

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

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

President's Column

IAC Chapter 88 has been meeting at Oakland Air for its monthly meetings since March 2021. We would like to thank Joe Borgesen, Owner/President, and David Lussier, Gen.Manager of Oakland Air for offering the use of the conference room during 2021. Oakland Air has recently been acquired by Premier Jet Services. Mike Duker, Gen.Manager, has welcomed Chapter 88 to continue with its monthly meeting at their newly remodeled facility. The Officers of Chapter 88 appreciate his supporting of our organization.

Sandy

Chapter Business

October 16 was Chapter 88's monthly meeting and last practice/patch day for the season at Romeo State A/P. Present were: Sandy Langworthy, Dave Germann, Mario Accardo, Chris Felton and Hugo Ritzenthaler. Roch Morin and spouse Jacqueline checked in before taking off to a family event in Holland, Michigan. Mario and Chris flew into Romeo with their recently acquired Yak 52 (find out more about Mario and the Yak below).

The following issues were addressed during the meeting:

- 2021 Michigan Open Contest: Payment of invoice for Bay City Event Coordinator on hold. Awaiting feedback from the City of Bay City.
- 2022 Michigan Open Contest:
 - need to fill all volunteer position a.s.a.p.
 - Hugo followed up with IAC Corporate regarding the change in contest insurance amount for 2022. IAC is still working with EAA on that issue. Issue has also been raised with Regional Director and IAC Executive Director to be addressed at the IAC November Board Meeting.
 - Bay City Event Permit application can now be filed on-line for 2022.

- Chapter bank transfer:

- Chapter 88 hasn't made any progress so far. Key is the EIN number needed to transfer the bank account responsibility or to open a new account. Research has been done concerning the go about to locate the document associated with the EIN number listed on the chapter's W-9 form.

- Dave Germann will contact the IRS by calling the Business & Specialty Tax Line (800-829-4933) to inquire how to acquire the document we are looking for.

- Chapter 88 Archive

- We still have an opportunity to retrieve Dave McKenzie's collection of Chapter 88 items that are stored at the McKenzie residence in Howell. There is a certain urgency to contact Nancy McKenzie as the property and landing strip is up for sale.

- A general discussion about aerobatics and competition flying followed the official part of the meeting.

2022 EAA Chapter Renewal

Deadline to complete the chapter renewal is December 31, 2021.

Dan McGarry Gone West

We are sorry to learn that Dan McGarry, member of IAC Chapter 1, passed away October 6, 2021. Dan was a frequent competitor at Chapter 88's annual Michigan competitions. I was fortunate to compete with Dan at many of the IAC contests throughout the Midwest, he will be remembered as an outstanding competitor and true sportsman.



Dan McGarry (center with Larry Warren and Hugo) placing 1st in Advance at the 1994 Bay City Regional Aerobatic Competition

To read more about Dan McGarry's life and involvement in IAC and Chapter 1, see Mike Heuer's posting on the IAC Website (<https://www.iac.org/>).

Meet our new Member – Mario Accardo



Mario moved to Michigan upon graduating from Virginia Tech and starting his career at Ford Motor Company in 1995. He immediately pursued his Private Pilot Certificate at Oakland Pontiac and went on to his Instrument Rating in 1997. His work took him to Bordeaux, France where he joined Aeroclub Andernos. There he was introduced to the YAK 52.

Upon returning to the US, he obtained his Commercial certificate and volunteered nearly all of his flying to the Civil Air Patrol. He has participated in 15 search and rescue missions, and credited with over a dozen finds. He deployed to the Gulf of Mexico twice to support disaster relief efforts and was credited with saving a flotilla of sea turtles trapped in an oil slick of the coast of Mississippi. He's flown over 50 Counter Drug and 20 Homeland Security missions. He has also given over 550 orientation flights to Air Force ROTC and CAP cadets.

Today, Mario is a Certified Flight Instructor in Glider, Airplane and Instrument. He teaches at the Tuskegee National Historical Museum, and the CAP in the evenings and weekends. He has accumulated nearly 3000 hours of flight experience and is looking forward to learning acrobatics. He and his friends recently purchased a 2003 YAK-52TW. Based on the Yak-52, the TW is designed for the Western market for example, the pneumatic brakes and starter are replaced with Cleveland brakes and an electric starter. The fuel system is upgraded from two hours capacity to 5. The radial engine is modified to develop 400 hp from 360, and the landing gear redesigned for a cleaner, fully retractable conventional configuration from the original partial retracting tricycle gear. Finally, the instrumentation and avionics are of western design and SAE units. Because it was not certified to FAA standards it has an Special Airworthiness Certificate in the Experiment-Exhibition category. The Yak-52TW is a fun airplane to fly and designed for all acrobatic maneuvers.

Recent Competition News

Regional Championship Series - 2021

Chapter 88 is grouped in the MidAmerica Region. To place in any Region, a competitor must fly in at least 3 IAC sanctioned contests during the year in that region (U.S. Nationals may be used as a "wild card" as one of the three contests flown). Following are the leaders of the MidAmerica Region, who qualified for a placement:

- Primary: 1st place Julia Harrington
- Sportsman: 1st place Michael Hoy, 2nd place Brian Hayden
- Intermediate: 1st place Jerry Esquenazi, 2nd place Justin Hickson

- Advanced: 1st place Shaun Brautigan
- Unlimited: 1st place Hugo Ritzenthaler

Primary, Advanced and Unlimited had only one competitor in each category meeting the 3 flights.

Main Events in 2021

November 20 – Chapter 88 monthly meeting – PTK, at **Premier Jet Services** (formerly Oakland Air) conference room (same address 6740 South Service Dr. Waterford, MI 48327)



Holiday Gathering – details to be posted

Main Events in 2022

Judges School

- Awaiting decision from IAC regarding an offering of an on-line class in 2022. Details to be posted.

Monthly Chapter Meetings and Practice/Patch Days at Romeo Airport

– April through October, 3rd Saturday of the month

Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship - July 8 - 10

- Nominations for contest officials and volunteers are being accepted

50th Chapter 88 Anniversary - 2023

We are looking for volunteers to join a festivity committee, a Master of Ceremony and lots of input from current and former members to reflect upon the history of the Southeast Michigan IAC Chapter 88.

Chapter 88 Contacts

President	Sandy Langworthy
Vice President	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Secretary	Laura Buescher
Treasurer	Dave Germann
Web Master	Hugo Ritzenthaler & Brian Roodvoets
Newsletter Editor	Hugo Ritzenthaler (Acting)
Judges School Instructor	Wayne Buescher

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE:

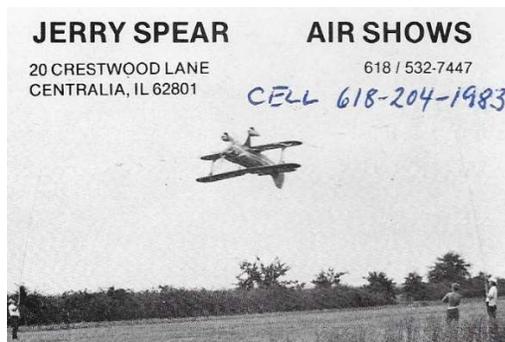
Almost new, very low time Christen Eagle spring aluminum landing gear.
Asking 800.00.



Contact: Matt Haigh (haighaviation@yahoo.com)

FOR SALE:

Pitts S-1, complete and in good condition but needs to be re-assembled. Contact Jerry Spear,
IAC Chapter 61, Centralia, IL, Cell 618-204-1983



Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor



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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
 Make Check Payable to: **IAC Chapter 88**

Please fill out this form and mail with membership dues to
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