



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT  
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## **Maintenance Engineer Takes Solo Flight**

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**Lock Haven, PA, 21 November 2020** –Andrew Corsini, a building maintenance engineer originally from New Jersey, today achieved the significant milestone of flying an aircraft as its sole occupant. Corsini, 34, has been receiving flight training for just under three months at AvSport LLC, the sport flying school on the Piper Memorial Airport.

“One’s first solo flight is a great experience,” states Corsini, “but in my case, it is also a dream come true.” He has been commuting on weekends from his home in Bethlehem PA, to train with Dr. H. Paul Shuch, a retired professor of physics and engineering, who started the Lock Haven flight school eleven years ago.

Corsini has already successfully passed his FAA Sport Pilot Knowledge Test, another major step along the way to becoming a pilot. He will now commence advanced training, which will take him from what Prof. Shuch calls an “airplane driver” all the way to a full-fledged Sport Pilot.

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.

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CAPTION: Prof. H. Paul Shuch congratulates student pilot Andrew Corsini on his first successful solo flight, by trimming his shirttail. This tradition dates back to the Golden Age of aviation, when fledgling aviators often had to patch holes in their fabric covered aircraft with pieces of their own garments.