

# I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



## NEWSLETTER

May 2021

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

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### President's Column

Since the issuance of April's newsletter, Dave McKenzie, Chapter 88 Charter Member and longtime competitor has Gone West. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to Nancy, Dave's family and friends. A link to Dave's obituary and tributes can be found below.

Sandy

### National Aerobatics Day – Saturday, June 26, 2021



### Chapter Business

In April there were two meetings held, April 17 at the chapter's new meeting location, the Oakland Air facility at PTK, and April 24 during the Chapter practice day at Romeo State A/P. Present were: Laura Buescher, Wayne Buescher, Dave Germann, Sandy Langworthy and Hugo Ritzenthaler (April 24 only).

Discussion focused on the preparations for the Michigan Open competition:

Pre-Registration: document requirements have been defined and posted on IAC Contest Calendar. We encourage competitors to forward their forms anytime per instructions – see below.

Trophies:

Date plates have been ordered and will be affixed onto 2020 Trophies that had been purchased last year. Medal for “Highest scoring pilot in a biplane in any category” has been received.

Waiver: Dan Unger has submitted the application to FAA

Contest Flyer: completed but holding off printing until mid-June.

Joint meeting with VAC at 3CM to be scheduled for late May or early June.

At the end of the business meeting on April 24, Hugo practiced the 2021 Unlimited Known sequence.



Picture: Courtesy of Laura Buescher

## Tribute to Dave McKenzie

Dave was a great sportsman and contributor to the sport we love. His passion for flying and his relentless efforts to get the Michigan aerobatic chapter going before and after Chapter 88 was founded in 1973 was exceptional. He will truly be missed and he will always be remembered as an individual who gave his utmost to promote the sport of aerobatic flying. Over the many years, Dave held many chapter positions: Chapter Secretary (1977), President, Contest Director and Judges School organizer. Dave also served as a regional Judge for many years.

Dave's obituary can be found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/freep/obituary.aspx?n=david-e-mckenzie&pid=198392067&fhid=25494>

A tribute can also be found on the IAC website home page.

## Remembering Dave McKenzie by Don MacDonald

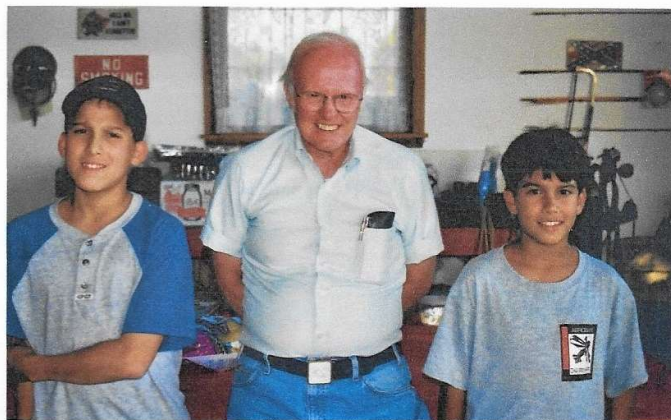
Our friend and fellow chapter member passed away on April 18, 2021, and Hugo Ritzenthaler asked me to jot down a few remembrances. Dave McKenzie was involved in the formation of IAC Chapter 88, and liked to tell the story that the chapter number was chosen so that when painted on an airplane, it reads the same upright or inverted. Many of our meetings involved families, even pot luck refreshments at a week-end meeting. Some meetings were "project visitations" to a members home where a homebuilt airplane was under construction. Such a meeting took place at Dave's house in Inkster, MI, where he had to build a garage first in order to have a place to build the replica Great Lakes. An unfortunate crash destroyed the "Lakes", but included for information is a photo of the airplane piloted by Dave. In our own family, our son's two sons (our grandsons) spent



several summers with us, and both Chris and Michael got to know Dave pretty well through the chapter activities. Dave was contest chief judge several years and at the contests, the boys both ran score sheets and flipped panels - "no flight without white". Hard to think there was a time when the contest accommodated airplanes without electrical systems or radios, but that is how it was. When I searched for a photo of Dave, the first one I found is him with our grandsons, and that photo is included. The boys are now grown men, Chris

