

Sharks Tales



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Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
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The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

Things haven't changed much since last month. It looks like a Covid vaccine is coming, but Sheboygan and the rest of the state are experiencing quite an infection rate. Two of my friends just came down with the virus. One, who is only 39, found out he was Covid positive when he had a stroke that the Dr figured gave him a 5% chance of survival when he was first examined. A TPA shot and surgery caught and removed the clot and he rapidly came around. With hospitals almost full, he was discharged after 3 days and is recovering and quarantining at home. My other friend is still getting progressively worse and is miserable. This virus sucks.

With things being what they are, I think we need to cancel our regular holiday BYO lunch at the Roadside. The facility is too small for our group to safely social distance, and the number of us in the "elderly" category just makes it too risky. We'll play it by ear as we receive the inoculation through the spring.

Oostburg is holding off on allowing people to use their facilities because of Covid, so we haven't scheduled any indoor flying yet. We're still holding out hope of flying indoors as things open up, and will put out a notice when they do.

As I mentioned last month, the AHC has opened, but they haven't started Movie Nights yet. We're on tap to handle the concession stand when they do. We'll start our monthly meetings then too, so watch future SHARKS Tales for that exciting development.

If you're like me, you probably got an e-mail from the FAA to renew your Certificate of Registration for the next 3 years. It's only \$5, so it's better to do it than have someone stop in and shut you down for being non-compliant. Here's the link to sign up or renew: <https://faadronezone.faa.gov> If this is a renewal, there's a Log In link under the link for the Exception for Recreational Flyers, where you'll enter using your login and

password from when you first applied for Certification. If this is your first time, click the link for the Exception for Recreational Flyers and follow the instructions. If you try to enter any other way, you'll have a good chance of ending up at the wrong place.
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As long as we're on the subject of renewing, it's time for your SHARKS renewal as well. Joe is pleased that quite a few of you have already taken care of it, which reminds me, I need to send him a check TOO! Fill out the included application with your choice of membership and send it to Joe at the address on the application, along with your check. If your AMA license is due, remember to take care of that too.

If you're planning to be a new SHARKS Park member, you have the choice of joining as an AMA Park Pilot or a ROAR member. The cost is the same. You only need one or the other to cover your required insurance, but the AMA Park Pilot license would allow you to fly small models as well as race. If you plan on visiting other ROAR facilities, then the ROAR membership would be the way to go. Right now we're the only affiliated club in Wisconsin, but the choice is yours. You'll find links to the AMA & ROAR on our links page <http://www.sharksrc.com/related.htm>

While AMA is on the 2021 cycle, ROAR says they work on a calendar year, so check to make sure your membership doesn't end 12/31/2020! Be sure to include your AMA license or ROAR membership # on our application. A SHARKS membership will be required for use of our facilities after January 1, 2021.

I saw a Facebook post about winter snow RC racing over in Japan. It looks like a blast! Hopefully we'll have a chance to try that before the driveway drifts shut. That usually becomes a problem after the first decent snow. It's been too sloppy for a while now, but we're getting down below freezing at night. Maybe the track will freeze and we can get back on it before spring!

Our new signs are still in work. The Sign Shop had to order larger sheets of aluminum as our signs are 5'x6'. Again, thanks to all who contributed to the project. I think it will really increase our visibility to the public, and help visitors find our entrance. The old one was easy to miss at 55 mph! Hopefully the Sign Shop will get a break in the windy and chilly weather when they come out to install them.

As always, contact me or any officer or board member with any questions or concerns you have, but in the meantime, Happy Flying RC'ing!

