

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

December 2022

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President's Column

I hope everyone who attended the holiday gathering had a good time and enjoyed the food at Giuseppe's Restaurant in New Baltimore. I am sorry I was unable to make the drive to join the festivity this year. I would like to thank our chapter officers and members for supporting the chapter activities throughout the year. Please join the next chapter meeting on January 21 at Pontiac Airport.

Happy Holidays and cheers to another year.

Holiday Gathering

The chapter closed the year with the traditional Holiday Get-together. Everyone had a good time enjoying an entertaining evening at Giuseppe's Restaurant in New Baltimore. We would like to thank guest members Tim Stackhouse and Jarret Curtis for making the long drive from neighboring Chapter 3 in Canada.

Attending (picture below at left - seating left front to back): Dave and Mary Germann, Kathy Ritzenthaler, Jacqueline and Roch Morin, Hugo Ritzenthaler, Wayne and Laura Buescher, (seating right front to back): Gunter Niederbacher, Victor Adamko, Jarret Curtis, Tim Stackhouse, Dan and Mary Unger.

A thank you to Dave Germann for making the arrangements at Giuseppe's Restaurant.



Looking back at this year's chapter events

On-site Judges School - March 19-20

Chapter 88 had a good turn-out, even though some of the registered students had to cancel last minute due to personal conflicts. There was a good cross section of students from various locations, including Ohio, Ontario and Upper Peninsula. It was refreshing to see a number of new IAC members at the class who wanted to learn more about aerobatic judging before engaging in competition flying.



International Aerobatics Day Celebration - June 25

The 2022 International Aerobatics Day Celebration was a great success. Romeo State Airport, where the chapter has a waived Aerobatic Practice Area, was an ideal location for this event. With about 40+ attendees, 6 aerobatic rated airplanes and blue skies, the chapter could hardly ask for more. Following the video presentation by Hugo, titled "The world of Competition Aerobatics", everyone ventured outside to enjoy the aerobatic flight demonstrations by Chapter 88 members.



Michigan Open Aerobatic Championship - July 8-10

This year's contest saw a lower than normal attendance even though the weather was extremely favorable during the entire weekend. Competitors had plenty of opportunity to practice in the box on Friday. We had a good cross section of acro planes and pilots from different states, including one from Canada. A special thank you to all the volunteers and the officers and members of the Bay City Valley Aero Club.



Bidding for the hosting of the IAC Open Championship East

In 2013 the IAC Board established new aerobatic titles to be hosted each year by one Eastern U.S. and one Western U.S. Regional contest.

Chapter 88 submitted a bid presentation to host the 2023 IAC Open Championship East. Our efforts to bid for the hosting has been successful as the IAC Board awarded this prestigious event to Chapter 88.

Aerobatic Practice Area (APA) Waiver Renewal

A renewal application for the APA at Romeo State Airport (D98) was submitted to the FSDO in September. An approved waiver that is good through Feb. 2026 was received end of November. Chapter 88 will continue holding monthly practice days at D98 during 2023.



Main Events in 2023

Chapter 88 is celebrating its 50th Anniversary

We are looking for volunteers to join a festivity committee. Furthermore, we are looking for input from current and former members to reflect upon the history of the Southeastern Michigan IAC Chapter 88.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer with the composing of the chapter history booklet and/or providing input (stories, pictures, etc.) please reach out to Hugo. A draft of the booklet has been started.



Save the Day

- ◆ **Monthly Chapter meetings - 3rd Saturday** each month
 - > Nov - Apr at Premier Jet Services - PTK
 - > May - Oct at Romeo State Airport D98
- ◆ **International Aerobatics Day Celebration, Romeo A/P D98 - June 24**
- ◆ **IAC Open Championship East, Bay City - July 7- 9**

Details to be posted in January's Newsletter

Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting **January 21**

Starting: 10 am.

Location: Pontiac A/P at Premier Jet Services (formerly Oakland Air) conference room (same address 6740 South Service Dr. Waterford, MI 48327)



2023 Chapter Membership Dues

A brief reminder, it is time to renew your membership, please submit the form at the last page of the NL with dues payment or bring form and payment to the next chapter meeting. Thank you.

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Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a great year ahead.

Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor



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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
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