

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year

President's Column

Happy New Year. Hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season. Everyone attending our chapter's annual Christmas dinner seemed to have had a good time. We had a great turn-out with 16 chapter members and spouses and guest, Seth Bertram from Chapter 34, attending (sorry Seth, we missed taking another picture after you had arrived). Everyone seemed to enjoy the location and food at Picano's Italian Grille in Troy.



Pictures by H. Ritzenthaler

Looking back at past year's Michigan Aerobatic Open contest at James Clements Airport, we had a great turn-out with 25 competitors attending. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making this a successful and safe year. A special thank you to all the volunteers, the Bay City Valley Aero Club and the James Clements Airport management for their time and efforts to put on this annual event. Last but not least a thank you to all chapter officers for their contribution during the past year.

The Chapter has committed to host their 44th consecutive Michigan Aerobatic Championship this year and preparations are already in progress. Competition dates are July 11 & 12, Registration and Practice July 10. Hotel information will be communicated shortly.

We are also planning regularly scheduled Practice/Patch days. We have been able to secure the commitment from the Romeo State Airport management to use the facility for Chapter practice/patch days. Hugo is working with the local FSDO to secure a long term (3 years) aerobatic practice area waiver located over the airport. Certificate of Waiver has been requested to take effect March 1, 2020.

A special welcome to all new chapter 88 members and competitors.

Let's have a safe 2020 flying season,

Sandy

Chapter Business

People on the Move:

Gunter Niederbacher, Chapter 88 Newsletter Editor for many years and Michigan Open Contest Director for the last two years, has accepted an assignment with TREMEC, an automotive transmission design/manufacture, based in Belgium. Gunter will reside in Belgium but will retain his home in Clarkston. Gunter had also volunteered to be the 2020 Michigan Open CD, with his departure, a substitute will be needed to fulfill the duties of this position at the July Bay City contest.

A special Thank You to Gunter for his dedicated support of Chapter 88 during all those years. All of us of Chapter 88 wish you great success in your new endeavor and hope that you will call on us whenever your business brings you back to Detroit.

IAC Chapter 88 Membership Dues:

Please submit your check made out to IAC Chapter 88 (see attachment, Membership Application form) and mail to: Brian Roodvoets, Treasurer, P.O. Box 14, Lapeer, MI 48446

Open Chapter 88 Positions:

Contest Director – 2020 Michigan Open

Newsletter Editor

Please submit your Nominations to Sandy Langworthy

2020 Known Sequences:

Now posted on the IAC website (<https://www.iac.org/sequences>)

2020 Judges School:

Chapter 88 is inquiring to find out if there is sufficient interest by the members of Chapter 88 and neighboring IAC chapters to organize a Judges School in March at PTK airport. Please let Sandy Langworthy know of your interest.

2020 Calendar

January 18: Chapter meeting at Hangar #3 at PTK

February 15: Chapter meeting at Hangar #3 at PTK

March (date TBD): Judges School (pending outcome of survey)

March (date TBD): Practice/Patch Day at D98

April (date TBD): Practice/Patch Day at D98

June 21: IAC Chapter 88 Promotion Day, Bay City Airport (3CM) - tentative

June 26-28: Ohio Contest, Bellefontaine

July 11-12: Michigan Aerobatic Open, Bay City

September 20 – 25: US Nationals, Salina, KS

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