

## I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



# NEWSLETTER

February 2025

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### President's Column

The membership would like to welcome Captain Austin Bel-leau. He is currently stationed at Selfridge ANG. Austin is an experienced aerobatic pilot joining our chapter. Please see his biography in the Chapter News section below.

We received very positive feedback regarding Chapter 88's offering of a Judges School this spring. Based on that feedback we decided to go ahead with the hosting of the two-day school on April 12 & 13. Details are posted in the bulletin attached to this newsletter. Please use the attached registration form to let us know that you will attend. Your pre-registration helps immensely with the logistical preparations and the production of course material that will be provided. I am very encouraged that we will be able to backfill the pool of judges within our region.

Please join us on February 15 for the monthly chapter meeting.

[Hugo](#)

## 2025 Event Calendar

### Save the Day

Monthly Chapter meetings - **3rd Saturday** each month

**Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting February 15th** – starting at 10 am

at **Premier Jet Services** (PTK) conference room

6740 South Service Dr. Waterford, MI 48327

**Questions: contact Hugo: 586-588-0145**



**Judges School, Ray Community Airport (57D), Ray MI**

– **April 12-13**

**International Aerobatics Day Celebration, Romeo A/P (D98)**

– **June 28**

**Michigan Open Aerobatic Championship, Bay City**

– **July 11-13**

**The Robert L. Heuer Classic, Platteville, WI – July 19-20**

**Ohio Aerobatic Open, Bellefontaine, OH-August 8-9**

**Yoooper Looper Contest, Marquette – August 22-24**



## **2025 Chapter 88 Contacts**

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# Chapter News

## Welcome Austin!

Austin Belleau is an aviator with a deep appreciation for both aerobatics and military aviation. Originally from Colorado, he has been married to his wife, Hannah, for 10 years. Austin was fortunate to be part of the MSU Denver Aerobatics Team, where he helped the team earn the collegiate trophy in 2019, 2020, and 2021. He competed in primary, sportsman, and intermediate categories, flying aircraft such as the Xtreme Decathlon, Pitts S2C, and Extra 330LX.

In 2014, Austin enlisted in the Colorado Air National Guard and later transferred to the Michigan Air National Guard in 2021, where he currently serves as an A-10 pilot. Over the last four years, he has been training in Montgomery, AL, Wichita Falls, TX, and Tucson, AZ. Now living in Michigan, Austin is excited to be a part of Chapter 88 and looks forward to building relationships with the local general aviation and aerobatic community.

Grateful for the experiences he's had, Austin is eager to continue learning and contributing to the aviation community, both through his work in the Air National Guard and within the wider world of general aviation.



## 2025 Judges School

### Who should attend this Course:

- Everyone who is interested in becoming a judge
- Everyone who would like to learn to critique
- Everyone desiring to support their local chapter competition
- Competition pilots who want to understand what judges are looking for
- Current IAC judges who need to satisfy a recurrency requirement or refresher

### Materials:

#### 2025 IAC Rule Book

- download free to IAC members on-line at (<https://www.iac.org/system/files/IAC%20Rule%20Book%202025.pdf>)

#### Aresti Catalog

- purchase on-line <http://www.arestisystem.com>

Since the current Rule Book posted on the IAC Website is free for IAC Members, please download and bring the 2025 IAC Rule Book with you to class. If unable to print the 2025 Rule Book yourself, you may purchase one copy for \$25 by contacting IAC Chapter 88, Laura Buescher, at least one week prior to the judges school.

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Throughout the day. coffee / water / pop will be provided and Lunch will be ordered in.

Group Dinner on Saturday night will take place at a local restaurant, everyone pays for own food/drinks

IAC Chapter 88 will provide local transportation to/from hotels if needed

### **To Register:**

Please pre-register by filling out the Pre-registration Form and Emailing the completed form to:

Laura Buescher, Judges School Coordinator, [rvbird617b@aol.com](mailto:rvbird617b@aol.com)

### **Hotel Information:**

For anyone arriving from out of town and needing a hotel room, there are a number of hotels about 20 minutes from the Ray airport. We recommend that you call the hotels directly to obtain the best rate. There are hotels located to the south, near M-59 and VanDyke Fwy (M-53) and to the west near I 94.

# Introduction to Aerobic Judging

**April 12 & 13, 2025**

**Sponsored by**

**IAC Chapter 88 S.E. Michigan**

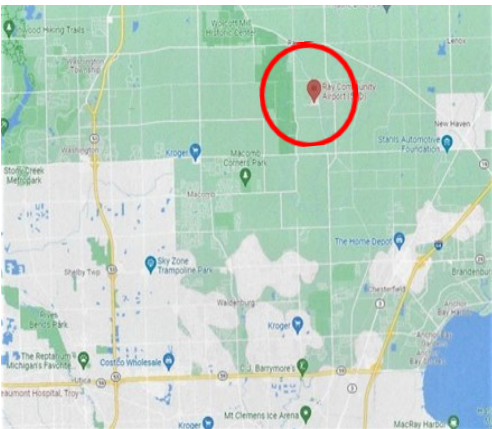
## **Location**

Ray Community Airport (57D)

EAA Hangar Conference Room

59819 Indian Trail, Ray, MI 48096

**Instructor:** Wayne Buescher



## **Class Time Schedule**

Registration: Saturday & Sunday 7:30 – 8:30 am

Instruction: Saturday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

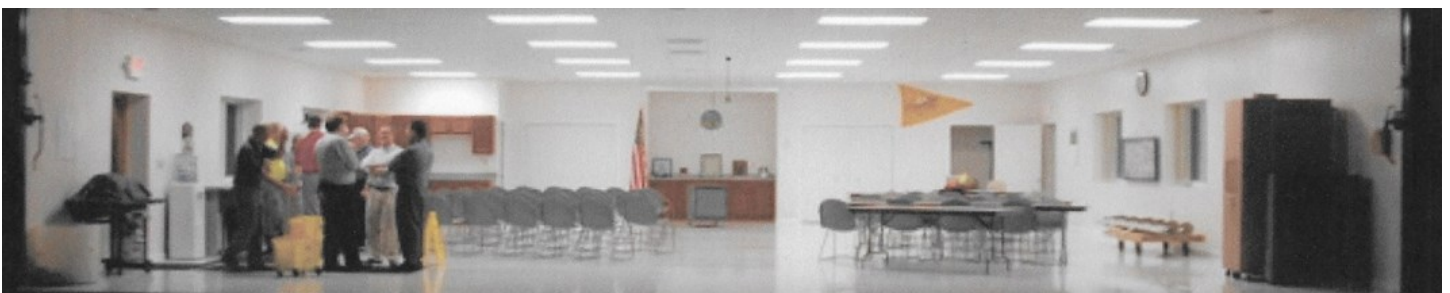
Sunday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Course Fees: Day 1 & 2—\$80

Day 2 Only—\$60

**For more details & RSVP contact Laura Buescher, Secretary, IAC Chapter 88**

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# IAC CHAPTER 88

## Southeastern Michigan



### 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:

Dave Germann

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