

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER



August 2023

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President's Column

By now it's old news, the Yooper Looper did not happen this past weekend. Since the weather forecast for the weekend had not improved at all, contest director Roger Bentlage decided to cancel the competition and reschedule it for the weekend of September 8-10. Many of us chapter members who were planning to attend certainly looked forward to another great event at Sawyer International. I myself was ready to go, aux tank attached to the Pitts for a non-stop flight up to Marquette. Hope everyone who had plans to attend last weekend will be able to make the trip in September in support of Michigan Chapter 134.

In the meantime and just a little more than one week away, Ohio Chapter 34 will host the Fall Frolic at Bellefontaine airport. I encourage anyone free and able to make the trip to volunteer and/or compete, please join me there.

Chapter 88 is already looking at the 2024 contest season, in particular the Michigan Open Championship. It is with regret to inform the membership of an important volunteer position that needs to be filled before the 2024 contest date. Chapter Secretary Laura Buescher, who has been our chapter's Contest Registrar for the past 15 years, has decided for health reasons not to perform the Registrar position in future years. We do respect Laura's decision and want to thank her for her exemplary dedication being the Michigan Open Competition Registrar for all those years. Laura's administrative skills and up-front preparation work has contributed to the smooth operation of Chapter 88's contests. Needless to say, the chapter is looking for volunteers to take charge of the 2024 Registration. There is lots of good information concerning the function of the Registrar on the IAC website that will be made available in case a volunteer does not have access to the website. Dan Unger has already committed to be Contest Director for the 2024 contest. Please contact him if you are interested in taking on the position of Contest Registrar. Thank you.

Hugo

Chapter Meeting - July 29, 2023

Members present at the meeting: Laura and Wayne Buescher, Gino Raffin, Hugo Ritzenthaler, Jim Russo, Dan Unger (partial meeting)

Guests present: Dolores Raffin and daughter Elise.

Meeting main topics:

2023 chapter contest

- Laura Buescher informed about her decision not to perform the position of Registrar at the 2024 Michigan Open.
- an attempt was made to consolidate expenses to come up with a bottom line figure. In the absence of chapter treasurer Dave Germann (on family vacation), we decided to postpone the closure of the contest financials until next chapter meeting.
- an inventory of the contest shirts needs to be done at the next meeting. There should be a sufficient quantity of one color shirt to cover the need of one contest.
- consideration should be given to supplement this year's unused Michigan Open trophies to make a full set with new dates for the 2024 contest.

Anniversary Banquet

- the discussion focused on the timing for a banquet. There are two options, a) plan it for late this year in place of the traditional Christmas gathering, or b) plan it for spring 2024.
- suggestions for a location are welcome.
- looking for a volunteer to plan and manage this event.

Next Chapter Meeting

- with two contests taking place within the Mid-America region in August, it was decided to cancel the August meeting and schedule the September meeting for the 16th of the month.

Practice and critiquing session

Unfortunately, weather was marginal (low ceiling), no practice flights took place.

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

- **Note:** Due to scheduling conflicts, there will be no August chapter meeting. 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
- ◆ Ohio Fall Frolic, Bellefontaine - **August 25-26**
- ◆ **Yooper Looper make-up contest - September 8-10**
- ◆ Giles Henderson Memorial Challenge, Salem - **September 9-10**
- ◆ 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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