

## I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan

# NEWSLETTER

**November 2018**

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### October Chapter Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2018

10:00 A.M.

James Clements Airport, Bay City MI

Attendees: Wayne Buescher, Sandy Langworthy, Hugo Ritzenthaler, Charlie Smith (Valley Aero Club), Don Bonem, Laura Buescher

#### 1. Bay City Contest

2018 - All was well. Holiday Inn Express Motel accommodations were good. Charles Binder is investigating double billing of Bay City Special Events Permit Fee.

2019 - Gunther Niederbacher will be Contest Director.

Contest Dates are July 13 and 14, 2019 Practice and registration on July 12.

Downtown area motels have been remodeled. Hotel venues for 2019 contest will be checked.

Planning will continue early 2019.

Other Notes: City is currently removing nearby above ground telephone poles.

Doug Dodge continues to serve as Interim Airport Manager at James Clements.

#### 2. Judges School

IAC Chapter 88 sponsored Judges School is scheduled for March 16 and 17, 2019.

Three Hotels/Motels have potential: Waterford Quality Inn - \$89, Holiday Inn Express - \$105 with a block of 10 rooms - Normally \$130, Third

possible motel - \$69. Hugo suggested additional visit to motels.

Classroom Options will be verified for availability. E-Sky, Conference Room, other.

Request access to Admin Building for use of comfort facilities.

Check possibility of Subway carry-in for lunch.

Check flight school location for electric outlet placement/availability.

Verify if alternative projection equipment is needed.

Hugo will be responsible for paperwork completion.

Wayne will be responsible for instructional material.

### 3, Calendar

November 17th, 10:00 A.M. meeting at PTK

December 2nd, 4:00 P.M. **Holiday Dinner** at Picano's in Troy, 3375 Rochester Road.

2019 Meetings will resume the third Saturday of the month, 10:00 A.M. schedule.

January 19, 2019 PTK

February 16, 2019 3CM w/ Valley Aero, Review Bay City/ Valley Aero calendars.

A note of thanks to Don Bonem for sharing his video and commentary of the Red Bull Air Race.

*Laura Buescher*

## Dan Unger Receiving the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award

The FAA recognizes pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years of piloting aircraft. Dan had achieved this goal in 2017. On August 11, 2018, in a beautiful setting on Lake Lapper at the residence of one of his pilot friend, Dan was officially presented the award by a representative of the FAA. Part of the ceremony is also dedicated to the spouse for supporting the award recipient during his/her aviation career. Mary received a letter, plaque and stickpin.

Dan Unger is a long standing member of our Michigan IAC Chapter 88 and has been competing at sanctioned IAC contests since the eighties. Mary has been active and supportive at regional competitions as volunteer coordinator for many years.

Dan, congratulations, you can be proud of your accomplishments during your 50 year flying career. We wish you many more years of enjoyment of flying.



*Hugo Ritzenthaler*

## IAC Chapter 88 well represented at the 2018 US Nationals

Although weather did not cooperate the day and days after my intended departure for Oshkosh, I finally made it across on Saturday morning, just in time for the opening ceremony at the EAA museum. Via road travel, I was joined by Sandy Langworthy, Laura and Wayne Buescher. Larry, Elaine and Andy Ernewein, as well as Carole Holyk and Mike Triggvason from our neighboring IAC Chapter 3 of Canada also attended.



Flying was kicked off right after the group photo session in front of the EAA Brown Arch with the Unlimited category flying the Known program. Competition flying did pretty much follow the schedule until Tuesday when low ceilings prevented any flying; a good day to visit the EAA museum. Losing a complete day made it impossible to catch up, since we had other weather related holds during the following days. As the week progressed, temperatures dropped considerably. By Friday we were sitting at the judges line wrapped in blankets.



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Since this year was an Unlimited team selection year with all flights following CIVA rules, I opted not to compete in Unlimited but instead, took it easy by flying in the Sportsman category. I signed up for the “I Went Out For The Team” program, through which one donated \$5 for every boundary “out” received at the Nationals. With 4 outs, I was to pay \$20, but also received a t-shirt, well worth for signing up.





We had plenty of fun during the week, IAC got some extra financial help from sponsors, which allowed them to organize three evenings with meals served free of charge.

The awards banquet on Friday evening is always a good time to socialize and meet many people all in one place, which is difficult during week, since everyone is volunteering, hence, being in different locations most of the time. Keynote speaker this year was Nick Buckenham, President FAI Aerobatics Commission (CIVA).



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Saturday morning it was time to return to Michigan. It was a perfect day weather-wise, clear sky but with a temperature around 40 F. With a good tail wind, I made it safely back in 1:45 hrs, cruising over the lake at a ground speed of 195 mph .





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*Hugo Ritzenthaler*



## Michigan Aerobatic Open

Yes, we did have our annual contest this year at James Clements Municipal Airport in Bay City. We had seven pilots total competing in Sportsman through Advanced.

Thanks Hugo for the pictures below.



Thanks to the Valley Aero Club for their help setting up the event and throughout the contest



Turnout was small but special

## Chapter 88 Calendar

For back issues of the newsletter, and other chapter information please go to the chapter web site [iac88.eaachapter.org](http://iac88.eaachapter.org)

Note: All chapter meetings are held on the **third Saturday** of each month at

**Pontiac International Airport (KPTK),**

**E-Sky Aviation in Hangar 3, at 10:00 am**

unless stated otherwise.

Chapter meetings in conjunction with Critique Sessions are held at the designated airport on the day of the event.

Nov 17, 10.00 am	Chapter meeting PTK	
Dec 2, 4pm	Christmas dinner @ Picano's in Troy, 3375 Rochester Rd	
Jan 19, 2019	Chapter Meeting PTK	
Feb 16, 2019	Chapter meeting, Valley Aero Club, 3CM James Clements Airport, Bay City	

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