(L,34) and Michael (R,31), but they have always remembered "Mr. McKenzie". In addition

to our contests, the boys attended several of the "corn roast" fly-in gatherings at McKenzie's Landing (Dave's grass airstrip and home). These gatherings included peanut drops for the kids and EAA Young Eagle rides. It was at one of these events that the boys had a ride with John Maxfield in his Cessna 195 and now have their names in "The World's Largest Logbook" - the EAA listing of Young Eagles. When



Michael visited Michigan some years back, we made a point of driving out to Howell and having lunch with "Mr. McKenzie". The boys enjoyed him, as we all did. Dave was one-of-a-kind and will be missed.

Sincerely,

Don MacDonald; IAC#2621

Nancy McKenzie would like for the membership to know that Dave had collected many IAC items (like whole set of IAC magazines). If anyone is interested some of those items, please contact Nancy at: [mckenzie'slanding@gmail.com](mailto:mckenzie'slanding@gmail.com). We may want to check with Nancy if Dave kept a copy of the Chapter Charter Certificate from 1973.

## Main Events in 2021

### Michigan Aerobatic Open Competition

Chapter 88 is hosting a 5 category contest the weekend after the Fourth of July holiday, which is July 9 – 11. To facilitate the registration process, we are asking competitors to pre-register before the **deadline of July 1** by emailing the **Registration, Tech Inspection and Volunteer Sign-Up** forms as well as a **copy** of their signed **Free Sequence** to Laura Buescher, Registrar (rvbird617b@aol.com).

#### Forms:

Registration - <https://www.iac.org/sites/www.iac.org/files/TAB3-F01%20Contest%20Entry%2...>

Tech Inspection

- <https://www.iac.org/sites/www.iac.org/files/Technical%20Inspection%20For...>

Volunteer Sign-Up Form - <https://www.iac.org/files/cd-packet/TAB3-F04%20VolunteerSignUp.pdf>

Thursday, July 8, is box set-up day, starting at 10 am. Anyone free to lend a hand putting out the Box markers is welcome to join us.

Any questions regarding the contest, please contact Contest Director Dan Unger (586-675-6030) or assistant Hugo (586-588-0145). We would like to fill all volunteer positions as soon as possible, please let Dan know of your preferred assignment.

Contest hotel booking information: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Bay City, 3959 Traxler Ct, Bay City, Mi 48706, Phone 989-667-3800. Room & Rate Information: King Standard \$104.99+ tax, Double Queen Standard \$109.99 + tax. To make a reservation, please use link:

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&re...> (link is external)

or call the front desk (989)-667-3800 and mention the **Michigan Aerobatic Competition Room block**.

### Chapter Practice Days

Chapter 88 will continue in 2021 with a monthly practice day Romeo State A/P (D98). A schedule will be issued with the April NL.

Practice Days also provide an opportunity for anyone to fly for a SMOOTH Patch. Reviewing the IAC list of current active Chapter 88 members who have obtained an Achievement Award, there

are many of you who could still add a few Smooth Patches to your collection (see chapter website <https://chapters.eaa.org/iac88> "Members Flying Awards").

## **Other Issues**

### **Contest Insurance**

The chapter has sent a letter of request to the Bay City Special Event Committee to review and consider a re-classification of the Special Event Hazard category from High Hazard to Medium Hazard. In a reply, dated April 27, our request has been denied. As such, the Chapter is expected to secure an insurance certificate for \$3,000,000. Communication with IAC Corporate is ongoing to find a solution concerning the acquisition of an EAA insurance certificate for said amount. Furthermore, we are in the process of requesting a meeting with Bay City Attorney and City Manager.

### **Chapter 88 Documents**

Sandy was able to retrieve a number of cartons containing past year's chapter documents. Hugo took possession of them and agreed to sort through them to inventory their content (ongoing).

### **Member from the Past**

It had been a while since I had heard from Bernard Kramer, who after his retirement moved back to Louisiana in 2016. Bernard is doing well would like to say hello to everyone. During his years in Michigan he competed for many years in his Skybolt then changed to a Hiperbipe. Recently Bernard sold his Hiperbipe and got back into a Skybolt. If you know of someone who has a set of spades, he would like to buy them ([skybolt260@yahoo.com](mailto:skybolt260@yahoo.com)). He misses Chapter 88 and wishes he would be still here and compete with us. Bernard, best wishes to you and family.

