

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

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>>> **NEW CHAPTER 88 WEBSITE** <<<

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

President's Column

2020 has so far been a challenging year with two main Chapter 88 events – the Judges School and the Michigan Aerobatic Open – both being canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, after Chapter 88 was issued a certificate of waiver for an aerobatic practice area (APA) early this year, the Chapter managed to organize a few practice/patch days. I would like to encourage IAC pilots/competitors and judges to take advantage of this APA during the monthly practice/patch day as it provides an opportunity for competitors as well as judges to practice their skills. Furthermore, anyone interested in becoming a judge, these practice sessions offer a basic introduction to aerobatics.

Please join Chapter 88 on October 17 for this last practice/patch day this year. Let's have a great turn out!

It is now time to look forward to 2021 and pick up where we left off at the beginning of this year. With a number of new aerobatic enthusiasts and volunteers expressing interest in our type of flying and activities, Chapter 88 is planning to host a Judges School during the late April or May timeframe. For new pilots and volunteers getting into aerobatics, attending a Judges School provides a basic introduction to IAC, the Aresti language and the rules and criteria applied when judging aerobatic figures. It also serves as a refresher for current judges, especially after this year, when very few had an opportunity to practice their judging skills.

Sandy

Chapter Business

A very brief Chapter Meeting in conjunction with the monthly practice day was held on September 19 at Romeo State Airport. Present were Sandy Langworthy, Dave Germann, Gunter Niederbacher and Hugo. Members, unable to attend, due to prior commitments, were: Laura and Wayne Buescher, Dan Unger, Kim Fanelli and Jason Ledbetter. Guests in attendance were Larry Shiele and Alex Ayers. Other guests who joined us later for the practice flying were: Dave Barnes and Tom Müller. Gunter made a surprise visit during his short stay at his home in Michigan before returning back to Belgium where he has accepted a new job last year. Following are the main agenda points that had been addressed:

Treasurer Report:

Chapter 88 is in a good financial position.

2020 Michigan Aerobatic Open:

Due to the generous contributions of our sponsors, we are slightly positive for the 2020 contest budget. Income was \$1,290 vs Expenses (trophies, contest shirts, etc) of \$1,177.

A follow-up with the Bay City Clerk Office has been made to inquire about the return of the security deposit (Note: Bay City has returned the security deposit since the last meeting).

Contest material that was temporarily secured in Doug Dodge's hangar has been moved into the Chapter Trailer on Sep 22.

2021 Judges School:

Wayne Buescher, Certified IAC J.S. Instructor, offered to teach the class. We are looking for a late April/May timeframe at a Pontiac (PTK) facility. More details to follow.

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 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00 to 16:00:

The Fourth Chapter Practice Day this year took place on September 19 at D98. It was a perfect day for this kind of flying event. Alex Ayers, an aerobatic student of Jason Ledbetter, flew in with a Great Lakes that is owned by Larry Shiele, who was accompanying Alex on the trip. Alex resides in Ann Arbor, has an airline transport rating and has recently become a member of IAC. Welcome Alex, all of us at Chapter 88 wish you great enjoyment flying aerobatics and hope that you will compete at the 2021 Michigan Aerobatic Open. Alex was practicing the figures of the Primary sequence, his goal is to obtain the Primary Smooth Patch before the end of this year. Hugo was flying the 2020 Unlimited Known and Free sequence in his Staudacher Pitts S-1-E.



Great Lakes & Pitts S-1-E



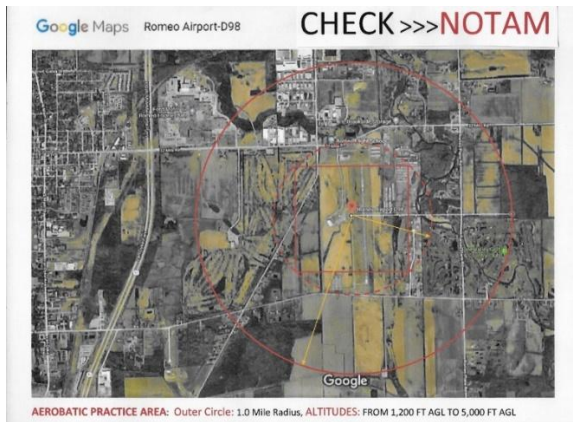
Sandy, Dave, Gunter and Hugo



Alex Ayers and Larry Shiele

Future practice days:

October 17 at Romeo State A/P (D98), EAA insurance policy has been received



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.

If anyone of you competitors wish to use the APA any time other than the monthly practice session, please contact Hugo, he will arrange for the APA to be activated and will be on site to serve as the ground observer.

2020/2021 Calendar

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

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

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

October 16-17: Ohio Aerobatic Open, Bellefontaine **CANCELED**

October 17: Chapter 88 Practice Day & monthly meeting, Romeo State Airport – D98

October 24-25: Salem Contest **CANCELED**

November 21 – Monthly chapter meeting at Hangar #3 – PTK (masks required inside the training room)

December ??? – Annual Chapter Holiday Dinner (pending local Covid 19 restrictions)

April/May 2021 – IAC Chapter 88 Judges School (at PTK)

June 19, 2021 – IAC Chapter 88 Promotion Day at Valley Aero Club Fly-In at 3CM

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”, the “**What Members are Flying**” and input for the “**Flying Awards**” page. We are also asking for general input like tech reports, personal profiles, etc that may interest the membership or promote IAC and Chapter 88. Please forward your input to Hugo.

Chapter 88 Contacts

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Membership Application

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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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