That's about it for now-

Mike

From the Editor

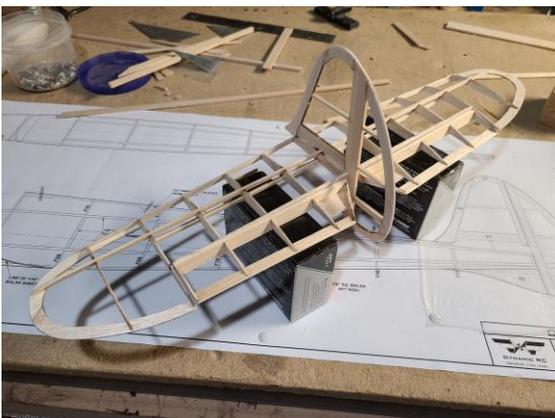
By Tony Lewis

As the year winds down, it's natural to look back on what 2020 has brought us. Obviously this year did not turn out the way any of us expected as COVID had (still has) our focus. But don't let the one large negative cloud overshadow the great happenings that still took place. Our club was able to accomplish some major things this year. We were able to expand our facility to engage a broader group of hobbyists with the addition of the SHARKS Park. Several members worked very hard in developing the land for these tracks and I believe it to be a great asset to our club. Many also pitched in to clear an area near the road and erect a new sign structure to welcome visitors to our facility. The new sign looks very professional and shows that our club is active and growing. I am very proud of all that has been accomplished and appreciate all the hard work the volunteers put in to make these a reality. Thank you! For myself, the year saw a healthy addition to my family, my son Elliot. And though he had a huge impact on my hobby time, the future will allow me to enjoy the RC hobby with him. I can't wait!

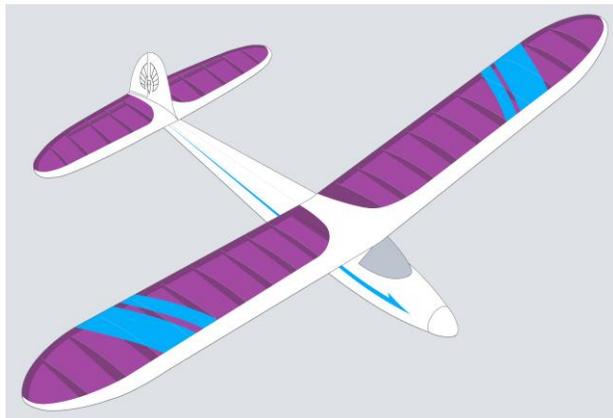
But the year isn't quite over yet, and right now is a great time to start planning and gathering parts and pieces for a new or current project to complete for the 2021 season. My first project will be the completion of a vintage glider called the Diana. I was able to get the wing and tail framed up this summer before my progress was halted by some house projects. But the nights are short and those house projects are about done, so it's time to get back to building! After the Diana, I have a handful of other projects lined up on the shelf. These projects include everything from a foam warbird to be detailed and assembled, a restoration of an old model, to a full balsa build from my own drawings (that still aren't quite done either...). I am hoping to create some more building articles as I work on these. If any of you have ideas for specific subjects you would like me to write about (covering, wiring, engine/motor installation, painting/weathering, etc) please shoot me an email at tony@dynamic-rc.com and let me know.

Happy Landings.

-Tony



The framed up Diana tail



What I hope the Diana looks like when finished

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2021 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2021 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Membership, and \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2021. Also, you will have the option of volunteering for 15 hours of club-benefiting activities or opting-out for an additional \$75. Please fill out this invoice completely and bring it with your payment to the February meeting, or send it with your check to the Treasurer:

Joe Kuranz
2850 Ashby Court
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Type of Membership (Check One)
 Regular _____ Additional _____ Junior _____

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ AMA/ROAR# _____

_____ e-mail _____

Would you like to receive the *Sharks Tales* newsletter via e-mail? Yes _____ No _____

Choose Your Dues

Type of Membership	Junior	Regular	Additional Family Adult
Basic Dues	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Check here if volunteering for 15 hours of club-benefiting activities for 2021	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2020	N/A		
Total Dues:	\$5.00		

If volunteering for club service, please check any activities you would be interested in participating in. This is not intended to force you into any particular activity, but it will help us find volunteers if we need more help in a particular area.

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| _____ Club Officer | _____ Public Relations | _____ |
| _____ Newsletter | _____ Exhibits/Demos | _____ |
| _____ Fun-Fly Duties | _____ AHC Movie Nights | _____ |
| _____ Field Maintenance | _____ Other (Please List) | _____ |
| _____ Flight Instructor | _____ | _____ |

**NEXT S.H.A.R.K.S. MEETING:
TO BE DETERMINED!**

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