

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER



August 2022

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

President's Column

Our 45th Michigan Aerobatic Open is history. We had exceptionally good weather, clear Skies and relatively cool temperatures. Yet, weather across the Ohio border prevented some competitors from the southern region to get through to Michigan.

Considering all the reasons for a number of competitors not being able to make the trip to Bay City, we still had 10 pilots competing and a good number of volunteers assisting. All 3 program flights were flown. The majority of competitors competed in the Sportsman category, a good sign that grass roots flying is well alive.

One area where major efforts need to be made, is the judging. There is a lack of judges, period. I would like to encourage everyone having gone through judges school to complete the judges certification and become active on the judges line.

After two years of being prevented from crossing the border due to the pandemic, at this contest we were able to welcome back participants from neighboring Canada. Larry Ernewein with his Bücker Jungmann and Tim Stackhouse, assistant judge, made it across the border. Chris Pulley, unfortunately, had to cancel last minute for personal reasons.

I would like to thank the Chapter 88 Contest Officials, all the volunteers and the members from the Valley Aero Club for their time and efforts to make the 45th Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship a great success.

Sandy

Michigan Aerobatic Open - July 8 - 10, 2022

Great weather gave all competitors 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. The Dora hangar was again used as the contest HQ. Laura Buescher, assisted by Heather Thorsen, made sure that the registration process was completed prior to competition start on Saturday morning. Thank you Laura and Heather. Lorrie Penner, IAC Sport Aerobatics Editor, joined us for the weekend and took over scoring, which was greatly appreciated, thank you! Mary Unger, besides fulfilling the assignment as Volunteer Coordinator and providing transportation to/from the flight line with her golf cart, also took over the banquet responsibility, more pg 3. Dan Unger, CD, kept the event moving and made sure everyone was safe, a big thank you for taking over the Contest Director responsibility.

Pictures, courtesy of Lorrie Penner, IAC S.A. Editor, and Hugo Ritzenthaler



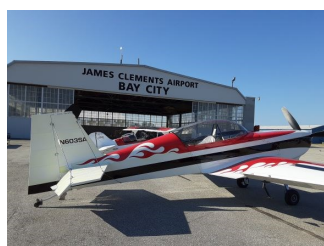
Contest Headquarter in the Dora Hangar



Opening Ceremony and Pilot Briefing



Biplane Heaven



...and some other great acros (that are missing a set of wings)

On the Judging Line



With temperatures being in the mid 70ties on Saturday, it was rather pleasant being out on the judging line

Saturday Night Banquet



The Saturday night banquet was held in the Dora Hangar. The delicious banquet food was organized and prepared by Mary Unger. In appreciation for her efforts, to put on the banquet for a second year in a row, the chapter presented Mary with a Chef's outfit. Thank you Mary!



Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and each others company on Saturday evening.



We had surprise visitors: Virginia and Brian Jacobson, long time members of Chapter 88 and now residing in Florida, stopped at the contest on their way to the east coast.



A group picture was taken before everyone departed on Sunday afternoon (last row standing) Guy & Betty Juntunen, Brian Hayden, Larrie Ernewein, Tim Taylor, Charlie Morris, Chris Keegan, Wayne Buescher, Gunter Niederbacher, Dan Unger, Seth Bertram, Jim Spaller, (middle row standing) Sandy Langworthy, Summer Hayden, Kristina Hayden, Brennan Hayden, Laura Buescher, (front kneeling) Jason Ledbetter, Hugo Ritzenthaler, Tim Stackhouse.

