

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

May 2022

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

President's Column

With warmer temperatures having arrived in Michigan, I am sure our acro pilots have started practicing for this year's competitions. Again just a word of caution, go easy at it and get adjusted to the warmer day ahead. Chapter 88 is having their first practice day this coming Saturday at Romeo State Airport (D98), it's a great opportunity for pilots, judges and judges assistants to practice their skills. Hope to see many of you joining us on Saturday.

Sandy

Chapter Business

The April meeting was held at the Premier Jet Services facility at PTK. Present were: Wayne Buescher, Kim Fanelli, Dave Germann, Sandy Langworthy, Gunter Niederbacher, Robert Thorsen, Dan Unger and Hugo Ritzenthaler.

Most of the meeting discussion focused on the preparations for the Michigan Open competition:

Hotel: group rate has been secured and has been posted on the IAC contest calendar

Sponsors: As of this date sponsorships from six companies have been received.

Contest Entry Fee: \$90 for any first time competitor, \$140 for Primary through Unlimited. All entry fees include hangar fees for 2 nights and 1 ticket for the Saturday night banquet.

EAA Contest Insurance: has been obtained.

Contest shirts: decided on RED

Trophies: on order

Contest Booklet: quote received, waiting for last responses from sponsors before placing order

Other Activities

Dave Germann and Hugo Ritzenthaler made use of past Sunday's EAA Chapter 13 Young Eagle Day at Ray Community Airport to promote Chapter 88 and its future events. During the day, both of their Pitts Specials were on static display, which generated lots of interaction with the public.

International Aerobatic Day Celebration – June 25, 2022



Pic of 2021 National Aerobatic Day Celebration

Chapter 88 will again join the national celebration by hosting a practice/critiquing day at Romeo State A/P (D98). We are looking for many different aerobatic and non-aerobatic aircraft as well as anyone interested in aerobatic flying to join the celebration, please reserve the day.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the preparations to make this event an enjoyable experience for anyone attending (please contact Hugo: hritzenthaler@att.net)

IAC Chapter 88 Promotion Day – June 19, 2022

Chapter 88 intends to make use of an opportunity to promote IAC and Chapter 88 at the Valley Aero Club Breakfast Fly-In – **James Clements Airport 3CM**. We would like to show off with a variety of aerobatic aircraft and distribute promotional material to advertise the upcoming Michigan Aerobatic Open and recruit volunteers for that event.

Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship – July 8-10, 2022

The 2022 Michigan Open is only 3 months away. Preparations are in progress

As with any event, volunteers are crucial for success. We encourage volunteers to sign up for a role at the contest. There are two ways to enlist:

If you are a member of IAC, you can sign in the IAC website > Contest Calendar (<https://www.iac.org/contest-registrants>) and enter your name as a volunteer. You don't have to be a competitor to make use of the registration page.

If you are not a member of IAC, you should contact Dan Unger (unger1949@gmail.com), CD or Hugo Ritzenthaler Assistant CD (hritzenthaler@att.net) to sign up as a volunteer for one of the many open positions.

Meet our new Member – Robert Thorsen



I am an avid instrument rated Commercial Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor. I have been obsessed with airplanes for as long as I can remember. I learned to fly 40 years ago during my service in the U.S. Air Force maintaining C-130 aircraft. I am currently a Principal Engineer working with driver assist systems and autonomous vehicles at Toyota.

I fly and teach during evenings and weekends. I absolutely love to fly and am grateful to have experience with taildraggers, aerobatics, ultralights, skydiving (+1000), hang gliding and r/c models.

I am an aspiring aerobatic pilot having attended several training sessions in Florida and well as the recent IAC judges school. I am hoping to compete this summer!

A brief reminder, it is time to renew your membership dues, please submit the form below with payment or bring it to the next chapter meeting.

Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting – 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.

EAA insurance policy has been received for all 2022 practice days (including rain days)

Monthly Chapter Meetings and Practice/Patch Days 3rd Saturday of the month



January, February, March, November and December at PTK, Premier Jet Services, 6740 South Service Dr. Waterford, MI 48327



April through October, monthly chapter meeting and practice/patch day at Romeo State A/P (D98)

Main Events in 2022

June 19 – Valley Aero Club Fly-In Breakfast

- IAC Chapter 88 promotion day at James Clements A/P -3CM

June 25 - National Aerobatics Day

- Celebration at Romeo State Airport (D98)
- Mark your calendar, join the celebration and bring your aircraft

July 8-10 - Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship

- Bay City, MI
- Nominations for contest officials and volunteers are being accepted

Other Mid-America Region Competitions

June 3-5 - Giles Henderson Memorial Contest

- Salem, IL

August 12-14 - Doug Yost Challenge

- Spencer, IA

August 26-28 - Yooper Looper Contest

- Marquette, MI

September 15-18 – Eastern National Aerobatics Contest

- Midland Airport, Ontario (CYEE)

October 20-22 - Ohio Fall Frolic

- Bellefontaine, OH

50th 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 Southeastern Michigan IAC Chapter 88.

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

Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor

Miscellaneous

AEROBATIC INSTRUCTIONS

The Great Lake is available again. Location Ann Arbor Airport (AAR)



Contact Jason Ledbetter, email bubbleburger@gmail.com, for info regarding a basic aerobatic training program consisting of 4 hrs of instructions. Need 5-6 students to sign up to make the program viable.

FOR SALE:

2002 EXTRA 300/L, N67AS

2 seats, Serial # 163, Frame time: 796 hours, Engine time: 140 hours

Single owner; always hangared, Annual to February 2023

Upgraded engine, Near mint condition

Location: Palo Alto, California

Asking price \$275,000

Photos, Logbooks and AD Notes Compliance will be provided upon request.

You can watch the airplane in flight at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUeUcRzvQao>

Amos Wilnai, IAC 430379
Palo Alto, CA, 650-465-3130, awilnai@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

Almost new, very low time Christen Eagle spring aluminum landing gear.

Asking 800.00.



Contact: Matt Haigh (haighaviation@yahoo.com)

International Aerobatics Day

Saturday, June 25, 2022



**Come and celebrate National Aerobatics Day with
IAC Chapter 88 at Romeo State Airport-D98**

10 am – 5 pm

- **Presentations:**
 - Introduction to International Aerobatic Club
 - Introduction to Aerobatics
 - Competition Aerobatics
- **Static displays of aerobatic rated aircraft**
- **Aerobatic Demonstration Flights**
- **Become a member of IAC Chapter 88**
- **Checkout our Website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/iac88>**

General Public Welcome



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