

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan

NEWSLETTER

January 2018

www.IAC88.eaachapter.org

From the Editor

Happy New Year to all of you!

Here is a picture of our Christmas meeting last December. The only one who was there but is missing on the picture is Flip Colmer. But he left that big box of chocolates so I guess that counts too.



I was picked for the Contest Director position for this year's Michigan Aerobatic Open, and at the November meeting I was talked into accepting that position. As a first time Director I will need all your help and then some. Please consider volunteering in one of the many open positions.

Quinter

January Chapter Meeting

Our January chapter meeting is coming up this Saturday, January 13, 10am at Bay City Airport (3CM, terminal building). We are meeting with the Bay City Valley Aero Club to start preparations for our 2018 aerobatic contest, scheduled for the July 14/15 weekend.

Agenda items, as suggested by Hugo:

1. Michigan Open preparations
 - 1.1. B.C. event permit
 - 1.2. IAC insurance
 - 1.3. Waiver
 - 1.4. Volunteers
 - 1.5. Sponsors
 - 1.6. Contest flyer
 - 1.7. Hotel , block of rooms
 - 1.8. other
2. Future location of monthly chapter meeting
3. National Judge application
4. Discussion of 2018 known sequences

Some Chapter 88 History ...



**(Back row standing) Bob Barnes, George Lytle, Unknown, and Bob Barnes' son.
(Front row kneeling) Don MacDonald, Unknown, and Clarence Landowski.**

This photo came to me several years ago from Clarence Landowski, one of the charter members of IAC Chapter 88. Since the Chapter originated in 1973, this photo was probably taken in the middle to later 1970's. As you can see, the background shows Lamont Airport, which was near Deckerville, Michigan - in the "Thumb". Glenn Lamont owned (I believe) the airport, and his claim to fame was owning and restoring a B-25 bomber. I don't recall why the group was there, but project visitations were sometimes the subject of chapter meetings. I don't see the airport shown on the latest Detroit Sectional chart. Something about two of the people in the photo before remembering George Lytle. Bob Barnes was the first certified judge that we had in the chapter. You couldn't believe how small the rule book was back then. Regarding Clarence Landowski, when the United States

bicentennial was celebrated in 1976, Clarence purchased a vanity license plate from the State of Michigan which read: EAA-IAC. A real booster.

I had probably gotten to the meeting in the rear seat of George Lytle's Citabria. George had purchased the airplane brand new (for slightly over \$7000.), after having owned two Waco UPF-7's. George was my next door neighbor in Royal Oak when we purchased our first house there (used, for \$17,250.) I thought that you should have some perspective of the times. Anyway, George liked company on his Saturday morning flights and I spent many hours reading the sectional chart and matching up the landmarks on the ground. The week-end flights were usually preceded with coffee at the airport, and lunch after the Citabria was hangared; always including a social aspect that we all appreciate. George was probably instrumental in me learning to fly and getting a pilots license. My wife, Mary K., saw my interest and bought me a gift certificate for one flying lesson for Christmas in 1970. She purchased it from Berz Flying Service, now Oakland-Troy Airport. Ted Berz was my instructor and he lived across the street from us. A happy confluence of aviators and my eternal thanks to Mary K., George and Ted . Mary K. probably couldn't envision where a \$26. per hour purchase (more perspective) would lead, but here we are.

Gunter, you asked for a story to go with the photo. I guess that when I got started, my memory bank really kicked in. All of us loved George Lytle and he, along with Dan's father, Bill Unger, started IAC Chapter 88. Thanks for the opportunity to reminisce and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Don MacDonald

IAC #2621; EAA # 67901

November Chapter Meeting Minutes

Seven chapter members were in attendance at the home of Gunther Niederbacher: Sandy Langworthy, Don MacDonald, Hugo Ritzenthaler, Brian Roodvoets, Gunther Niederbacher, Wayne Buescher, and Laura Buescher.

Don MacDonald shared the Chapter 88 official membership listing from his recent copy of the IAC Membership Book. Discussion about Past/Present members followed. We invite and welcome everyone to maintain a dues paying membership in Chapter 88 and to join in activities.

Hugo Ritzenthaler confirmed a location for our Christmas Dinner /December Meeting. The venue of choice is Picano's Italian Grille, 3775 Rochester Rd, Troy, MI 48083 at 4PM, December 3, 2017. This location is easy to find and presents a tasty menu. Ample seating is available, yet an RSVP to Hugo would be appreciated.

At previous monthly meetings, a change of meeting location was proposed. Sandy Langworthy confirmed the next Chapter 88 meeting will be held at Oakland County International Airport (Pontiac Airport)/ KPTK, 6500 Highland Rd, Waterford Twp, MI 48327.

The meeting day is changing to the third Saturday of the month.

An enhanced meeting format will include a business meeting at the terminal followed by continued "pilot talk" at a local eatery.

Our January meeting is scheduled for 10 AM, January 13, 2018 at Bay City Airport 3CM).

The repairs to the IAC 88 trailer have been completed by Hugo. Thank you, Hugo.

The Dora Hangar renovations continue and the completed projects are outstanding. Our complements to the Valley Aero Club.

We extend a hardy thank you to Brian Roodvoets for dedicated service to this chapter in multiple capacities: web editor, Facebook editor, Contest Director, and Chapter Treasurer. Your diligence has not gone unnoticed. Thank you, also, for continuing as Chapter Treasurer.

Online editor of IAC web site and Facebook website will be Hugo Ritzenthaler.

Contest Director for the 2018 Michigan Aerobatic Open is Gunther Niederbacher.

Gunther, Brian and Hugo will meet in early January to clarify actions, timeline, etc.

The contest date is under consideration. Informed discussion will continue at next meeting.

Sincere thanks to Gunther for his outstanding hospitality hosting this November IAC Chapter meeting.

Laura

Chapter 88 Calendar

For back issues of the newsletter, and other chapter information please go to the chapter web site.

*Note: All chapter meetings are held on the **third Sunday** of each month at the **Howell Terminal Building** Howell MI (KOZW), unless stated otherwise. Officer meeting starts at 1:00pm, Chapter Member meeting at 2:00pm.*

Chapter meetings in conjunction with Critique Sessions are held at the airport on the day of the event. If the weekend is rained out the meeting will be held Sunday in Howell.

January 13	Chapter Meeting, 10am	Bay City Airport Terminal
July 14/15	Michigan Aerobatic Open	Bay City (3CM)

IAC CHAPTER 88, S.E. MICHIGAN

Membership Application / Information Form



Please fill out this form and mail to:

Brian Roodvoets
PO Box 14
Lapeer, MI 48446

Annual Dues are \$20.00 per voting member

Membership year starts January 1st

Make Checks Payable to: **IAC CHAPTER 88**

Name		Spouse	
Address		Home Phone	
Address 2		Work Phone	
City		Mobile Phone	
State		Email	
		2nd Email	
EAA #		Exp. Date	
IAC #			
2nd EAA #		Exp. Date	
2nd IAC #			
Aircraft Status	Make / Model / Type:	Tail Number	Own / Building / Restoring?
A/C #1			
A/C #2			
A/C #3			
A/C #4			

In order to conserve chapter resources, Newsletters are only sent by Email, so please be sure to provide one for us to use.