

Sharks Tales



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Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
February 2020

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The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

Another winter month has come & gone, and the 'normal' high and low temperatures have finally turned the corner and are heading back up. Jimmy the groundhog at the zoo in Milwaukee says there's 6 more weeks of winter, but that works out to be around March 22 anyway. Duh! I read the groundhog only averages around 39% accuracy anyway.

Tony addresses the FAA's advisory period below, so respond as you see fit. With the Sheboygan Airport moving towards a controlled airspace because of the new customs office, we'll be in for some changes to our operation if the rules as written are adopted. The Board and I will be watching this closely as it develops and follow guidance as suggested by the AMA.

The earlier dates this month put our club meeting THIS Saturday, Feb 8th at 9AM at the AHC, and the AHC movie NEXT week on Friday Feb 14th. We'll be showing [Island in the Sky](#) once again, the 1953 John Wayne classic about an airplane crew stranded in the Canadian wilderness. As always, indoor flyers and helpers should be to the AHC by 6PM, with the movie starting at 7PM. Please let Dave and me know if you can help out. Dave's on the mend after successful surgery, so we may need some extra help!

We're still waiting for everybody to submit their 2020 dues. The application is included for us to update our records. You can mail it to Joe's address on the application, or bring it to the meeting Saturday. We'd love to see you!

Oostburg indoor flying continues at the grade school with a Saturday afternoon session after our SHARKS meeting. The schedule is included in this newsletter, but always check the website before you go to keep up with any changes.

There's still indoor RC car racing at the Waldo Memorial Hall. You can check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/435480663837575/>

I've been asked about swap meets. The Valley Aeromodelers have one at the Starlite Club in Kaukauna on Sunday, March 1, 2020. <https://flyvam.com/event/show-and-auction/> We weren't planning on having our own this year, but please let me know if there are any others coming up and I'll include them in the newsletter.

That's about it for now—*Mike*

From the Editor

By Tony Lewis

Well another month has passed and I still haven't had a chance to do any more building. It has been a busy month as I am happy to announce that my wife and I introduced our first child to this world. My son, Elliot, was born on the 22nd happy and healthy. I can't wait for the day I can start bringing him out to the field, just like my father did with me.

On a less happy note, I am sure all of you have heard about the proposed rule making by the FAA concerning remote identification. This is a big issue for our hobby. As it is currently written, we will have about a year to outfit our planes with some sort of remote identification module, the details of which are still unknown. Within that year we will be able to fly without it as long as we are at a FAA recognized location. After that first year, the FAA is looking and hoping that these sites will "phase out". They also will not accept any requests for new sites. This will certainly change the hobby for us, and not in a good way. But there is something we can do. As the AMA has been suggesting, we can publicly comment to the FAA on this proposed rule by visiting the following website:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/31/2019-28100/remote-identification-of-unmanned-aircraft-systems#open-comment>

The AMA also has a comment template (form letter) we can use. However, I have heard that this may not be the best way to communicate our intentions as the FAA has stated that they will ignore these duplicate form letter style comment postings. I found a list of suggestions posted that outlines some guides to make your comment heard.

1. Take your time crafting your response.
2. You are NOT limited to a certain number of words or characters. Your comment can be uploaded in a pdf format.
3. Back all of your arguments with strong data points, examples, and/or statistics.
4. Quote from reliable sources to emphasize your position.
5. Consider using images where appropriate.
6. Refute assertions made by the NPRM that are used to inappropriately back unfounded elements of the proposed rule or process.
7. Work with others to gather more ideas and help solidify your arguments.
8. Provide viable alternatives that better solve the issues presented.
9. Pay particular attention to the proposal's costs (both personal and to the FAA) – Follow the money.
10. Do NOT miss the March 2nd deadline.

Unfortunately, I do not think these law changes are going to go away for us. But if we put up enough of a fight, we can hopefully get them adjusted so as to not ruin the hobby we enjoy.

-Tony

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WEB LINKS

<http://www.sharksrc.com>

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2019-2020 Oostburg Indoor Flying

Wed, Nov 20, 6:45-9PM
Sat, Nov 30, 1-4PM
Wed, Dec 4, 6:45-9PM
Wed, Dec 11, 6:45-9PM
Wed, Dec 18, 6:45-9PM
Sat, Dec 28, 1-4PM
Sat, Jan 11, 1-4PM
Wed, Jan 15, 6:45-9PM
Wed, Jan 22, 6:45-9PM
Wed, Jan 29, 6:45-9PM
Sat, Feb 8, 1-4PM
Wed, Feb 12, 6:45-9PM
Sat, Feb 22, 1-4PM
Sat, Feb 29, 1-4PM
Sat, Mar 7, 1-4PM
Sat, Mar 14, 1-4PM
Sat, Mar 21, 1-4PM
Sat, Mar 28, 1-4PM

No food or drink in the gym at any time

* When we start at 6PM, we may NOT enter the gym until it is cleared of school activity

The school ALWAYS has priority for use of the gym, so we may be cancelled or rescheduled at any time. Always check www.sharksrc.com for the latest information.

All pilots must be AMA members. We will register newcomers as Introductory Pilots

Maximum aircraft weight is 12 ounces

If school is cancelled or let out early on flying dates, flying is also cancelled
Please be generous to the **Donation Jar** at the door for our use of these excellent facilities

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2020 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2020 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Membership, and \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2019. 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# _____

_____ 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 2020	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2019	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:

9:00 AM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

AHC LIBRARY

**S.H.A.R.K.S.
2850 ASHBY COURT
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081**

