

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan

NEWSLETTER

November 2019

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October Meeting Minutes

IAC Chapter 88 Meeting Saturday, Oct 19, 2019

Bay City, James Clements A/P (3CM)

Joint Meeting with Valley Aero Club

Attendees: Sandy Langworthy, Hugo Ritzenthaler, Wayne Buescher, Charlie Smith(VAC), Gunther Niederbacher, Doug Dodge (3CM Manager), Laura Buescher.

- Call to Order - by S. Langworthy at 10:00 A.M.

- **Announcements** - IAC Chapter 88 extended sincere thanks and appreciation to Valley Aero Club for their ongoing support of the Michigan Aerobatic Open based at the Dora Hangar of James Clements Airport. To support Valley Aero Club's continuous care and improvements of Dora Hangar, President Sandy Langworthy and Vice-President Hugo Ritzenthaler presented Charlie Smith, VAC-P, with a **Donation of \$500 to Valley Aero Club.**

- **Recognition** – Chapter 88 member Don Bonam located and painted both the north and south permanent BOX MARKERS of the aerobatic box at James Clements. He also determined the distance in feet from the end of the runway to the marker. Hugo will maintain this distance information with the copy of the coordinates. Thank you, Don!

- **Calendar-**
 - Next Chapter Meeting –November 16, 2019, 10:00 A.M. PTK
 - December will be the **Chapter Christmas Dinner**. Tentatively: Picano's December 8, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. Hugo will update us.

- **In 2020, meetings will be held the third Saturday of the month.**
- January 18, 10:00 A.M. PTK – subject to change with flying conditions.
- February 15, March 21, April 18.
- **Michigan Aerobatic Open, July 10 – July 12, 2020.**

➤ **2019 Michigan Open – Review**

- Contest polo shirts were provided to volunteers who had not received them.
- Briefing roll call must accurately reflect pilots in attendance. Absent pilot must be notated. This is particularly important when there are first time contestants.
- Announce that pilots must attend all briefings. There is a fine for non-attendance. Non-briefed pilots will not fly.

➤ **2020 Michigan Open – preliminary preparation**

- Date - Michigan Aerobatic Open appears on the IAC contest schedule. July 11- 12, 2020. Practice day on July 10, 2020.
- Hotels - The 2019 contest accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express at \$99. per night, as arranged by Chuck Binder of Valley Aero Club, were enjoyed by those who stayed there. Chapter 88 is reaching out to Chuck once again to communicate with the Holiday Inn Express and other nearby hotel locations to secure available rooms at great rates during the contest period.
- Tent replacement – Three tents will be procured prior to the July contest: two replacement tents and one spare.
- Anchors and rope – Sturdy anchors and tie-down lines are completed. Thank you, Hugo.
- Box marker plates – Box markers are in good condition.

➤ **Practice/Patch Day update**

- Hugo continues to advance the waiver request. The long-term waiver request has been submitted for review to Bruce Ballew, IAC government representative, prior to request submission to FAA.
- Request for March 1, 2020.
- Ground observer discussed

- Radio – IAC Chapter 88 will purchase one hand-held aviation radio.
- Inquire – Can waiver allow for two frequencies? 1 Box / 1 Unicom
Please direct this question to Bruce Ballew.
- Discussion – Frequency 122.8 is busy and may confuse critiquing environment. Air Show example – There is a discrete frequency for pilots.
- Pilots participating in critiquing should provide a radio for ground critiquing purposes.
- Prior to Michigan Open in July 2020, radio purchase will be discussed with Treasurer Brian Roodvoets. One or two radios will be purchased. Two radios would assist at contest.

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➤ **US Nationals, feedback from Sandy Langworthy**

- Sandy participated in Advanced Team selection for the 2020 Worlds.
- Kansas airport worked well. There was a large hangar to accommodate the aircraft and the venue provided the opportunity to adjust the judging line location with consideration for the wind and sun conditions. The main runway was aligned north – south.
- The contest ran smoothly with good cooperation from the tower.
- Busses, driven by local volunteers, transferred judges to the judging line. There were reasonable roads, good weather, some windy days.
- The Super 8 and Perkins restaurant were nearby.
- The Nationals will probably return next year.

➤ **New IAC Chapter 134 – YOOPER LOOPERS**

- Congratulations to the new Michigan UP IAC Chapter!
- See the recent issue of Sport Aerobatics for a great write-up.

➤ **Other Issues**

- Lorrie Penner is searching for a replacement for the IAC Executive Director position. We wish Lorrie well in her position as Editor of Sport Aerobatics.
- NL Mailing list update – Gunther distributed an initial update of the mailing list.
- Chapter website & Face Book update - continuing
- Member pictures for website - continuing

- **Patch Day Participation** – Jason Ledbetter, based at Ann Arbor, Michigan, is expected to fly for patches today. Sandy remained after meeting to judge and grade figures.

Adjourned at 11:50 for Members discussion

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chapter offers an opportunity for those members who wish to obtain an achievement award to fly for a Smooth Patch. Figures will be judged and graded by a current IAC Judge.

Laura Buescher

October 19 Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Announcements
- Introduction of guests/new members
- Approve Agenda
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Calendar
 - Christmas Gathering Dec 8 at 4 PM – Picano's Italian Grille, 3775 Rochester Rd., Troy, reservation under "Chapter 88"
 - Calendar for 2020, Monthly meetings and monthly practice days
- 2020 Michigan Open – preliminary preparation
 - Date
 - Hotel
 - Tent replacement
 - Anchors and rope
 - Box marker plates
- Practice/Patch Day update
- Long Term APA application (D98)
 - Application filed Oct 27
 - Meeting with FSDO Inspector at D98 on Oct 31
 - Purchase 1 hand held radio
- Other Issues
 - Chapter 88 promotion event
 - Member comments/suggestions
 - NL Mailing list update
 - Chapter website & Face Book update
 - Member pictures for website

Adjourn for Members discussion

Chapter 88 Calendar

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*Note: All chapter meetings are held on the **second (CHANGE!!) Saturday** of each month at*

Pontiac International Airport (KPTK),

E-Sky Aviation in Hangar 3, at 10:00 am

unless stated otherwise.

Chapter meetings in conjunction with Critique Sessions are held at the designated airport on the day of the event. Hugo Ritzenthaler will be the Coordinating Official to confirm or adjust date and location – please call.

Nov 16, 2019, 10am	Chapter meeting	Pontiac Airport
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IAC CHAPTER 88, S.E. MICHIGAN

Membership Application / Information Form



Please fill out this form and mail to:

Brian Roodvoets
PO Box 14
Lapeer, MI 48446

Annual Dues are \$20.00 per voting member

Membership year starts January 1st

Make Checks Payable to: **IAC CHAPTER 88**

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