

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER



September 2023

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President's Column

It has been a busy four weeks for some of us attending two of the Mid-America contests.

The **Ohio Fall Frolic** took place August 24 -26 at Bellefontaine airport. Chapter 88 was well represented with Laura and Wayne Buescher, Mary and Dan Unger, Heather Campbell and Tim Stackhouse attending as volunteers in the capacity of Chief Judge, Judge or line assist and myself attending as a competitor and judge. Thank you Ohio 34 for hosting another contest, Bennett Petersen and Seth Bertram did a great job managing the competition. Unfortunately, weather did not cooperate on Friday, the first day of the competition, only the two Primary competitors were able to fly. Saturday started out as a perfect competition day. However, by the time the two of us Unlimited competitors were scheduled to fly, clouds had moved in making it difficult to fly the entire sequence without re-flying many of the figures, we chose not to fly the Known. Since both of us UL competitors had prior commitments at our home bases, none of the Unlimited category flights were flown.



Picture taken by Leigh Hubner Saturday morning (more of Leigh's pictures can be viewed on Hangar 145 web page - <https://www.facebook.com/hangar145/>)



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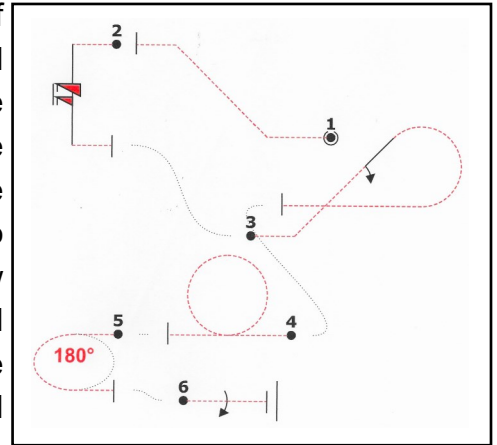
President's Column - cont.

The **Yooper Looper** contest took place September 8-10 at Marquette Sawyer Regional airport. Chapter 88 was represented by Laura and Wayne Buescher, Heather Campbell and Tim Stackhouse attending as volunteers and myself attending as a competitor and judge. Unfortunately, because the Yooper Looper had to be re-scheduled mid August due to weather issues, many of the competitors and volunteers, originally signed up, were unable to attend the make



Picture taken by Brianna Bauer

-up weekend. By the end of registration day, there were 4 out of the original 14 competitors attending. As a result, line judges and judge assistants were in short supply. This required a complete redo of the judges line set up and categories flown. There were now 3 Sportsman and 1 Unlimited competitors. To match up the pool of judges and assistant judges, it was necessary for Hugo to fly Primary instead of Unlimited. Hugo graciously agreed and flew all three flights back to back. Somehow, on his 3rd flight his mind must have been completely turned around as he flew the entire Primary sequence upside down. He earned a perfect HZ (Hard Zero) for the 3rd flight.



All 3 flights were completed on Saturday before some of the contest participants needed to depart as Sunday's forecast was not favorable for those who needed to be back home before the end of the weekend.

Friday and Saturday were perfect contest days weatherwise, sunshine, unlimited visibility, very pleasant temperatures and wind down the runway and the x-axis of the box. Sawyer Regional A/P is an ideal location for a contest with a Box right over the airport and 9,000 ft of runway with a great tower staff accommodating the contest schedule. The FBO's (Avionics) friendly staff provided fuel whenever needed and Brianna Bauer was there to capture the the special moments of the contest. There was no issue finding a space to hangar ones airplane, the airport made one of the gigantic hangars available to us.

Last but not least, Sawyer has a great history having been an Airforce Base from 1949 until 1995. It was interesting to meet and listen to some of the B52 pilots who came to visit during the contest.

We want to thank Roger Bentlage - CD and Chapter 134 for hosting the Yooper Looper contest, we all know how much work goes into the upfront preparations and we do appreciate his time and efforts to make it happen. Hoping that Chapter 134 will again host the Yooper Looper in 2024, I encourage pilots and volunteers to plan to attend a great contest at an extraordinary location.

Hugo



Yooper Looper 2023 (Pictures by Brianna Bauer)



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

- The next chapter meeting/practice day is scheduled to take place on **September 16, 2023 at 10 am** at Romeo State Airport (D98). Anyone wanting to practice, the box will be open, bring your Docs.

Save the Day

- ◆ Monthly Chapter meetings - **3rd Saturday** each month
 - > Nov - Apr at Premier Jet Services - PTK
 - > May - Oct at Romeo State Airport D98
- ◆ General election of Chapter 88 officers - **November 18, 2023**

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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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