

# I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



## NEWSLETTER



January 2021

>>> **NEW CHAPTER 88 WEBSITE** <<<

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

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### President's Column

Happy New Year. Considering the restriction we all had to live with this holiday season, I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing time with your family.

A thank you to all chapter officers and volunteers for their contribution during the past year.

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.

Not knowing at this time what the new Michigan Covid 19 orders after January 15 will look like, we decided to postpone the meeting and instead pull up the February meeting to the second Saturday in the month. Please join me on February 13 at our first chapter meeting of the new year. We will be meeting at PTK – Hangar #3 starting at 10 AM.

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.

#### 2021 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

### Chapter 88 Documents

I am 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. If the original certificate can't be located, a copy would be a great replacement. I have made contact with IAC/EAA to inquire whether they kept a copy in their archive. Unfortunately, they don't keep copies of those certificates. If anyone can point me in the right direction, I will take it from there. All help is greatly appreciated.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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](mailto:bubbleburger@gmail.com). Location Ann Arbor Airport (AAR)

### 2021 Calendar

January 16 - Monthly chapter meeting canceled due to pending Covid restrictions

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

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

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

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>

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 - 2020	Dan Unger
Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Unger

Hugo Ritzenthaler

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:  
 Dave Germann  
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