# Sharks Tales

#### January 2016

#### The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!



Winter has arrived with a ton of snow, and the field is probably closed until sometime in March. New members should be extra careful if you try to get in. Even if you get past the pile at the road, the east-west portion of the entry drive is usually covered with deceptively deep drifts. Don't get stuck!

Our last club meeting and Christmas lunch at Roadside was well attended. Sorry if you didn't make it. The Aviation Heritage Center was soliciting funds, so we decided to send them \$100 because of their continued support for our club meetings and swap meet. We have since learned that they are restarting their monthly movies beginning on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 7PM. They will be charging admission of \$2/night or \$20/year. We have committed to providing the concession stand services, so consider coming out and fulfilling your volunteer club activity hours.

Your 2016 SHARKS dues are now due! Our next club meeting on February 13 would be a great time to take care of that obligation if you haven't already. Regular members should make sure you've completed your 15 hours of club benefitting activities or let Joe & I know you'll be paying it off at \$5/hr

I hope you've been following the discussions between the AMA and the FAA. It may or may not have an impact on how we conduct business at SHARKS field. We've been operating under the old rules, which meant we just gave full-scale aircraft the right of way. I'm not aware of any incidents where the airport received a complaint about a violation of that. The new rules being proposed by the FAA could mean a severe change, as we are within the 5 mile radius around the Sheboygan County Memorial airport. The AMA is requesting all members contact the FAA to express their concerns. Congress HAD established an exemption for organizations such as ours, but the FAA regulations don't appear to follow that. As flyers, the new rule states that we must register with them if any of our aircraft weigh more than .55 lb, 250 grams or 8.8

ounces. AMA is recommending that we NOT register at this time, as they are pushing to use our AMA registration as sufficient proof of compliance. We will receive clearance to register in time to avoid any late penalty fees, so please wait until the February SHARKS Tales for instructions. In the meantime, follow the e-mails that the AMA sends out. I don't know if you're receiving paper snail mail if you don't have a recorded e-mail address.

This year's SHARKS / KAF Swap meet will be held Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the AHC. That will move the April club meeting to FRIDAY, April 15 so we can set up the night before. See coming SHARKS Tales for details.

John Mazzanti is heading up efforts towards an all-electric Night Fly-In to be held at SHARKS field on Saturday, September 17 from 5 until midnight. The flyer is included in this newsletter.

Warren's heading to Russia for a mission trip. He says he's now fully funded, but you might want to touch base with him if you're interested in helping him on future ventures.

I got an e-mail from someone about a collection of large and unique gas models in Oregon, WI. The owner has macular degeneration and would like his aircraft to have a future in the air. If you're interested, you can contact Harley Nelson at <u>Ihnelson@frontier.com</u>

That's about it for now— *Mike* 

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#### 2016 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2016 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2016. 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 Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) Address \_\_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_

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

#### **Choose Your Dues**

Type of membership:	Junior	Regular
Basic Dues	\$5.00	\$50.00
Check here if volunteering for 15 hours of club- benefiting activities for 2016	N/A	
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A	
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2015	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.

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

## S.H.A.R.K.S. SHEBOYGAN AREA RADIO KONTROL SOCIETY

Remote Control Aircraft Night Time Fun-Fly Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 5pm to 12am

> W4318 County Road C Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin GPS N43 44.991 W87 54.830

<u>All Ages Event.</u> Public Welcome / Free Admission. Food and Drink Available. Set Up A Chair And Watch The Remote Control Airplanes Light Up The Night Sky.

Pilot Information. AMA Required To Fly. \$5.00 Pilot Fee. No Gas, Glow Or Turbine Aircraft Allowed To Fly After Dusk, Only Electric. All Electric Aircraft Flown After Dusk Must Have Adequate Lighting That Provides The Pilot With A Clear View Of The Aircraft's Orientation At All Times.

> General Information. Paved And Grass North-South and East-West Runways. Safety Fences For Public And Pilots. Porta Potty On Site. Local and AMA Safety Rules Enforced. Alcohol Not Allowed On Site.





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#### 2015-2016 Oostburg Indoor Flying

Wednesday, January 6, 6-9 PM\* Wednesday, January 13, 6-9 PM\* Saturday, January 23, 2-5 PM Saturday, January 30, 2-5 PM

Wednesday, February 3, 6-9 PM\* Saturday, February 13, 2-5 PM Wednesday, February 17, 6-9 PM\* Saturday, February 27, 6-9 PM\*

Saturday, March 5, 1-4 PM Saturday, March 12, 1-4 PM Saturday, March 19, 1-4 PM Saturday, March 26, 1-4 PM

Saturday, April 9, 1-4 PM

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 <u>www.sharksrc.com</u> for the latest information.

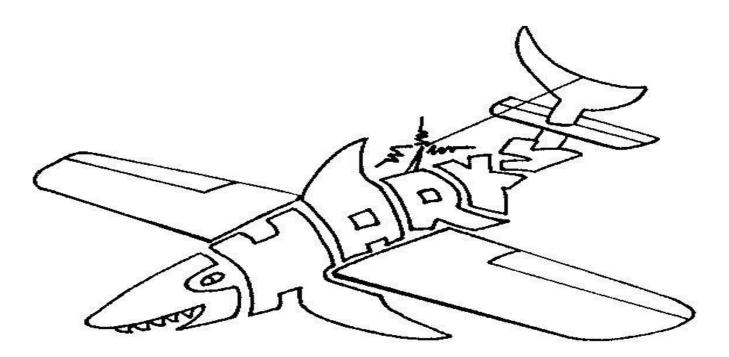
All pilots must be AMA members. We will register newcomers as Introductory Pilots

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

Always check www.sharksrc.com for the latest information

### NEXT S.H.A.R.K.S. MEETING: 9:00 AM, SATURDAY, FEB 13, 2016 AVIATION HERITAGE CENTER SHEBOYGAN MEMORIAL AIRPORT



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