

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

August/September 2024

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President's Column

The August main event in our region was the Yooper Looper aerobatic championship hosted by our Michigan IAC sister Chapter 134. Great weather, UP hospitality and a very accommodating airport, Sawyer Regional, attracted 14 competitors and many volunteers. It turned out to be a 5-category event with competitors from MI, OH, IL, WI, IA, SD, MO and VA attending. Chapter 88 was well represented: Wayne Buescher (Chief Judge), Tim Stackhouse (Judge), Julian Campillo (competitor – Sportsman) and I (competitor- Unlimited and Judge). Everyone enjoyed the banquet Saturday evening at the K.I. Sawyer Heritage Air Museum. Our thanks to Roger Bentlage, CD, for hosting another competition at Sawyer.

The IAC East Open Championship had been scheduled to take place Aug. 15 – 17. Unfortunately, as we got closer to the contest date, the forecast was calling for significant weather that could have been very disruptive. A decision was made to reschedule it for a later date, tentatively during October. Many of us had packed for the trip whatever fit into the tiny turtle deck and were ready to head south. Although disappointed, we will just as much enjoy coming to Bellefontaine on the rescheduled date that is October 10 – 12 (Thursday through Saturday). A word of caution, everyone attending in October better pack a pair of long johns. At the very first contest ever at Bellefontaine on Oct 2, 2011, strong winds and low temperatures made all of us bundle up sitting on the judges line.

Since the date for the August chapter meeting coincided with that of the Ohio contest, we originally had decided not to hold a meeting. However, with the cancellation of Ohio, I invited on short notice anyone who was free to an informal chapter meeting/practice flying and critiquing on Saturday, August 24 at Romeo State A/P – D98, which was also the rain date for EAA insurance. It turned out to be great get together with many aerobatic enthusiasts, including members of the Ray fire department being present. For everyone new to aerobatics, I presented a slide show that included an overview of IAC and Chapter 88 as well as what aerobatic flight and competition is all about. A demonstration flight with my Pitts concluded the official part of the meeting. We welcomed Tanmoy Ganguli, who flies a RV and is interested in joining the chapter and learning to compete in the RV.

Looking at the remainder of the official practice/critiquing schedule, our next meeting will be September 21 at Romeo State A/P. The last flying meeting at Romeo will be October 19. We will then return to Premier Jet at Pontiac A/P for the following months.

Hugo

On the judges line – Bellefontaine 2011



2024 Event Calendar

Save the Day

Monthly Chapter meetings - 3rd Saturday each month

Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting *September 21st* – starting at 10 am

Romeo State Airport Terminal Building D98

15340 32 Mile Rd, Ray, MI

Mid-America Region Contests:

IAC East Open Championship, Bellefontaine – October 10 – 12



Practice and Critique Days

September 21, 2024

October 19, 2024

NOTAM ISSUED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM

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What's new at Chapter 88

The Yooper Looper took place early in August at Sawyer Regional in beautiful Marquette Michigan. The weather could not have been better! Always worth the ride up to the U P.

Congratulations to all Competitors!





IAC CHAPTER 88
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City		EAA #	
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Aircraft Status	Make	Model	

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