

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

May 2024

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



President's Column

With our ongoing focus and effort of keeping aerobatics alive in Michigan, the members of IAC Chapter 88 are proud to celebrate half a century of safe aerobatic flight. On behalf of the officers of Chapter 88, I would like to thank everyone for attending the banquet to commemorate the chapter's golden anniversary. All seemed to have enjoyed Picano's dishes and had a good time reminiscing about the early years of the chapter.

We were honored to have had present two of the very first members of Chapter 88. John Maxfield, accompanied by his wife Debbie, is one of the 13-chapter charter signees still living in Michigan. John also competed at the very first chapter contest at Milan. Don MacDonald, accompanied by his daughter Sharon, is the longest present day active chapter member, celebrating in 2014 his 50 year membership. Don started competing in his clipped wing Cub in 1979 at the Owosso contest. As of this year, Don is still one of the chapter's certified regional judges.

We regret that some of the former and present chapter members couldn't make it to the banquet due to prior commitments: John and Paige Gardner, Nancy McKenzie, Sandy Langworthy, Michele and Sonya Litalian and Lorrie Penner, IAC Sport Aerobatics Editor. I hope that we get to see each one of them at one of the 2024 chapter events.

Chapter newsletter editor, Tim Stackhouse, has included pictures taken during the banquet in this edition for you to enjoy.

Looking ahead, I can assure everyone, the members of Chapter 88 will make all efforts to promote and foster safe aerobatic flight and keep alive what some 13 dedicated pilots started in 1973.

The May chapter meeting will include a practice/critiquing/judging session. This is an opportunity for competitors to practice the 2024 sequences, judges to refresh their judging skills and, for any non-flying member/friends of the chapter, to enjoy some skillful aerobatic flying.

Looking forward to seeing you during the first practice day this season.

Hugo

Chapter 88 Membership Drive

We are welcoming new members. New members receive an anniversary chapter patch, that was specially produced by Mary Unger for this promotion.



2024 Chapter Membership Dues

A brief reminder, January is the time to renew your membership. Please mail the form on the last page of the NL with dues payment to: David Germann, Treasurer, 32793 Greenwood Drive, Chesterfield, MI 48047, or bring form and payment to the next chapter meeting.

Your \$20 membership fee will help to off-set expenses associated with our major chapter events .

Thank you.

Save the Day

Monthly Chapter meetings - 3rd Saturday each month

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

Romeo State Airport Terminal Building D98

15340 32 Mile Rd, Ray, MI

International Aerobatics Day Celebration

June 22, 2024

Romeo State Airport D98

Come on out to support the IAC and get a free critique from some of the regions best judges and competitors!

Mid-America Region Contests:

Salem, IL – June 7-9

Spencer, IA – June 28-30

Michigan Open, Bay City – July 6-7

Yooper Looper, Marquette – Aug 2 - 4

IAC East Open Championship, Bellefontaine – August 16-17

June 22, 2024 (International Aerobatics Day)



Practice and Critique Days

August 17, 2024

September 21, 2024

October 19, 2024

NOTAM ISSUED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM

Questions: contact Hugo: 586-588-0145

International Aerobatics Day

Saturday, June 22, 2024



**Come and celebrate National Aerobatics Day with
IAC Chapter 88**

Romeo State Airport-D98

10 am – 5 pm

- **Presentations:**
 - Introduction to International Aerobatic Club
 - Introduction to Aerobatics
 - Competition Aerobatics
- **Static displays of aerobatic rated aircraft**
- **Aerobatic Demonstration Flights**
- **Become a member of IAC Chapter 88**
- **Checkout our Website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/iac88>**

General Public Welcome

2024 Chapter 88 Contacts

President and Web-Master	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Vice President	Wayne Buescher
Assistant Vice President	Tim Stackhouse
Secretary	Laura Buescher
Treasurer	Dave Germann
Newsletter Editor	Tim Stackhouse
Judges School Instructor	Wayne Buescher
Contest Director - 2024	Dan Unger

What's new at Chapter 88

Golden Anniversary!

Happy 50th Chapter 88!

2023 marked a milestone for our chapter and what better way to beat the winter blues and celebrate our 50th Anniversary than good food, good people and good cheer! It was such a pleasure to reminisce with some of our founders and look to the future of our beloved sport in Michigan.

Despite a few technical difficulties, the evening was a smashing success. Let's look forward to blue skies, light winds and no HZ's in 2024.

Enough from me, let the pictures speak their thousand words.





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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:

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