

# I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



## NEWSLETTER

January 2025

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### President's Column

#### Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season.

As 2024 has come to an end we are looking back at many events Chapter 88 had organized during the year. I would like to thank everyone who attended those events either as a volunteer or active participant for their contribution to the success of Chapter 88.

Good news, there will be another contest taking place in the Mid-America region this year. Illinois Chapter 1 is hosting its first contest after a long break at Platteville, WI airport July 11-13.

With another aerobatic season ahead of us, I would like to invite everyone to participate in the many events Chapter 88 is planning this year. Please follow the posts in the newsletter for specific dates during the year and mark your calendar accordingly. Join those events as a pilot, a volunteer or just as an observer and enthusiast of aerobatic flying. If you have any questions, comments or input, please contact me or any of the chapter officers and we will make sure that one of us will respond.

Last but not least, 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, IAC Chapter 88  
32793 Greenwood Drive  
Chesterfield, MI 48047.

Let's have a safe 2025 flying season,

Hugo

**Save the Day**

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

**Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting *January 18th* – starting at 10 am**

**at Premier Jet Services (PTK) conference room**

**6740 South Service Dr. Waterford, MI 48327**

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



**Judges School (in the planning, date to be posted)**

**International Aerobatics Day Celebration, Romeo A/P (D98)  
– June 28**

**Michigan Open Aerobatic Championship, Bay City  
– July 11-13**

**The Robert L. Heuer Classic, Platteville, WI – July 19-20**

**Yooper Looper Contest, Marquette – August 22-24**



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## Chapter News



Jim at the 2000 Chapter 1 contest  
New Lenox, Illinois

### Jim Klick has gone West

We are sorry to learn that Jim Klick, member of IAC Chapter 1, passed away October 31, 2024. Jim was a frequent competitor at Chapter 88's annual Michigan competitions. I was fortunate to compete with Jim at many of the IAC contests throughout the Midwest. He will be remembered as an enthusiastic competitor and someone fun to be around.

Fair Skies Jim  
Hugo



The chapter closed the year with the traditional Holiday Get-together. Everyone attending had a good time and enjoyed the food and the conversation at Picano's.



I would like to congratulate Wayne Buescher who received the 2024 Harold E. Neumann Award for his outstanding contributions as Chief Judge within the Mid-America region since 2013.

Wayne's involvement as a chief judge goes beyond our own Michigan Open as he has taken on that assignment at other Mid-America contests.

Thank you Wayne, for your dedication and support of IAC!



### 2024 Harold E Neumann Award





**IAC CHAPTER 88**  
**Southeastern Michigan**



**Golden Anniversary Membership Application**

Name		Email	
Address		Phone	
City		EAA #	
State		IAC #	
Aircraft 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:

Dave Germann

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