

I.A.C. Chapter 88 Southeastern Michigan



NEWSLETTER

April 2021

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

President's Column

We are saddened about Doug Dodge's passing from complications of cancer. He was a long time member of IAC Chapter 88 and an aerobatic competitor, who competed in the Sportsman category at the very first Chapter 88 contest in 1977. Doug also served as a line judge as the chapter started to hold regular competitions in the late seventies. He was known as a highly skilled craftsman and perfectionist, building and servicing aerobatic aircraft. As the former Airport Manager, he supported the Chapter's competition during the 12 years, the competitions were held at James Clements Airport. Doug was always there when help was needed, he was a great friend and supporter of our sport. Our thoughts and sympathies go out to Jeannine and his family and friends.

An update about Dave McKenzie. We just learnt that Dave has been diagnosed with lung cancer that has spread to the lymph nodes and that he has been placed in hospice care. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave.

Arrangements have been made with Oakland Air for Chapter 88 to hold its future monthly chapter meetings at their facility's conference room at Pontiac Airport – map and address posted below.

A big thank you to Dan Holtzclaw for allowing chapter 88 to use the training room at E-Sky Aviation (Hangar #3) during the past 3 years.

Just another reminder, it's time to renew your chapter membership. Please support Chapter 88 by making this nominal financial contribution of \$20, submit your check made out to IAC Chapter 88 (see attachment, Membership Application Form) and mail it to: David Germann, Treasurer, 32793 Greenwood Drive, Chesterfield, MI 48047.

Sandy

National Aerobatics Day – Saturday, June 26, 2021



Chapter Business

The March meeting was held at the chapter's new meeting location, the Oakland Air facility at PTK. Present were: Roger Bentlage, Laura Buescher, Wayne Buescher, Kai Carter (guest of Roger), Kim Fanelli, Dave Germann, Sandy Langworthy, Gunter Niederbacher, Frances Rose (guest of Kim) and Hugo Ritzenthaler. Roger Bentlage, President of IAC Chapter 134 (and still a member of Chapter 88) flew in with his RV from Marquette to join us at the March meeting. Roger was accompanied by Kai Carter, student pilot and aerobatic aspirant. Kim Fanelli, our newest chapter member, was accompanied by Frances Rose. Kim and Frances are members of the Ninety-Nines, Intern. Organization of Women Pilots.

Most of the meeting discussion focused on the preparations for the Michigan Open competition:

Hotel: group rate has been secured and has been posted on the IAC contest calendar

Sponsors: 2 more sponsors have signed up, making it a total of 8.

Contest Insurance: in the process of setting up a meeting with the Bay City Pub. Works Director. Objective, getting hazard classification of contest lowered from high to medium, resulting in a lower insurance amount. 3CM A/P Manager, Jeff Koons, is happy to advocate our request.

Pre-Registration: document requirements have been defined and posted on IAC Contest Calendar, see below

Contest Entry Fee: same as 2019, will include hangar fee and 1 ticket for the Saturday night banquet – Primary \$120, Sportsman through Unlimited \$135.

Trophies:

Date plates will be ordered and affixed onto 2020 Trophies that had been purchased last year. Medal for "Highest scoring pilot in a biplane in any category" has been ordered (and received)

Waiver: Dan Unger will submit application to FAA

Contest Flyer: completed but waiting for more sponsors to sign up before sending lay-out to print shop, ordering 200 copies

Joint meeting with VAC at 3CM: date selection upon Dan Unger's return to Michigan.

At the end of the business meeting, Roger Bentlage made a slide presentation detailing the particulars about the 2021 Yooper Looper contest to take place at Sawyer Int'l – SAW over the Labor Day weekend.

Main Events in 2021

Michigan Aerobatic Open Competition

Chapter 88 is hosting a 5 category contest the weekend after the Fourth of July holiday, which is July 9 – 11. To facilitate the registration process, we are asking competitors to pre-register before the **deadline of July 1** by emailing the **Registration, Tech Inspection and Volunteer Sign-Up** forms as well as a **copy** of their signed **Free Sequence** to Laura Buescher, Registrar (rvbird617b@aol.com).

Forms:

Registration - <https://www.iac.org/sites/www.iac.org/files/TAB3-F01%20Contest%20Entry%20...>

Tech Inspection

- <https://www.iac.org/sites/www.iac.org/files/Technical%20Inspection%20For...>

Volunteer Sign-Up Form - <https://www.iac.org/files/cd-packet/TAB3-F04%20VolunteerSignUp.pdf>

Thursday, July 8, is box set-up day, starting at 10 am. Anyone free to lend a hand putting out the Box markers is welcome to join us.

Any questions regarding the contest, please contact Contest Director Dan Unger (586-675-6030) or assistant Hugo (586-588-0145). We would like to fill all volunteer positions as soon as possible, please let Dan know of your preferred assignment.

Contest hotel booking information: Holiday Inn Express & Suites Bay City, 3959 Traxler Ct, Bay City, Mi 48706, Phone 989-667-3800. Room & Rate Information: King Standard \$104.99+ tax, Double Queen Standard \$109.99 + tax. To make a reservation, please use link:

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en&re...> (link is external)

or call the front desk (989)-667-3800 and mention the **Michigan Aerobatic Competition Room block**.

Chapter Practice Days

Chapter 88 will continue in 2021 with a monthly practice day Romeo State A/P (D98). A schedule will be issued with the April NL.

Practice Days also provide an opportunity for anyone to fly for a SMOOTH Patch. Reviewing the IAC list of current active Chapter 88 members who have obtained an Achievement Award, there are many of you who could still add a few Smooth Patches to your collection (see chapter website <https://chapters.eaa.org/iac88> "Members Flying Awards").

