



**PIPER MEMORIAL AIRPORT
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For Immediate Release:

Local Flight Instructor Named FAA Examiner

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Lock Haven, PA, 4 May 2018 – Prof. H. Paul Shuch, founder and Chief Flight Instructor at AvSport, the sport aviation flight school on Lock Haven's Piper Memorial Airport, has just been appointed a Designated Pilot Examiner by the FAA.

"I didn't set out to become an examiner," admits Shuch. "I was just trying to fill a need for my flight students." At the conclusion of their flight training, his graduates were required to demonstrate their skills to an FAA examiner before receiving their pilot certificates – and this proved problematical. AvSport instructs in modern Light Sport aircraft, which (as their name implies, makes them – well, *light*.

"We do have several other pilot examiners in Central PA," admits Shuch, "but most of them can't even fit in my trainer aircraft. When one seeks to be appointed an examiner, there is no place on the application form to list his or her weight -- to even ask would be discriminatory. Our only sufficiently slender examiner has a full-time airline job, significantly limiting his ability to provide services to my students."

The obvious solution was for Shuch himself to secure an examiner rating. Within a year, while still running his flight school, he had completed the required training, passed the required exams, and on 30 April 2018, completed the final bureaucratic steps and received his appointment from the local Flight Standards District Office.

Of course, it would be a conflict of interest for Prof. Shuch to conduct final testing of students whom he has personally trained and recommended. Thus, he has recently recruited several adjunct flight instructors for his flight school, stimulating the local economy (though admittedly, microscopically).

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 AvSport's sport pilot examiner services is invited to browse to <http://SportPilotExaminer.US>, where a wealth of free training materials awaits.

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CAPTION: At the Harrisburg Flight District Office, manager Bill Banks presents Prof. H. Paul Shuch with his Designated Pilot Examiner certificate.