

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

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President's Column

After having had to cancel the 2020 Michigan Aerobatic Open due to COVID-19, Chapter 88 got back on track hosting its annual contest this year. After rain and low ceilings on Thursday, Friday turned out to be a perfect day for competitors to fly into Bay City's James Clements Airport for the Michigan Aerobatic Open. Saturday, the first contest day, was exceptional as well and we completed the Known and Free Programs for all five categories. We had a good cross-section of competitors attending from 9 different IAC chapters. Indiana was well represented with six competitors making the trip. A big thank you to the Wild family. Unfortunately, due to the closure of the border with Canada, competitors, judges and volunteers from Ontario were unable to join us at this year's contest. We missed everyone from Canada and hope that everyone will return for the 2022 competition.

I would like to thank the Chapter 88 contest officials and all the volunteers who exerted great efforts to make the 44th Southeast Michigan Chapter 88 Aerobatic Open Championship a great success.

Sandy

Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship July 9 – 11, 2021

Weather certainly cooperated for competitors to fly into James Clements on Friday to complete registration and do some practice flying. The Dora hangar was in excellent condition for the chapter to use as the contest HQ. We do appreciate the Airport Advisory Committee's support.

Laura Buescher, assisted by Kim Fanelli made sure that the registration process was completed prior to competition start on Saturday morning. Thank you Laura and Kim.

Lorrie Penner, IAC Sport Aerobatics Editor, joined us for the weekend and took over scoring, which was greatly appreciated after Brian Roodvoets, on short notice, could not attend due to a family commitment.

Mary Unger, besides fulfilling the assignment as Volunteer Coordinator and providing transportation to/from the flight line with the golf cart that is part of her traditional inventory when attending a contest, Mary also made sure that there was food for the Saturday banquet after we were informed that Krzysiak's would no more cater the banquet dinner. Purchasing all the food and bringing her own grill, Mary surprised all of us with a first class delicious steak dinner. Thank you Mary!

Chapter 88 is fortunate to have two experienced Chief Judges amongst its membership. Sandy Langworthy and Wayne Buescher split the tasks of the Chief Judge function.

No contest will happen without a Starter. Former Chapter 88 competitor Ed Decker made sure that competitors were launched in the correct order to keep the contest on schedule.

There were a number of new Chapter 88 members for whom it was a first time experiencing an aerobatic competition. We appreciate their commitment to get involved and support the chapter events.

This year's contest would not have happened hadn't it been for the support of the Valley Aero Club. Chuck Binder, President VAC, was personally involved prior to and during the contest. Chapter 88 does appreciate VAC's support and that includes Charlie Smith preparing lunch for everyone on Saturday.

Last but not least, a big thank you to Dan Unger, Contest Director, who took charge and kept the event moving. There was never a question that he was not in command.

Pictures – courtesy of Lorrie Penner, Kim Fanelli, Dan Unger, Jason Ledbetter



Friday registration



Saturday morning pilot briefing



Aerobatic aircraft parked in the Dora Hangar



Aircrafts pilots competed in



Decathlons

Staudacher S600F



Extra 300S

Bücker Jungmann



Monosport 360

Yak 52

Pitts S1S



Extra 300S

Staudacher Pitts S1E



Pitts S2A, S1S

Pitts S1S

Extra 300S

On the Judges Line



Chief Judge Table



Chuck Binder – Air Traffic Monitor



Line Judges with Assistants and Recorders



Awards Ceremony



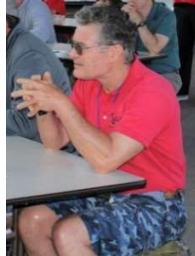
Primary: 1st Place Julia Harrington



Sportsman: 1st Michael Hoy, 2nd Timothy Taylor, 3rd Tim Poe



Intermediate: 1st Jerry Esquenazi (had to leave early), 2nd Matthew Wild, 3rd Wayne Buescher



Advanced: 1st Mitchell Wild, 2nd David Taylor (had to leave early)



Chuck Binder accepting the
Appreciation Plaque for the Bay
City Valley Aero Club



Mary and Dan Unger packing up
for the ride home

The Members of I.A.C. Chapter 88 would like to thank all those who have supported our Contest this year:

JAMES CLEMENTS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT,
BAY CITY
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ADVISORY BOAD
JEFF KOONS - AIRPORT MANAGER
VALLEY AERO CLUB
RANDY HAYWARD
CONTEST VOLUNTEERS
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AIRCRAFT SPRUCE & SPECIALTY

A special thank you to all of our sponsors, whose contribution cover a substantial amount of the expenses associated with hosting a competition.

As in past year's, the Valley Aero Club has again been able to arrange courtesy vehicles for use during the contest weekend. Due to an exceptional early deadline for printing the contest booklets, we were unable to include the Bay City car dealers, **Showcase Mitsubishi** and **George's Auto Repair** in the sponsor section but want to thank both companies for their contribution.

Michigan Aerobatic Open - Results

Pilot	Airplane	Total Percentage
Primary Power		
Julia Harrington	American Champion Decathlon	87.39%
Hugo Ritzenthaler	Staudacher Pitts Special S1E (patch)	65.24%
Sportsman Power		
Michael Hoy	Michael Hoy Monosport	87.48%
Timothy Taylor	Pitts S1C/Ultimate wing	84.89%
Tim Poe	American Champion Decathlon	82.31%
Bryan Hayden	Pitts Special S2A	82.11%
Jason Ledbetter	Bücker Jungmann	80.77%
Dan Unger	Pitts Special S1S	80.05%
Seth Bertram	Yak 52	76.29%
Paige Wild	American Champion Decathlon	73.64%
Monica Johnston	American Champion Decathlon	52.83%
Intermediate Power		
Jerry Esquenazi	Extra 300S	86.00%
Matthew Wild	Extra 300S	79.22%
Wayne Buescher	Staudacher S600F	56.54%
Advanced Power		
Mitchell Wild	Extra 300S	87.21%
David Taylor	Giles G-200	39.34%
Unlimited Power		
Hugo Ritzenthaler	Staudacher Pitts Special S1E	58.38%

Unfortunately, with weather deteriorating on Sunday, the contest ended early. It was decided to call the contest as some of the competitors from the southern part of the country had left late Saturday or were getting ready to leave early Sunday to get home safely. Overall, we had two nearly perfect flying days and a good turnout of competitors.

Chapter 88 Member Status

Kim Fanelli, who joined IAC Chapter 88 in October 2020, has also become a member of IAC. We welcome Kim to the largest Aerobatic organization in the World.

We have new Chapter 88 Members:

Jerry Esquenazi

David Buttler

Main Events in 2021

August 21 – Chapter 88 Practice Day – Romeo State Airport D98, Chapter meeting 10 AM followed by practice flights

August 20-22 –Giles Henderson Memorial Challenge, Salem (SLO)

September 4-5 – Yooper Looper Contest, Marquette (SAW)

September 9-12 – Ohio Aerobatic Open, Bellefontaine (EDJ)

September 19-24 – US National Aerobatic Championship, Salina, KS

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
Contest Director - 2021	Dan Unger
Assistant CD – 2021	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Unger
Registrar	Laura Buescher & Kim Fanelli

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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