

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER



June 2023

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President's Column

It is with regret to inform you about the resignation of our long time Chapter President, Sandy Langworthy. With his health deteriorating, Sandy realized that it had become more and more difficult to fulfill his function as President. We want to thank Sandy, a non-flying volunteer since 2003 and chapter President for the past 14 years, for his dedication at the helm of this chapter and his contribution to the organization as a judge and chief judge at our Michigan, MidAmerica and US National contests. All of us at Chapter 88 are wishing Sandy well and are looking forward for him to join our chapter events as his health permits. A copy of Sandy's resignation letter is included in this newsletter.

Following a review of the chapter by-laws at the May chapter meeting and with the consensus of the attending members, Hugo Ritzenthaler was designated to perform the duties of President until the next general election in fall 2023.

June 24 is International Aerobatics Day, Chapter 88 is planning an Open House at Romeo State Airport to promote Aerobatic Flight, the International Aerobatic Club and our Michigan Chapter 88, please join us at this annual celebration – see details below.

Hugo

Chapter Business

May Chapter Meeting Key-Notes

The May meeting was also supposed to be our first practice day this season. Unfortunately, a 1,600 ft ceiling prevented us from doing any practice flights. Don Maidens flew in with his Citabria and Jason Ledbetter was on standby with his Bücker Jungmann at Ann Arbor before deciding against flying to Romeo as ceilings had not improved.

Members present: Laura and Wayne Buescher, Dave Germann, Anthony Allen, Roch Morin, Don Maidens, Tim Stackhouse and Hugo Ritzenthaler. Sandy Langworthy and Dan Unger, both attended via phone.

May Chapter Meeting Key-Notes (cont.)

Resignation of Sandy Langworthy as Chapter 88 President

Upon accepting Sandy's resignation and after a quick review of the chapter by-laws, members present designated Hugo to fill the vacancy until the general election in November this year. Nomination requests for all chapter officers positions will be mailed in due time prior to the election.

International Aerobatics Day Celebration June 24

Romeo Airport management notified and EAA insurance obtained. Event program included in this NL. Still looking for volunteers to assist with preparations prior to and during the event.

IAC Open Championship East

Preparations are progressing well, most tasks completed. Still waiting for the FAA to issue the waiver. Lunch and banquet arrangement yet to be made. Contest booklet ready to go to print.

Tentative date for placing marker plates at James Clements A/P - **July 1 starting at 10 am**. A brief follow-up meeting with the Valley Aero Club should be scheduled for this day.

Chapter Membership Drive

During the meeting our discussion focused on ways to increase the dues paying membership. 2023 is Chapter 88's golden anniversary year and as such a special occasion to initiate a membership drive. The idea is to recognize dues paying members as a Golden Anniversary Member on a poster displayed at this year's IAC Open Championship East at Bay City. Furthermore, new members will receive an anniversary chapter patch. Membership applications will be emailed to everyone on the chapter's newsletter mailing list. Membership application form will also be posted on the chapters website. From here on out, "Dues Notice " reminders will be mailed at the beginning of the year.



Chapter Events

International Aerobatic Day Celebration **June 24, 2023 - 10 am to 5 pm**

Chapter 88 will celebrate International Aerobatics Day by hosting a practice/critiquing day at Romeo State A/P (D98) - see program included in this NL. We are looking for many different aerobatic and non-aerobatic aircraft as well as anyone interested in aerobatic flying to join the celebration, please reserve the day.

If you are an IAC member pilot and wish to perform in the aerobatic box, please have the following documents available at the pilot briefing: pilot license, parachute repack date, medical, proof of insurance, copies of sequences you wish to practice.

If you are an IAC Judges Candidate, please let us know what assistance you require.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the preparations to make this event an enjoyable experience for anyone attending (please contact Hugo: hritzenthaler@att.net)

Chapter Events - cont.

IAC Open Championship East **July 8-9, 2023**

A 5 category contest taking place at James Clements A/P in Bay City.

As with any event, volunteers are crucial for success. We encourage volunteers to sign up for a role at the contest. Please contact Dan Unger (unger1949@gmail.com), CD or Hugo Ritzenthaler Assistant CD (hritzenthaler@att.net) to sign up as a volunteer for one of the many tasks.

On-line registration on the IAC website is open.

Hotel information - Group rates have been obtained at the Holiday Inn Express and Quality Inn & Suites - see postings on IAC Contest Calendar web page and IAC 88 Website.

Chapter News

Bill Barber II solos his Christen Eagle

First of all, if you don't know, Bill Barber II is the son of famous air-show performer Bill Barber from Ann Arbor. Bill acquired a Christen Eagle late last year and was reintroduced to aerobatics and prepared to flying his Eagle with the help of our Bücker Jungmann master pilot, Jason Ledbetter. Congratulations Bill and welcome to aerobatic competition.



Kim Fanelli got an aerobatic introduction ride

Kim made use of an opportunity to practice some aerobatic figures in the Bücker Jungman with Jason Ledbetter being the teacher. We encourage Kim to continue with the training and become one of the Chapter's newest competitors. Competing in the Primary category with a safety pilot is a good way to get started.



Event Calendar - Mid America Region

Save the Day

- ◆ Monthly Chapter meetings - **3rd Saturday** each month
 - > Nov - Apr at Premier Jet Services - PTK
 - > May - Oct at Romeo State Airport D98
- ◆ International Aerobatics Day Celebration, Romeo A/P D98 - **June 24**
- ◆ IAC Open Championship East, Bay City - **July 7- 9**
- ◆ Yooper Looper Contest, Marquette - **August 11-13**
- ◆ Ohio Fall Frolic, Bellefontaine - **August 25-26**
- ◆ Giles Henderson Memorial Challenge, Salem - **September 9-10**

Chapter 88 Contacts

President	Hugo Ritzenthaler (Acting)
Vice President	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Secretary	Laura Buescher
Treasurer	Dave Germann
Newsletter Editor	Hugo Ritzenthaler (Acting)
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Judges School Instructor	Wayne Buescher
Contest Director	Dan Unger

Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor



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May 8, 2023

To: IAC Chapter 88 Officers and Officials

Subject: Letter of Resignation

It is with deep regret that I withdraw from the position of President as of May 31, 2023. Due to ongoing health concerns, it is no longer possible to fulfill my duties with the organization.

I would like to thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve Chapter 88 as President during the past 14 years. Furthermore, I would like for you to know that I have enjoyed my involvement with the chapter since I became a member in 2003.

I wish for Chapter 88 to continue with the promotion of interest in sport aerobatics, precision flying and competition as well as facilitate an environment that fosters safe flying skills.

I will continue my membership and support Chapter 88 as much as my health will permit.

Sincerely,

(signed) Sanford Langworthy

President, IAC Southeastern Michigan Chapter 88

International Aerobatics Day

Saturday, June 24, 2023



**Come and celebrate National Aerobatics Day with
IAC Chapter 88 at Romeo State Airport-D98**

10 am – 5 pm

- **Presentations:**
 - Introduction to International Aerobatic Club
 - Introduction to Aerobatics
 - Competition Aerobatics
- **Static displays of aerobatic rated aircraft**
- **Aerobatic Demonstration Flights**
- **Become a member of IAC Chapter 88**
- **Checkout our Website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/iac88>**

General Public Welcome