

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

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>>> NEW CHAPTER 88 WEBSITE <<<

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

President's Column

With the 2020 chapter practice days behind us, the monthly chapter meeting returns to the training room of Hangar #3 at Pontiac A/P. I would like to invite everyone to join our monthly meetings as there are many important issues that will be addressed.

Please join me on November 21, the meeting starts at 10 AM.

Sandy

Chapter Business

A very brief Chapter Meeting in conjunction with the monthly practice day was held on October 17 at Romeo State Airport. Present were Sandy Langworthy, Dave Germann, Kim Fanelli and Hugo. Unfortunately, Jason Ledbetter was unable to attend as his Bücker Jungmann was in for the annual inspection. Alex Ayers, who wanted to fly for his Primary SMOOTH Patch in the Great Lakes, returned for his well-deserved time off to his home in Pennsylvania for the weekend.

Following are the main agenda points that had been addressed:

2020 Holiday Get-together

It was decided at the meeting that, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we would forgo this year's holiday dinner and plan instead a spring get-together.

2021 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.

The Fifth and last Chapter Practice Day this year took place on October 17 at D98. It was another perfect day for this kind of flying event. Unfortunately, two pilots who participated in previous practice days and were planning to practice were unable to attend. Alex Ayers, who is taking instructions in a Great Lakes had a weekend off and visited his home in Pennsylvania and Jason Ledbetter's Bücker Jungmann is undergoing the annual inspection. Hugo practiced the 2020 Unlimited Known in his Staudacher Pitts S-1-E, watch the You Tube video <https://youtu.be/9FADxe9cGfo> (note, the camera was angled sideways in a way that it distorted the alignment with the X-Y axis. I was not aware that I am flying with my mouth open, must be because I am running out of oxygen up there).



Sandy, Dave, Kim (Hugo taking the picture)



Kim trying out fit and function of a Pitts (Kim is presently working on her tailwheel endorsement, flying a Stinson).

Future 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").

Chapter 88 practice days will be managed in accordance to IAC guidelines. These can be found on the IAC website: <https://www.iac.org/chapter-resources>

EAA insurance will be applied for each of the practice days. Insurance covers also rain dates, typically the following weekend.

Every pilot participant must obtain a pilot briefing and undergo a **tech inspection and document check**, identical to that when attending an IAC sanctioned contest, prior to flying in the designated waived airspace. Bring a copy of your sequence for a judge to critique you. For anyone flying for patches, we have copies of the patch forms.

APA Symbols on Sectionals

By the way, if you have signed up to the Acro Exploder, you may have come across lots of conversations concerning the addition of an Aerobatic Practice Area symbol on Aeronautical Charts by the FAA.



Page 29 of the Aeronautical Chart User's Guide

https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/aero_guide/media/editions/05Nov2020/cug-visual-edition.pdf

IAC Board Meeting – Nov. 14, 2020

By the time of the next Chapter Meeting, the annual IAC Board Meeting had been held and meeting minutes most likely have been issued. Anyone interested in the meeting agenda, check out this link <https://www.iac.org/meeting-docs> for details of what is being addressed.

Anyone interested in the 2021 proposed KNOWN sequences, check out item 10 of the IAC board meeting agenda.

Chapter 88 Documents

I am still searching for the famous 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.

G EFFECTS ON THE PILOT DURING AEROBATICS

I read this write-up almost 40 years ago when I started flying aerobatics in my Pitts. I just came across it again few days ago. Anyone doing aerobatics or intending to fly and compete in aerobatics would be wise reading this article: <https://apps.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/751397.pdf>

There was also a whole slew of safety articles in the May 1997 edition of Sport Aerobatics, addressing the G-Effect on the pilot. If you don't have a copy of that issue, please let me know and I will send you a copy of the articles.

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)

2020/2021 Calendar

November 21 – Monthly chapter meeting at Hangar #3 – PTK (masks required inside the training room)

December – NO MEETING

January 16, 2021 - Monthly chapter meeting at Hangar #3 – PTK (masks required inside the training room)

February 20, 2021 - Monthly chapter meeting at Hangar #3 – PTK (masks required inside the training room)

Feb/March 2021 – Chapter Spring Dinner (pending local Covid 19 restrictions)

March 20, 2021 – Chapter Practice/Patch Day (pending weather conditions)

April/May 2021 – IAC Chapter 88 Judges School (at PTK)

June 19, 2021 – IAC Chapter 88 Promotion Day at Valley Aero Club Fly-In at 3CM

July 9-11, 2021 – Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship, Bay City (3CM)

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.

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Hugo Ritzenthaler

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Membership Application

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City		Mobile Phone	
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EAA #		Exp. Date	
IAC #		Exp. Date	
Aircraft Status	Make/Model	Tail Number	Own/Building
A/C #1			
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A/C #3			

Annual Membership Dues are \$20.00 per voting member
 Membership year starts January 1st
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