

# I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



## NEWSLETTER

July 2024

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### President's Column

Since the publication of the June newsletter, two of the chapter's annual main events have taken place.

At the end of June, the chapter celebrated International Aerobatics Day at Romeo State Airport. There was a mix of aircraft on site including a T-6 from the Tuskegee Air Force piloted by Steve Tupper, a Super Decathlon piloted by Pat Hernandez, a Staudacher F600S piloted by Wayne Buescher and my Staudacher Pitts S1E. Later in the day, Pat Hernandez returned with his GB1 Game Bird for a fly-by. Part of the event program were demonstration flights by chapter members: Wayne flew the Intermediate Known sequence and I demonstrated for members and guests the Unlimited sequence. After the conclusion of the flying portion of the program, Cliff Alficci, Master Parachute Packer, demonstrated the use of a safety chute and answered many questions raised by the group attending the lecture.

Two weeks later the chapter hosted its 47<sup>th</sup> aerobatic competition, the Michigan Open, at James Clements Airport in Bay City. Although the weather was great for practicing on Friday, Pilots from the southern states were prevented from making the trip due to adverse conditions throughout that region. Weather conditions finally caught up with us on Saturday, hence, competition flying did not commence until about 3 pm. With a relatively low competitor count, we were able to complete the Known and Free program before regrouping for the banquet at the Dora hangar. Once again, Chef Mary Unger delighted everyone with a superb steak dinner and delicious side dishes.

Without naming every one of the many volunteers, a special thank you to all of you, you made this contest happen. For this year's contest we had two important volunteer positions to fill. One was the Registrar, after Laura Buescher wished to pass on this task after 15 consecutive years of performing this duty. We would like to thank Heather Campbell for taking on this assignment. It was a kind of learning on the job, but Heather took it on and did an outstanding job mastering the duties involved. The other position was Scoring. For several years, Lorrie Penner from Chapter 34 and IAC Sports Aerobatics Editor, helped out by filling this task. Not finding a replacement in time, Dan Unger, who was already multitasking as Contest Director and Chief Judge, on short notice learned how to program Jasper and with the assistance of Heather and Tim Stackhouse produced the ledger of pilot standings well in time for the competitor award ceremony.

Thank you, team.

During the contest we welcomed some special guests. We all were delighted to see Sandy Langworthy, past chapter president, visit for a short while. Former member Nancy McKenzie, whose late husband Dave McKenzie was instrumental in getting organized aerobatics going in Michigan in the early 1970ties, took the opportunity to see us in Bay City. Nancy had relocated from Howell to Harrisville, some distance north of Bay City, a few years back. Virginia and Brian Jacobson stopped at the contest on their way to Oshkosh as they have done years before. Finally, Walt Plentis, former member and competitor stopped to say hello.

Finally, I would like to welcome Julian Campillo, latest member joining Chapter 88. Julian is based at Ann Arbor and is competing in a Citabria in the Primary and Sportsman category.

The next MidAmerica contest will take place at Sawyer International A/P August 2-4. Please support our sister chapter in Michigan by volunteering for many of the open positions. Looking forward to seeing you in Marquette.

With AirVenture taking place in Oshkosh and Romeo airport being closed until early August due to runway reconstruction, there will be no chapter meeting/practice day in July.

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## 2024 Event Calendar

### Save the Day

**Monthly Chapter meetings - 3rd Saturday each month**

**Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting August 17th – starting at 10 am**

Romeo State Airport Terminal Building D98

15340 32 Mile Rd, Ray, MI

### **Mid-America Region Contests:**

**Yooper Looper, Marquette – Aug 2 - 4**

**IAC East Open Championship, Bellefontaine – August 16-17**



### **Practice and Critique Days**

**August 17, 2024**

**September 21, 2024**

**October 19, 2024**

**NOTAM ISSUED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM**

**Questions: contact Hugo: 586-588-0145**

## 2024 Chapter 88 Contacts

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| President and Web-Master | Hugo Ritzenhaler |
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| Judges School Instructor | Wayne Buescher   |
| Contest Director - 2024  | Dan Unger        |

## What's new at Chapter 88

The Michigan Aerobatic Open took place early in July. After a typical, almost mandatory, Michigan weather delay, the flying got underway with some excellent displays of airmanship.

### *Congratulations to all of our Competitors!*







***Thank you to all of the volunteers that make this Contest Fun and Safe!***







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**Golden Anniversary Membership Application**

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| Name               |      | Email |  |
| Address            |      | Phone |  |
| City               |      | EAA # |  |
| State              |      | IAC # |  |
| Aircraft<br>Status | Make | Model |  |

Comments:

Annual Membership Dues are \$20

Membership 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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