

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER



July 2023

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President's Column

Two of the 2023 main events, the International Aerobatics Day at Romeo State A/P and the IAC Open Championship East at James Clements A/P in Bay City are history. Poor weather conditions for both events resulted in low competitor attendance, especially at the special anniversary championship in Bay City. A special thank you to Dan Unger, Contest Director, and all the competitors and volunteers who were determined to be part of this year's Aerobatic Championship and through their presence made it a successful event. Please join me July 29 for a chapter meeting at Romeo A/P.

Hugo

Chapter Events

International Aerobatics Day Celebration

The chapter enjoyed a good turn out of aerobatic enthusiasts at Romeo State A/P on June 24. Unfortunately, weather was marginal until early afternoon, preventing many of the aircraft getting to Romeo. Wayne Buescher provided the audience of some 20 guests with an overview of IAC and aerobatic competition. Later in the afternoon when the ceiling lifted, Hugo flew a demonstration flight presenting the Unlimited known sequence. Before closing the event, guests Pat Hernandez and Scott McDonald arrived in a Game Bird 1. Chapter member Gino Raffin arrived with his family to show off his Ford Model A classic car. Surprise visitor, Paul West, who was an active chapter member during the 80ties and 90ties, made the trip to Romeo and rejoined the chapter as a member.



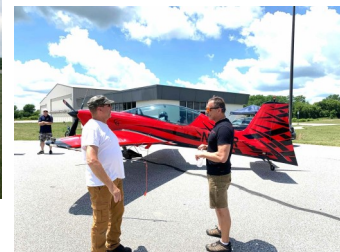
Low ceilings through mid afternoon



Aerobatic presentation by Wayne Buescher



Hugo's Pitts being guarded by Chapter Treasurer Dave Ger-mann



Pat Hernandez (r) with his Game Bird 1

Chapter Events - cont.

IAC Open Championship East - Bay City

A change in the weather forecast for the weekend was perhaps one of the main reason competitors hesitated making the trip to Michigan. With 11 competitors, this year's contest was one of the smaller in Chapter 88's 46 year contest history. Yet there was a good cross section of chapters and location these competitors flew in from: Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, New York, Minnesota, Ohio, Ontario Canada and Michigan. It turned out to be a 3 category contest with 5 Sportsman, 5 Intermediate and 1 Unlimited competitors. Although Friday was a perfect day for practicing in the box, Saturday morning turned into a hit and miss for competition flights. Late morning after few of the competitors had flown, all competition flights were put on hold due to persistent precipitation. Sunday morning we enjoyed a clear sky and excellent visibility to make it a two flights each contest.



Pilot briefing 7:30 am Saturday: rain clouds approaching



Pilot briefing 7:30 am Sunday: clear skies



Photos by Lorrie Penner



Photos by Jason Ledbetter

Photo by Tim Stackhouse



Photo by Lorry Penner

If you would like to see more pictures from the contest, visit Facebook, Leigh Hubner posted some great pictures:
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=flyte%20bourbon>

Recognition of Sandy Langworthy

On Friday July 7, Sandy drove up to James Clements A/P to deliver some chapter files he had stored at his house while serving as President of Chapter 88. All of us present took the occasion to present Sandy with a special service award in recognition of his extraordinary dedication and service during the 14 years as President of Chapter 88.



Contest Sponsorship

We thank our sponsors for their generous contributions:

Butler Parachute	MT Propeller
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Extra copies of the 2023 contest flyer, commemorating the chapter's 50th anniversary, are available upon request.

Food Service

Lunches and the Saturday night Banquet were organized and prepared by Mary Unger. Thank you for accommodating our fluid contest schedule.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Like with any organized event, volunteers are key to success.

First of all, the Contest Officials' willingness to give their time and service during the months leading up to and during the contest is greatly appreciated: CD-Dan Unger, Assistant CD- Hugo Ritzenhaler, Registrar-Laura Buescher, Scoring-Lorrie Penner, Volunteer Coordinator-Mary Unger, Starter-Gunter Niederbacher, Tech Inspection-Wayne Buescher & Dan Unger, Safety-Hugo Ritzenhaler, Chief Judges-Wayne Buescher & Dan Unger, Air Traffic Monitor-Chuck Binder.

Furthermore, Chapter 88 enjoyed extraordinary support from a large number of volunteers from within the chapter and everyone making the trip to Bay City, thank you all.

Last but not least, a special thank you to the competitors/judges/volunteers of Chapter 3 from neighboring Ontario for making the trip across the border to Bay City.

Presentation of trophies to the IAC Open Championship East winners

Award photos by Lorrie Penner



Sportsman

Larry Ernewein

IAC Chapter 3 Canada & Chapter 88



Intermediate

Leigh Hubner

IAC Chapter 3

(Trophy accepted for Leigh by Brennan Hayden)



Unlimited

Hugo Ritzenthaler

IAC Chapter 88

Presentation of trophies to the IAC Michigan Open Championship winners



2nd Place - Andy Ernewein

IAC Chapter 3 Canada

Sportsman



3rd Place - Tim Taylor

IAC Chapter 141



Intermediate



2nd Place - Justin Hickson
IAC Chapter 78

3rd Place - Bennett Petersen
IAC Chapter 34

Presentation of Special Medals



Highest Scoring American Champion
Richard Corredera



Grass Roots Achievement &
Highest Scoring Biplane
Larry Ernewein

Presentation of Special Awards



Outstanding Support - Chuck Binder
Bay City Valley Aero Club



Outstanding Support - Hugo
Ritzenthaler Chapter 88

Chapter News

Judges Certification

Chapter 88 member Jason Ledbetter fulfilled the judges candidate requirements and was certified at the July contest as a Regional Judge.

Congratulations Jason and thank you for taking the time and efforts to become a Regional Judge.

Chapter 88 Membership Drive - new Chapter Members

Special efforts were made during the Aerobatics Day celebration and the Bay City championship to promote chapter membership. Each of the new members received an anniversary chapter patch, that was specially produced by Mary Unger for this promotion.

The following individuals signed up for a Golden Anniversary Membership:

Andy Ernewein

Justin Hickson

Leigh Hubner

Carole Holyk

Cliff Gibbs

Paul West

Thank you for becoming a member of IAC Chapter 88.



Event Calendar

- **Note:** The July meeting is scheduled to take place on **7-29-23 10 am** at **Romeo State Airport (D98)**. Main agenda item is a review of the recent Michigan contest. Anyone wanting to practice, the box will be open, bring your Docs.

Save the Day

- ◆ Monthly Chapter meetings - **3rd Saturday** each month
 - > Nov - Apr at Premier Jet Services - PTK
 - > May - Oct at Romeo State Airport D98
- ◆ Yooper Looper Contest, Marquette - **August 11-13**
- ◆ Ohio Fall Frolic, Bellefontaine - **August 25-26**

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Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor



IAC CHAPTER 88
Southeastern Michigan



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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