozen free safety seminars each year, both online and all across the US.

“The Master Mechanic designation is actually a longevity award,” quips Shuch, “bestowed upon those of us who have managed to survive half a century in this business.”

Charles Taylor, for whom the award is named, was the Wright Brothers’ mechanic. He designed and built the engine that powered the 1903 Wright Flyer. The Master Mechanic designation is bestowed upon aviation maintenance technicians who document more than fifty years of professional involvement in promoting aviation safety.

DOWNLOADABLE PHOTO: <http://www.avsport.org/photos/certificates/taylor.jpg>

CAPTION: This Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award, presented to Prof. H. Paul Shuch by the Federal Aviation Administration, honors his more than fifty years of contributions to aviation safety.