

# I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



## NEWSLETTER

**June 2021**

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

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### President's Column

June 26 is National 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 – see details below.

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## National Aerobatics Day – Saturday, June 26, 2021



### Chapter Business

May 17 the chapter met for its monthly meeting and practice/patch day at Romeo State Airport. Present were: Laura Buescher, Wayne Buescher, Dave Germann, Sandy Langworthy, Jason Ledbetter, Roch Moran and Hugo Ritzenthaler. Roch Moran is our newest member who is a pilot and has some experience in aerobatic flight. Welcome Roch, hope you will enjoy being part of the group and perhaps getting back into aerobatic flying.

Discussion focused on the preparations for the Michigan Open competition and the preparations for the Bay City Commission Meeting. At the end of the business meeting Jason Ledbetter practiced figures for the Advanced Smooth Patch and the 2021 Sportsman Known sequence. Hugo practiced his Unlimited Free sequence.



(l-r) Dave Germann, Roch Moran, Jason Ledbetter (Bücker Jungmann), Laura and Wayne Buescher, Sandy Langworthy, Hugo Ritzenthaler (Staudacher Pitts S-1-E)

## Main Events in 2021

### Michigan Aerobatic Open Competition

Chapter 88 is hosting a 5 category contest the weekend after the Fourth of July holiday, which is July 9 – 11. To facilitate the registration process, we are asking competitors to pre-register before the **deadline of July 1** by emailing the **Registration, Tech Inspection** and **Volunteer Sign-Up** forms as well as a **copy** of their signed **Free Sequence** to Laura Buescher, Registrar (rvbird617b@aol.com).

#### Forms:

<https://www.iac.org/sites/www.iac.org/files/IAC%20Official%20Entry%20Form%20-%20editable%20RV.pdf>

Thursday, July 8, is box set-up day, starting at 10 am. Anyone free to lend a hand putting out the Box markers is welcome to join us.

Any questions regarding the contest, please contact Contest Director Dan Unger (586-675-6030) or assistant Hugo (586-588-0145). We would like to fill all volunteer positions as soon as possible, please let Dan know of your preferred assignment.

Contest hotel booking information: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Bay City, 3959 Traxler Ct, Bay City, Mi 48706, Phone 989-667-3800. Room & Rate Information: King Standard \$104.99+ tax, Double Queen Standard \$109.99 + tax. To make a reservation, please call the front desk (989)-667-3800 and mention the **Michigan Aerobatic Competition Room block**.

## Other Issues

### Contest Insurance Requirements – Bay City Special Event Permit

End of past April Chapter 88 forwarded an official request to the City of Bay City to reclassify the Special Event Hazard category for the Michigan Aerobatic Open Competition from High Hazard to Medium Hazard. A change to Medium Hazard would lower the Special Event insurance requirement from \$3 million to \$1million. This request was denied.

During the following weeks the City Attorney had been contacted to inquire what other venues Chapter 88 has to pursue the S.E.Hazard category reclassification. The suggestion was to address the Chapter's request at the next City Commission Meeting on June 7, 2021. During an IAC Round Table ZOOM meeting, IAC corporate was made aware of our issue. Jim Bourke, IAC President, immediately forwarded a letter to the City Attorney to request a resolution on Chapter 88's behalf. Next, a revised presentation to argue our case has been prepared and forwarded to the City Manager. All during these weeks of trying to find resolution, Chuck Binder, President of the Valley Aero Club, was and still is a valuable contact and interface with the Airport Advisory Board, thank you Chuck. Hence, in parallel the James Clements Airport Advisory Board, chaired by Scott Holman, forwarded a resolution to the City Manager in support of Chapter 88's request.

Dan Unger, CD, and Hugo, Assistant CD, will represent Chapter 88 at the June 7 Commission Meeting. Chapter members are welcome to attend for moral support.

## **2021 Calendar**

**June 19** – Joint contest prep meeting with Bay City Valley Aero Club and A/P Manager at James Clements A/P – 3CM

**June 26** – National Aerobatics Day – Special Aerobic Promotion & Chapter Practice/Patch Day at Romeo State Airport – D98. Activities commence 10 am end 5 pm:

- Introduction to Aerobatics and Competition Aerobatics
- Static display of aerobatic rated aircraft
- Aerobatic demonstration flights
- Chapter 88 Membership Promotion

July 8 – Box Day, Bay City (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)

September 19-24 – US National Aerobatic Championship, Salina, KS

## **Chapter Bank Account Transfer**

The Chapter is still working on getting the signature authority for the bank account transferred.

## **50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Chapter Practice Days**

Chapter 88 will continue in 2021 with a monthly practice day Romeo State A/P (D98). A schedule will be issued with the April NL.

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”).

### **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
Vice President	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Secretary	Laura Buescher
Treasurer	Dave Germann
Web Master	Hugo Ritzenthaler & Brian Roodvoets
Newsletter Editor	Hugo Ritzenthaler (Acting)
Judges School Instructor	Wayne Buescher
Contest Director - 2021	Dan Unger
Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Unger
Registrar	Laura Buescher & Kim Fanelli

Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor

## Miscellaneous

### FOR SALE:

Doug Dodge's Machaira is for sale.



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

For specifics, please reply to: [ddodge@netscape.com](mailto:ddodge@netscape.com) (still a valid address)

### FOR SALE:

Dave McKenzie's Swick T-Clip (1941 Taylorcraft BC12) This Swick was originally built by Jim Swick. It was used to attain the STC for the 180hp Lycoming IO360. Aluminum spars and ribs. Spring aluminum landing gear. O SMOH IO360, Bendix PS5 carb. Doug Dodge Super Pitts Cowling. Logs on both airframe and engine. Project is in climate controlled hangar at McKenzie's Landing in Howell, Michigan \$25,000 OBO. For inquiries, text Mike McKenzie (205) 612-3480 or email: [mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com)



**FOR SALE:**

Dave McKenzie's Sorrell Hiperbipe project. Fuselage welded and sitting on heat-treated spring steel gear. O SMOH 212 hp IO360 and Hartsell constant speed prop. Project is in climate controlled hangar at McKenzie's Landing in Howell, Michigan  
\$14,000 OBO. For inquiries, text Mike McKenzie (205) 612-3480 or email: mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com



**FOR SALE:**

Two safety parachutes  
1 Security 250 approx 35 yrs old  
1 Security 150 approx 30 yrs old      Make offer.



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**FOR SALE:**

Almost new, very low time Christen Eagle spring aluminum landing gear.  
Asking 800.00.



Contact: Matt Haigh (haighaviation@yahoo.com)



# 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:  
 Dave Germann  
 32793 Greenwood Drive  
 Chesterfield, MI 48047