

# I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



## NEWSLETTER

September 2020

>>> NEW CHAPTER 88 WEBSITE <<<

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

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### President's Column

#### Cancellation of 2020 Michigan Aerobatic Open

Regrettably, due to a low number of confirmed competitor sign-up, but also because there was a severe shortage of line judges, holding a competition became operationally unfeasible. Although we had all precautions in place to fully comply with the Covid-19 orders, many of the out of state competitors chose not to make the trip. Furthermore, because of the closure of the US border we also lost competitors and line judges from the neighboring Ontario who have in past years supported the Michigan contest. I would like to thank Dan Unger, Contest Director, and everyone who has been involved in and has supported the preparations of the 2020 Michigan Open for their dedication and hard work. A special thank you also to Chuck Binder, Charlie Smith from the Bay City Valley Aero Club and Doug Dodge (recently retired A/P Manager of 3CM) for supporting this annual event.

#### Welcome New Members

I would like to welcome two new members to IAC Chapter 88. During the August 15 chapter practice day, chapter members in attendance witnessed the first solo flight of Jeff Fanelli from Clarkston while we were getting ready for the monthly practice session. Jeff's wife, Kim, was present to take pictures of this special event. Upon the completion of Jeff's flight, we were meeting Kim and Jeff and learned that Kim has already been a pilot for a little over one year. She did take spin training in a Decathlon, her first exposure to aerobatic flight. Kim also is working for The Ninety-Nines, Inc, International Organization of Women Pilot, in the position of Michigan North Central Section Chapter Vice Chairman. Kim expressed high interest in learning more about our organization and aerobatic flight. Again, welcome Kim and Jeff to IAC Chapter 88.

Sandy

#### Chapter Business

A very brief Chapter Meeting in conjunction with the monthly practice day was held on August 15 at Romeo State Airport. Present were Sandy Langworthy, Laura & Wayne Buescher, Dave Germann, and Hugo. Laura and Wayne informed the chapter officers prior to this meeting that

they would not be able to attend the Michigan Open in September. All contest material (shirts, printer and other accessories) were turned over to Hugo.

### Chapter 88 Practice / Patch Days

The chapter has obtained a 3 year, long term aerobatic practice area (LT-APA) Certificate of Waiver for Romeo State Airport – D98. Plans are to hold a monthly Practice Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 16:00:

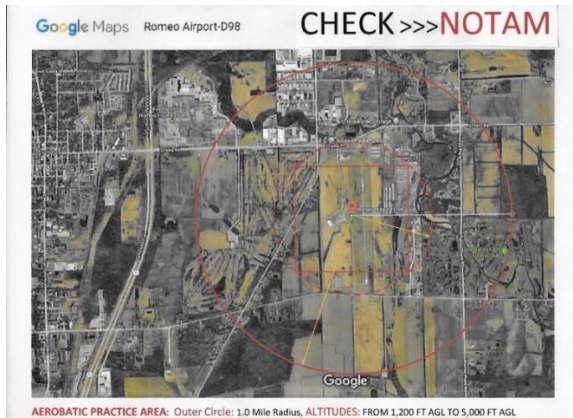
**Third chapter practice day** took place on August 15 at D98. It was a one pilot show with Hugo flying the 2020 Unlimited Known and Free sequence in his Staudacher Pitts S-1-E. It was a very hot day, resulting in few practice flights.



### Future practice days:

September 19 (EAA insurance has been applied for)

October 17 (pending, Ohio contest is scheduled for this weekend)



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.

## 2020 Calendar

September 12-13: Michigan Aerobatic Open, Bay City **CANCELED**

**September 19: Chapter 88 Practice Day & monthly meeting, Romeo State Airport – D98**

September 25-27: Yooper Looper, Marquette **CANCELED**

September 20-25: US Nationals, Salina, KS **CANCELED**

October 16-17: Ohio Aerobatic Open, Bellefontaine

October 24-25: Salem Contest

November 21 – Monthly chapter meeting at Hangar #3 – PTK

December ??? – Annual Chapter Holiday Dinner

## 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” and for the “What Members are Flying” page. We are also asking for general input and write ups that may interest the membership or promote IAC and Chapter 88. Please forward your input to Hugo.

## Chapter 88 Contacts

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Contest Director - 2020	Dan Unger
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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  
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