

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER



February 2021

<https://chapters.eaa.org/iac88>

President's Column

Hope that everyone stayed well. Since we had to cancel the last two meetings, the chapter would like to continue with its monthly meetings. Please join me on February 13 (in February the 2nd Saturday of the month) at PTK – Hangar #3, starting at 10 AM.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the membership that one of our long time chapter member, Charter Member and former competitor, Dave McKenzie, has fallen seriously ill. Our thoughts are with Dave and we wish him well and hope that he gets better soon. Our thoughts are also going out to his wife Nancy, who too, has been a chapter member and, as Dave was actively involved in the chapter for many, many years.

Just another reminder, January is the time when the membership dues are being collected. Please support Chapter 88 by making this nominal financial contribution of \$20, submit your check made out to IAC Chapter 88 (see attachment, Membership Application Form) and mail it to: David Germann, Treasurer, 32793 Greenwood Drive, Chesterfield, MI 48047.

Sandy

Main Events in 2021

Spring Banquet

In lieu of the Holiday Get-together. Date and location pending local and state restrictions.

Judges School:

Wayne Buescher, Certified IAC J.S. Instructor, offered to teach the class. We are looking for a late April/May timeframe at a Pontiac (PTK) facility. More details to follow.

Michigan Aerobatic Open

We decided to stay with the weekend after the Fourth of July holiday, which is July 9 – 11. Thursday is box set-up day, Friday registration and practice, Saturday and Sunday being the competition days. Dan Unger accepted being Contest Director, Hugo will be assistant CD. We would like to fill all volunteer positions as soon as possible, please let Dan know of your preferred assignment.

Chapter Practice Days

Chapter 88 will continue in 2021 with a monthly practice day Romeo State A/P (D98). Pending seasonal temperatures, we could start as early as March. Assuming that the restrictions concerning the Covid 19 pandemic have eased by the time of our 2021 contest to safely hold the annual Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship, these practice days are an opportunity for pilots, judges and assistant judges to get ready for the new season and the contest.

Practice Days also provide an opportunity for anyone to fly for a SMOOTH Patch. Reviewing the IAC list of current active Chapter 88 members who have obtained an Achievement Award, there are many of you who could still add a few Smooth Patches to your collection (see chapter website <https://chapters.eaa.org/iac88> "Members Flying Awards").

Other Issues

Contest Insurance

Airports/Cities typically don't require special contest site liability insurance. Of all the locations Chapter 88 has been hosting a contest during the 40+ years, only Bay City requires additional insurance beyond the \$1,000,000 the Chapter is insured for. During the past years the chapter was able to make up the \$3 million by obtaining another million from EAA at no charge, another million was posted using one of our chapter member's liability insurance. As of last year, EAA requires that the chapter signs up, for whatever amount is required for the contest, at the time when the annual chapter renewal is applied for. This has become quite expensive, as \$2 million would cost about \$650 and \$3 million even more. This is an additional financial burden to the chapter that needed to be addressed to make future contests viable.

During a recent IAC webcast round table meeting with Jim Bourke, President, Hugo addressed this issue. Interesting enough, only Chapter 88 and one other chapter had a need for more than the \$1 million contest insurance. During the meeting it was agreed that IAC corporate would address the contest insurance issue with EAA as there was a general consensus that the Chapter should not have to buy expensive liability insurance on an annual rate that is only needed for typically 4 days of the year. Hugo forwarded a summary document stating Chapter 88's insurance issue to the Executive Director of IAC. A copy can be obtained at the next chapter meeting.

Chapter 88 Documents

We are still searching for the Chapter Archive Box, in which many of the Chapter documents are stored. One of the items in that archive is the Chapter 88 Charter Certificate. It is possible that this Chapter Archive Box ended up in the contest trailer that is stored in the Dora hangar in Bay City. As soon as temperatures permit, we need to look through the trailer content.

Chapter Bank Account Transfer

The Chapter is still working on getting the signature authority for the bank account transferred from Brian Roodvoets (Treasurer from 2013 – 2019) to David Germann, who took over the Treasurer position early 2020. Progress is slow, but we are being supported by Steve Tupper (Treasurer 2011-2012) and Kim Kovach (Treasurer 1987-1995). Thank you Steve and Kim. Some of the information we are looking for may also be secured in the Chapter Archive Box, that the Chapter is trying to locate.

50th Chapter 88 Anniversary - 2023

We are looking for volunteers to join a festivity committee, a Master of Ceremony and lots of input from current and former members to reflect upon the history of the Southeast Michigan IAC Chapter 88.

FOR SALE

Doug Dodge's Machaira is for sale. For specifics, please contact Doug Dodge: (989) 893-0801, ddodge@netscape.com



<https://www.dacyairshows.com/doug-dodge--machaira-.html>

AEROBATIC INSTRUCTIONS



Great Lakes that is used for the training

Contact Jason Ledbetter, phone 734-276-6581, email bubbleburger@gmail.com. Location Ann Arbor Airport (AAR)

2021 Calendar

February 13 (**second Saturday**) - Monthly chapter meeting at Hangar #3 – PTK (masks required inside the training room)

March 20 – Chapter Practice/Patch Day (pending weather conditions)

March/April – Chapter Spring Dinner (pending local Covid 19 restrictions)

April/May – IAC Chapter 88 Judges School (at PTK)

June 19 – IAC Chapter 88 Promotion Day at Valley Aero Club Fly-In at 3CM

July 9-11– Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship, Bay City (3CM)

August 20-22 –Giles Henderson Memorial Challenge, Salem (SLO)

September 4-5 – Yooper Looper Contest, Marquette (SAW)

September 9-12 – Ohio Aerobatic Open, Bellefontaine (EDJ)

New EAA/IAC Chapter 88 Website

Please navigate through our new website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/IAC88>

All Newsletters are archived on the Chapter website.

We are looking for photos for the “Chapter Member”, the “**What Members are Flying**” and input for the “**Flying Awards**” page. We are also asking for general input like tech reports, personal profiles, etc that may interest the membership or promote IAC and Chapter 88. I am making progress filling in voids regarding our members’ flying achievements. Still need your help to complete this section of the Chapter website. Please forward your input to Hugo.

Chapter 88 Contacts

President	Sandy Langworthy
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Judges School Instructor	Wayne Buescher
Contest Director - 2020	Dan Unger
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Acting Newsletter Editor



IAC CHAPTER 88 S.E. MICHIGAN



Membership Application

Name		Spouse	
Address		Home Phone	
City		Mobile Phone	
State		Email	
EAA #		Exp. Date	
IAC #		Exp. Date	
Aircraft Status	Make/Model	Tail Number	Own/Building
A/C #1			
A/C #2			
A/C #3			

Annual Membership Dues are \$20.00 per voting member
 Membership year starts January 1st
 Make Check Payable to: **IAC Chapter 88**

Please fill out this form and mail with membership dues to
 Chapter 88 Treasurer:
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