Other Issues

Contest Insurance

The chapter is preparing for a meeting with Bay City officials to review its special event hazard category classification.

In parallel, the chapter is working with IAC corporate to review the current contest insurance options.

Chapter 88 Documents

Sandy was able to retrieve a number of cartons containing past year's chapter documents. Hugo took possession of them and agreed to sort through them to inventory their content.

The following document was archived in one of those cartons. It is a brief history of IAC Chapter 88, listing the people instrumental in getting Chapter 88 started and going during those early years of organized aerobatic flying.

OUR APRIL MEETING AT OAKLAND-ORION AIRPORT



May 14, 1980

A BRIEF HISTORY OF IAC CHAPTER 88

S.E. Michigan Chapter 88, I.A.C., was formed when a group of national I.A.C. members and interested people began to meet in the E.A.A. Chapter 113 hangar at Mettetal Airport, Plymouth, Michigan in 1973. George Lytle was the first President.

In the early years the Chapter held a series of flying meetings at various local airports in order to gain publicity and new members. These affairs for a couple of years took the form of "Corn Roasts", with some aero demonstrations. We then offered aero instruction in 15 and 30 minute segments at the meetings in a further attempt at reaching interested parties. This endeavor was soon abandoned as it was highly unproductive and was very wearing on Dave McKenzie who spent many hours giving instruction, 15-30 minutes at a time, to what turned out to be casually interested people who were never seen again.

1977 — category in 1978
In 1975 we obtained a waiver for a permanent practice area. By 1978 we were able to hold a 3 category contest at Milan, Michigan. This grew to a successful 4 category contest in 1979, which will be repeated in 1980.

GEORGE LYTLE

EDITORS NOTE: The chapter was incorporated in Mich Nov 17, 1973. However, several sources indicate get together meetings were being held in 1972. George says this is quite possible. The first contest was promoted and organized by Dave McKenzie in 1977 rather than 1978 and held at Milan, Mich. The original officers were: G. Lytle-Pres., Bill Unger, Jay Cavender, Jim Hazlett, & Bob Barns. George Lytle served a second term as pres. in 1974. Then his presidency was followed by : Bill Unger, D. Houdek, H. Harris, D. McDonald, & A. Patstone, our current president.

Chapter Bank Account Transfer

The Chapter is still working on getting the signature authority for the bank account transferred.

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 Southeast Michigan IAC Chapter 88.

2021 Calendar

April 17 – Monthly Chapter Meeting – PTK Oakland Air conference room

April 24 – Monthly Chapter Practice/Patch Day – EAA Insurance on hand

May 15 – Chapter Practice/Patch Day / Mtg with VAC (3CM)

June 19 – Chapter Practice/Patch Day

June 26 – National Aerobatics Day

June 26 – Ohio Chapter 34 Practice Day, Bellefontaine (EDJ)

July 8 – Box Day, Bay City (3CM)

July 9-11– Michigan Aerobatic Open Championship, Bay City (3CM)

August 20-22 –Giles Henderson Memorial Challenge, Salem (SLO)

September 4-5 – Yooper Looper Contest, Marquette (SAW)

September 9-12 – Ohio Aerobatic Open, Bellefontaine (EDJ)

September 19-24 – US National Aerobatic Championship, Salina, KS

New Chapter 88 Meeting Location



Oakland Air, 6740 S. Service Drive, Waterford, Mi 48327

New EAA/IAC Chapter 88 Website

Please navigate through our new website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/IAC88>

All Newsletters are archived on the Chapter website.

We are looking for photos for the “Chapter Member”, the “**What Members are Flying**” and input for the “**Flying Awards**” page. We are also asking for general input like tech reports, personal profiles, etc that may interest the membership or promote IAC and Chapter 88. I am making progress filling in voids regarding our members’ flying achievements. Still need your help to complete this section of the Chapter website. Please forward your input to 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
Contest Director - 2021	Dan Unger
Volunteer Coordinator	Mary Unger
Registrar	Laura Buescher & Kim Fanelli
Hugo Ritzenthaler - Acting Newsletter Editor	

Miscellaneous

AEROBATIC INSTRUCTIONS



Great Lakes that is used for the training

Contact Jason Ledbetter, phone 734-276-6581, email bubbleburger@gmail.com. Location Ann Arbor Airport (AAR)

FOR SALE:

Doug Dodge's Machaira is for sale.



<https://www.dacyairshows.com/doug-dodge--machaira-.html>

For specifics, please reply to: ddodge@netscape.com (still a valid address)

FOR SALE:

Dave McKenzie's Swick T-Clip (1941 Taylorcraft BC12) This Swick was originally built by Jim Swick. It was used to attain the STC for the 180hp Lycoming IO360. Aluminum spars and ribs. Spring aluminum landing gear. OSMOH IO360, Bendix PS5 carb. Doug Dodge Super Pitts Cowling. Logs on both airframe and engine. Project is in climate controlled hangar at McKenzie's Landing in Howell, Michigan
\$25,000 OBO. For inquiries, text Mike McKenzie (205) 612-3480 or email: mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com



FOR SALE:

Dave McKenzie's Sorrell Hiperbiplane project. Fuselage welded and sitting on heat-treated spring steel gear. OSMOH 212 hp IO360 and Hartsell constant speed prop. Project is in climate controlled hangar at McKenzie's Landing in Howell, Michigan
\$14,000 OBO. For inquiries, text Mike McKenzie (205) 612-3480 or email: mikemckenzieradio@yahoo.com



FOR SALE:

Two safety parachutes

1 Security 250 approx 35 yrs old

1 Security 150 approx 30 yrs old

Make offer.



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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