### **Chapter Bank Account Transfer**

The Chapter is still working on getting the signature authority for the bank account transferred.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Chapter 88 Anniversary - 2023**

We are looking for volunteers to join a festivity committee, a Master of Ceremony and lots of input from current and former members to reflect upon the history of the Southeast Michigan IAC Chapter 88.

### **2021 Calendar**

#### **May 15 – Chapter monthly meeting and Practice/Patch Day at Romeo State Airport**

June 19 – Chapter Practice/Patch Day and monthly chapter meeting at Romeo State Airport

June 26 – National Aerobatics Day

June 26 – Ohio Chapter 34 Practice Day, Bellefontaine (EDJ)

July 8 – Box Day, Bay City (3CM)

July 9-11– Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship, Bay City (3CM)

August 20-22 –Giles Henderson Memorial Challenge, Salem (SLO)

September 4-5 – Yooper Looper Contest, Marquette (SAW)

September 9-12 – Ohio Aerobatic Open, Bellefontaine (EDJ)

September 19-24 – US National Aerobatic Championship, Salina, KS

### **EAA/IAC Chapter 88 Website**

Please navigate through our new website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/IAC88>

All Newsletters are archived on the Chapter website.

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. I am making progress filling in voids regarding our members’ flying achievements. Still need your help to complete this section of the Chapter website. Please forward your input to Hugo.

### **Chapter 88 Contacts**

President	Sandy Langworthy
Vice President	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Secretary	Laura Buescher
Treasurer	Dave Germann
Web Master	Hugo Ritzenthaler & Brian Roodvoets
Newsletter Editor	Hugo Ritzenthaler (Acting)
Judges School Instructor	Wayne Buescher
Contest Director - 2021	Dan Unger
Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Unger
Registrar	Laura Buescher & Kim Fanelli

Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor

## Miscellaneous

### WANTED:

Airworthy 76" x 56 ~ 58 pitch prop, wood or preferably wood composite.

Please contact: Dave Germann ([dgermann360@gmail.com](mailto:dgermann360@gmail.com), 586 549-8211

### FOR SALE:

Doug Dodge's Machaira is for sale.



<https://www.dacyairshows.com/doug-dodge--machaira-.html>

For specifics, please reply to: [ddodge@netscape.com](mailto:ddodge@netscape.com) (still a valid address)

### FOR SALE:

Dave McKenzie's Swick T-Clip (1941 Taylorcraft BC12) This Swick was originally built by Jim Swick. It was used to attain the STC for the 180hp Lycoming IO360. Aluminum spars and ribs. Spring aluminum landing gear. O SMOH IO360, Bendix PS5 carb. Doug Dodge Super Pitts Cowling. Logs on both airframe and engine. Project is in climate controlled hangar at McKenzie's Landing in Howell, Michigan  
\$25,000 OBO. For inquiries, text Mike McKenzie (205) 612-3480 or email: [mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com)



### FOR SALE:

Dave McKenzie's Sorrell Hiperbipe project. Fuselage welded and sitting on heat-treated spring steel gear. O SMOH 212 hp IO360 and Hartsell constant speed prop. Project is in climate controlled hangar at McKenzie's Landing in Howell, Michigan  
\$14,000 OBO. For inquiries, text Mike McKenzie (205) 612-3480 or email: [mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com](mailto:mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com)



**FOR SALE:**

Two safety parachutes

1 Security 250 approx 35 yrs old

1 Security 150 approx 30 yrs old

Make offer.



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# IAC CHAPTER 88 S.E. MICHIGAN



## Membership Application

Name		Spouse	
Address		Home Phone	
City		Mobile Phone	
State		Email	
EAA #		Exp. Date	
IAC #		Exp. Date	
Aircraft Status	Make/Model	Tail Number	Own/Building
A/C #1			
A/C #2			
A/C #3			

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  
 Chapter 88 Treasurer:  
 Dave Germann  
 32793 Greenwood Drive  
 Chesterfield, MI 48047