Awards Ceremony

Sportsman



1st Place - Larry Ernewein (92.2%)



2nd Place - Tim Taylor (89.57%)



3rd Place - Seth Bertram (80.61%)

Intermediate



1st Place - Chris Keegan (85.89%)



2nd Place - Wayne Buescher (84.19%)



3rd Place - Jim Spaller (81.99%)

Unlimited



1st Place - Hugo Ritzenthaler (69.72%)

Special Awards



Grass Roots Medal, Best 1st Time Competitor, American Champion Medal - Charlie Morris



Aviat Medal - Tim Taylor



For all of the 14 years that Chapter 88 held a contest at James Clements Airport, the Bay City Valley Aero Club has been extraordinarily supportive of our event. Chapter 88 very much appreciates the personal involvement of President Chuck Binder and V.P. Charlie Smith as well as the support of the volunteers from the Valley Aero Club. A special thanks to Chuck for taking on the air traffic monitoring and Charlie preparing lunch during the contest days. Not to forget VAC's assistance with transportation.

Appreciation Plaque to Bay City Valley Aero Club

Chapter 88 is fortunate to have two experienced Chief Judges amongst its membership. Sandy Langworthy and Wayne Buescher split the tasks of the Chief Judge function. This year the shortage of line judges put an extra burden on the Chief Judges as they had to function in the capacity of C.J. and Line Judge.

No contest will happen without a Starter. Gunter Niederbacher made sure that competitors were launched in the correct order to keep the contest on schedule.

Last but not least, the Chapter appreciates the support of the City of Bay City and James Clements Airport Manager Brian King.

Main Events in 2022

Next Chapter 88 monthly meeting **August 20** – Chapter meeting followed by practice and patch flying, practice judging at Romeo State Airport (D98) starting at 10 am.

Note: Last practice and critique session before the Yooper Looper contest!

Chapter 88 practice days will be managed in accordance to IAC guidelines. These can be found on the IAC website: <https://www.iac.org/chapter-resources>

Every pilot participant must obtain a pilot briefing and undergo a **document check** prior to flying in the designated waived airspace.

Other Mid-America Region Competitions

August 12-14 - Doug Yost Challenge

- Spencer, IA

August 26-28 - Yooper Looper Contest at Sawyer International A/P - SAW

- Please support Michigan IAC Chapter 134 and make the flight / drive up to Marquette. Judges and volunteers are badly needed
- Hotel information: Call the Quality Inn, 906-228-8100, reference the “Yooper Looper”, the rate for a double queen is \$199 + tax is good until August 18. The hotel is located 10 miles north of SAW.

September 15-18 – Eastern National Aerobatics Contest

- Midland Airport, Ontario (CYEE)
- Hotel information: Call (705) 526-2090 and tell them that you are with Aerobatic Canada to get the special rate of \$90 to \$120, pending on type of room

October 20-22 - Ohio Fall Frolic

- Bellefontaine, OH

50th Chapter 88 Anniversary - 2023

We are looking for volunteers to join a festivity committee, a Master of Ceremony and lots of 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.

We also look for suggestions for an anniversary logo that can be used for contest shirts and printed matter. A first cut of the logo was presented by Hugo.



Chapter 88 Contacts

President	Sandy Langworthy
Vice President	Hugo Ritzenthaler
Secretary	Laura Buescher
Treasurer	Dave Germann
Web Master	Hugo Ritzenthaler & Brian Roodvoets
Newsletter Editor	Hugo Ritzenthaler (Acting)
Judges School Instructor	Wayne Buescher

Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor

Miscellaneous

AEROBATIC INSTRUCTIONS

The Great Lake is available again. Location Ann Arbor Airport (AAR)



Contact Jason Ledbetter, email bubbleburger@gmail.com, for info regarding a basic aerobatic training program consisting of 4 hrs of instructions. Need 5-6 students to sign up to make the program viable.

FOR SALE:

Almost new, very low time Christen Eagle spring aluminum landing gear.
Asking 800.00.



Contact: Matt Haigh (haighaviation@yahoo.com)



IAC CHAPTER 88 S.E. MICHIGAN



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
 Chapter 88 Treasurer:
 Dave Germann
 32793 Greenwood Drive
 Chesterfield, MI 48047