

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

June 2024

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



President's Column

During the recent Selfridge ANG Base “Open House and Airshow”, Chapter 88 had an opportunity to promote IAC and the chapter’s activities and events. I had established contact with the base early in the year to obtain permission to fly my Pitts onto the base to be part of the static display line-up of specialty aircraft. The Senior Master Sergeant I worked with to process the landing permit was very accommodating and secured a parking space under the open A-10 shed. It was a short flight of about 6 minutes from my home base D98 but a 15-minute plus taxiing down the 9,000 ft runway to my parking spot.

After a long drive and hours waiting in line to get onto the base, Laura and Wayne Buescher joined me at my station. A big thank you for making the trip all the way from Canton. From the onset of the opening of the gate, visitors and families with children were attracted to the Pitts. It took all three of us to manage the crowd, answering questions about the airplane and the IAC organization as well as letting children sit in the cockpit of my Pitts. While Laura and Wayne handled the promotion of the chapter and scheduled events, I had the pleasure of lifting close to 100 children in and out of the Pitts for a photo session with their parents. The youngest of them seemed to have been born just a few weeks back.

It was a perfect event to promote the upcoming International Aerobatics Day at Romeo State Airport. With Romeo being relatively close to Selfridge, many visitors were from the surrounding area and showed great interest in attending the Aerobatics Day celebration. Laura and Wayne explained what to expect and handed out special invitations that included the program for the Aerobatics Day and the Michigan Open Aerobatic Championship scheduled for early July.

We also welcomed members and former members of Chapter 88: Chapter member Gunter Niederbacher toured the show with one of his friends, Scott Gusakov, a former chapter member and competitor was on site flying the L-39 jet in the airshow.

The International Aerobatics Day is less than one week away. The weather forecast looks promising at this point of time for aircraft getting to Romeo. The attached program lists the activities that include a presentation of IAC and aerobatic flight by Wayne Buescher, a talk about parachutes by Master Packer Cliff Alficci and aerobatic demonstration flights by chapter members. For visitors flying into Romeo, please be aware that a NOTAM is in effect from 1000 until 1700 local time. Any question, contact us on 122.8.

The next major chapter event following the Aerobatics Day celebration is the Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship taking place at James Clements A/P (3CM) in Bay City. Please join us, there are many volunteer tasks to be filled. Whatever you sign up to, you will enjoy being a part of this annual event.

Come and join us at the International Aerobatics Day celebration, I am looking forward to welcoming everyone.

Hugo



Save the Day

Monthly Chapter meetings - 3rd Saturday each month

Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting *July 20th* – starting at 10 am

Romeo State Airport Terminal Building D98

15340 32 Mile Rd, Ray, MI

International Aerobatics Day Celebration

June 22, 2024

Romeo State Airport D98

Come on out to support the IAC and get a free critique from some of the regions best judges and competitors!

Mid-America Region Contests:

Spencer, IA – June 28-30

Michigan Open, Bay City – July 6-7

Yooper Looper, Marquette – Aug 2 - 4

IAC East Open Championship, Bellefontaine – August 16-17

Maple Syrup Open, Midland Ontario - August 16-17

June 22, 2024 (International Aerobatics Day)



Practice and Critique Days

August 17, 2024

September 21, 2024

October 19, 2024

NOTAM ISSUED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM

Questions: contact Hugo: 586-588-0145

International Aerobatics Day

Saturday, June 22, 2024



**Come and celebrate National Aerobatics Day with
IAC Chapter 88**

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

2024 Chapter 88 Contacts

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| President and Web-Master | Hugo Ritzenthaler |
| Vice President | Wayne Buescher |
| Assistant Vice President | Tim Stackhouse |
| Secretary | Laura Buescher |
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| Newsletter Editor | Tim Stackhouse |
| Judges School Instructor | Wayne Buescher |
| Contest Director - 2024 | Dan Unger |

What's new at Chapter 88

Golden Anniversary!

Happy 50th Chapter 88!

Competitors, volunteers, curious people,

It's contest season 2024 and time to preregister for your favorite contests, we hope you'll add the Yooper Looper, August 2-4 at KSAW, to that list. We're making it a regular in the Mid-America Series.

We're really not that far, most of the snow has melted, and the mosquitoes will be gone by the contest. Our 12,300' runway has been shortened to 9,000'. It's 150' wide, careful on that first landing, you're higher than you feel.

The tower loves us. The FBO, Kubick Aviation, provides tremendous support with discount fuel and free hangar, and a local dealer provides loaners.

More contest details at the IAC contest listing available at: <https://www.iac.org/contest/2024-08-02-yooper-looper>, login required.

Those that are not IAC members please contact me directly via email or cell/text at 906-250-3231 to volunteer, ask questions, or provide suggestions.

We look forward to seeing you at the Yooper Looper.

Roger



The weather was great for the Selfridge AFB Airshow and Open House June 8 & 9.



The most popular attraction was Six-Hotel-Hotel.

From the time the gates opened the Pitts was a hit.

Special thanks to Laura and Wayne for managing the crowd and sharing their huge knowledge of our sport and our chapter.

Many new contacts were made and invitations extended to National Aerobatics Day at Romeo!





IAC CHAPTER 88
Southeastern Michigan



Golden Anniversary Membership Application

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| 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:

Dave Germann

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