

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

March 2025

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



President's Column

It is with great sadness that we accept the news of Rob Holland's passing. As an extraordinary and talented Pilot and showman he was an inspiration to all of us aerobatic pilots. I had one opportunity to meet Rob during the 2017 National Aerobatic Championship in Oshkosh when I competed in the Unlimited category that Rob was competing in. I remember him as a kind, sincere and likable person. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

Chapter 88 hosted a two-day Judges School April 12 & 13, the class included members from Chapter 1, 34 and 88. A special thank you to the students for making the time and effort to attend, Wayne Buescher, J.S. Instructor, for teaching the class, Laura Buescher for organizing and managing the event and Dave Germann for making the arrangements with EAA Chapter 13 regarding the use of their hangar class room. The Saturday evening dinner gave everyone an opportunity to socialize. Lunch break provided time for promoting the 2025 contests at Sawyer (Chapter 134), Bellefontaine (Chapter 34), Platteville (Chapter 1) and our own contest at Bay City. I am very pleased to inform that Bennett Petersen, Chapter 34, passed his judges oral exam during this class to get certified as a Regional Judge. Please join me in congratulating Bennett.

May is the time when the chapter starts with the monthly practice days. Please, join the group either as a competitor, judge or just as someone enjoying watching aerobatic flying.

[Hugo](#)

2025 Event Calendar

Save the Day

Monthly Chapter meetings - **3rd Saturday** each month

*Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting **May 17th** – starting at 10 am*

at Romeo State Airport (D98)

15340 32 Mile Rd. Ray MI, 48096

Questions: contact Hugo: 586-588-0145



First Practice/Critique Day of 2025, Romeo State Airport (D98) Ray MI

– **May 17**

International Aerobatics Day Celebration, Romeo A/P (D98)

– **June 28**

Michigan Open Aerobatic Championship, Bay City

– **July 11-13**

The Robert L. Heuer Classic, Platteville, WI – July 19-20

Ohio Aerobatic Open, Bellefontaine, OH-August 8-9****

Yooper Looper, Marquette – **August 22-24**



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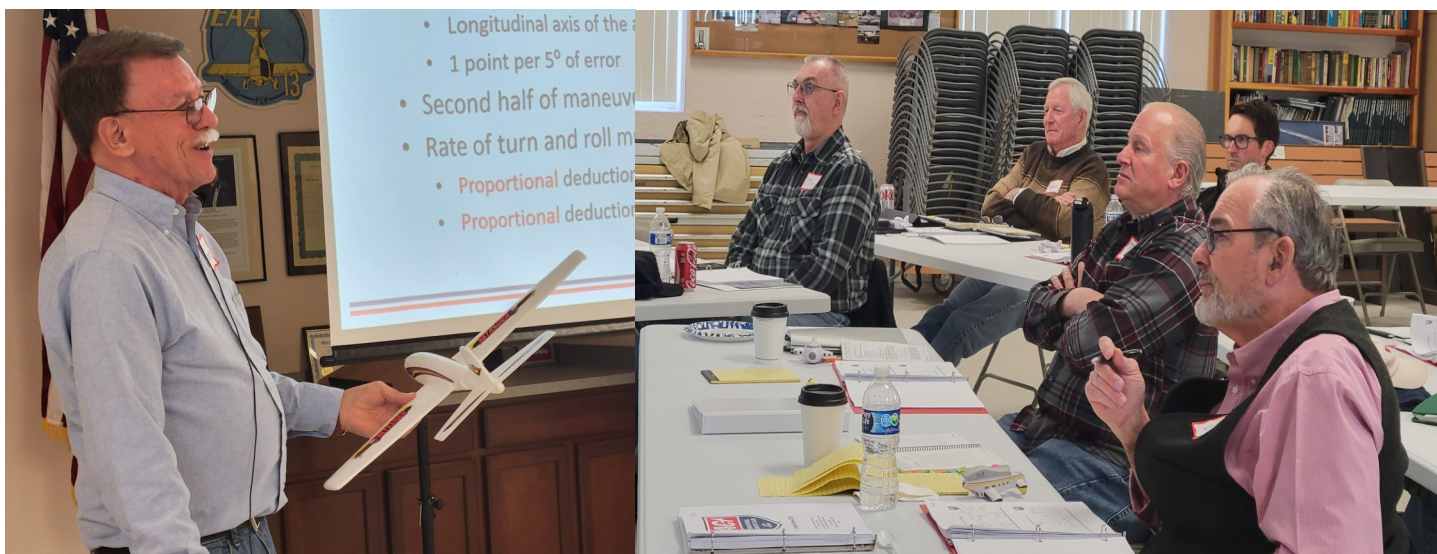
Judges School Instructor

Wayne Buescher

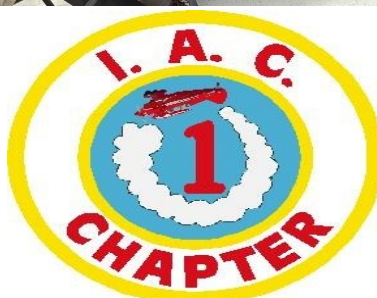
Contest Director - 2025

Dan Unger

Chapter News



April 12 and 13 Chapter 88 hosted another very successful Aerobatic Judges School. Special thanks to EAA Chapter 13, IAC Chapter 34, IAC Chapter 134, and IAC Chapter 1. Following 2 intense days of learning and sharing, there will be some enthusiastic new Judges ready to hand out those hard zeroes!



Chapter News

Hollywood and History Saturday May 17, 2025

Open House & Gala Dinner
Fundraising Event

<https://www.warbirdsofglory.org/events.asp>

Celebrating the Greatest Generation through
Aviation History & Hollywood Legacy



HOLLYWOOD and HISTORY

SATURDAY MAY 17

WARBIRDS OF GLORY MUSEUM

You're invited...
**Open House & Gala Dinner
Fundraising Event**

Featuring the Warbirds of Glory Museum's restoration
of B-25 SANDBAR MITCHELL and special guest
Memphis Belle movie producer, CATHERINE WYLER!

Memphis Belle
OPEN HOUSE
10A-4P
SEE THE RESTORATION
MEET THE STUDENTS
at Warbirds of Glory Museum

**GALA DINNER
FUNDRAISER & MOVIE
STARTS AT 5P**
SPECIAL GUEST CATHERINE WYLER
& MOVIE MEMPHIS BELLE
at the American Spirit Center VFW Hall 4347
10590 E. Grand River in Brighton
TICKETS START AT \$75

GET TICKETS HERE
www.warbirdsofglory.org/events
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WARBIRDS OF GLORY MUSEUM
OAKLAND SOUTHWEST AIRPORT | 57751 PONTIAC TR. BLDG #2 | NEW HUDSON, MI

Chapter 88 monthly meeting/practice day

– Brief chapter meeting followed by practice and patch flying, practice judging at Romeo State Airport (D98) starting at 10 am.

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>

Every pilot participant must obtain a pilot briefing and undergo a **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.

John Gardner gone West



We are sorry to learn that former Chapter 88 member and competitor, John Gardner, passed away February 2025 at the age of 84. John joined Chapter 88 soon after its foundation. He was a competitor at the very first of our chapter's contest in 1977. All through his membership time he had been promoting aerobatics, served as president, vice president, secretary and contest director before he and his wife Paige moved to Muskegon in the late 80ties. John competed all through the categories and retired from aerobatics after years of competing in the Unlimited category. Our sympathy goes out to Paige and family.



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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