

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER



October 2023

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

President's Column

The 2023 Mid-America Region contest season is over. There were a total of 6 contests held in our region. Competitor participation at those contests was generally lower compared to what it had been some years ago. Following are the number of competitors by contest location: Michigan - Bay City (11), Michigan - Marquette (4), Ohio - Bellefontaine (15), Illinois - Salem (11), Iowa - Spencer (19), Ontario-CN - Midland (12). There is a concern about the diminishing competitor participation and it is shared by most of the Mid-America Region chapters. Ideas are sought on how to increase participation, i.e. by perhaps sharing contests or alternating locations of chapter contests within our region. This subject will be one of the agenda points for our next chapter meeting. As a reference, I have listed the history of Chapter 88's competitor participation. 1977, was the year of our first contest.

Chapter 88 will hold its last practice/patch/critiquing day for this year on Oct 21. Anyone wishing to try-out the 2024 proposed sequences or fly for a patch, please join us for the day. The box will be open, just bring your docs. In order to make it a productive session for the pilots, we need a few judges to provide feedback to the pilots. It also provides the judges an opportunity to sharpen their skills. The proposed Known sequences are posted on the IAC website: <https://www.iac.org/news/2023-09-09-2024-sequence-proposals>

Just a reminder, the chapter general election of its officers is six weeks away. A call for Nomination has been mailed with the request to return the nomination form with your choice of candidates no later than October 15. Another copy of the form is attached for your convenience.

Looking forward to seeing you at Romeo A/P October 21.

Hugo

History of competitor attendance at Chapter 88 contests - 1977 to 2023

Competitor participation over 51 contests averaged 24.4 per contest with a high of 45 (1988) and a low of 7 (2018)

Yearly averages per Decade

1977 - 1979	26.0
1980 - 1989	31.2
1990 - 1999	26.7
2000 - 2009	27.5
2010 - 2019	17.3
2020 - YTD	12.3

Chapter Meeting - September 16, 2023

Members present at the meeting: Laura and Wayne Buescher, Gino and Dolores Raffin, Jim Russo, Jason Ledbetter and guest Dr. Knoblauch, Dave German (partial meeting), guest Elmar Fuchs and Hugo Ritzenthaler

Meeting main topics:

2024 chapter contest

- Registrar position, looking for a volunteer to head registration at the 2024 Michigan Open.
- James Clements A/P-Dora Hangar - need to work with Valley Aero Club to find out what can be done about the bird problem in the Dora hangar.
- An inventory of contest shirts indicates that we should have a sufficient quantity of one color shirts to cover what we need for one contest.
- To cut cost for trophies, we consider supplementing unused trophies from 2023 with new ones. Date plates will be exchanged.
- Box marker panels need to be reconditioned or made new before July 2024. This is a good non-flying season project.
- Chapter trailer content needs to be organized to facilitate finding and retrieving items.

Anniversary Banquet

- the discussion focused on the timing for a banquet. The consensus was to plan it for spring 2024.
- suggestions for a location are welcome. Picano's Italian Grille was one of the suggestion.
- looking for volunteers to assist with the planning and managing of this event.

At the conclusion of the formal part of the meeting, everyone ventured outside for the practice/critiquing session. Jason practiced in his Bücker Jungmann several figures to obtain the Advanced smooth patch.



Jason Ledbetter with his Bücker Jungmann



Hugo with his Staudacher Pitts S-1E

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.



Event Calendar

- ◆ Monthly Chapter meetings - **3rd Saturday** each month
 - > Nov - Apr at Premier Jet Services - PTK
 - > May - Oct at Romeo State Airport D98
- ◆ Chapter monthly meeting and practice day at Romeo A/P **October 21, 2023**
- ◆ Chapter monthly meeting and General Election of Chapter 88 officers at Premier Jet Services - PTK - **November 18, 2023**

Practice/Patch Days

Chapter 88 practice/patch 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** 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.

EAA insurance has been received for all 2023 practice days (including rain days)

Chapter 88 Contacts

President	Hugo Ritzenthaler (Acting)
Vice President	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Secretary	Laura Buescher
Treasurer	Dave Germann
Newsletter Editor	Hugo Ritzenthaler (Acting)
Web-Master	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Judges School Instructor	Wayne Buescher
Contest Director - 2024	Dan Unger

Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor

2023 IAC Chapter 88 General Election of Officers

Nominations for Officers

Please return no later than **October 15, 2023**
to: hritz1945@gmail.com



Function	Nominations
President	
Vice President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Newsletter Editor & Web 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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