

Sharks Tales



Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
March 2020

The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

I guess we shouldn't let the warmer weather this past weekend fool us into thinking winter's over. We know that isn't the case, and even the groundhog said so!

In spite of newborn baby sleep deprivation, Tony's got a great article below about the looming March 2nd deadline to submit comments to the FAA regarding their proposed rule changes affecting our operations at SHARKS Field. We will be impacted, so please make sure you weigh in on the need for allowances for permanent CBO (Community Based Organization) sites like ours, called FAA recognized identification area. We also would like to see a single registration for all RC aircraft owned by any individual, similar to what we have now. People with multiple aircraft may be affected by a yet-to-be-determined unknown degree. The same goes for remote ID, if we would fall under that requirement. The proposed 400' rule would definitely affect those of us with large or fast aircraft. I found our survey maps, and our property is 825' wide from the west tree line to the deer and the east driveway. Even if you stay below 400', think about the number of times you've gone past those points lining up for a landing! My thought would be to submit a separate comment on each issue so they don't have to sort it out and can get an accurate count. Don't wait until the last day! **Please** get it in **Before** March 2.

Indoor flying continues at Oostburg Elementary school for another 5 weeks, ending on Saturday, March 28th from 1-4PM. Remember to be generous when you sign in. All proceeds go directly to the Oostburg School District. The schedule is included, and is always on our website with updates.

Indoor racing continues at the Waldo Memorial Hall on Saturday evenings. You can follow the action at [Waldo RC Madness](#) on Facebook.

We don't have a meeting this month, but we still have the AHC Movie night on Friday, March 13 when we'll be showing the WWII classic [PT-109](#) with Cliff Robertson playing John F Kennedy. Helpers and indoor flyers should be there at 6, with the movie starting at 7PM. Please let Dave & me know if you can make it.

Our next actual meeting will be Saturday, April 11 at 9AM at the AHC. We'll be discussing & nominating people for our upcoming Board & Officer elections at the May meeting. Put it on your calendar so we can hear any input you might have. Good suggestions are always welcome!

That's about it for now—

Mike

*From the Editor
By Tony Lewis*

We have one more week folks. One final week to make our voices heard regarding the purposed FAA rule. I want to start out by correcting a statement I made in last month's newsletter. The comment I had heard about the FAA ignoring any mass produced, form-letter style comments is incorrect. Tyler Dobbs at the AMA addressed this stating that the FAA has confirmed that they will count all comments made, regardless of whether or not they are a form letter style comment. However, all of our comments will be categorized for analysis by the FAA. These types of comments will be separately categorized but will be counted. So it still is the stance of the AMA to use their templates as a starting point and personalize it to fit your views and opinions.

Horizon Hobby has also sent out a mass email concerning this rule and has a portal through their website to research this proposed rule and post your comments. Mike Patey, creator of the Draco monster bush plane, has also addressed this issue. And to sweeten the deal, has offered to personally give away 5 RTF E-Flite Carbon Cubs to people who post a comment to the FAA. View his latest video on YouTube, Garmin Glass + Carbon Fiber (SCRAPPY 10), to find out how to enter his drawing.

There is no reason not to post a comment and fight this rule. The negative effects of it going into place will permanently hurt our beloved hobby. I have seen a lot of finger pointing online regarding the AMA's stance on FPV, blame

put on non-AMA drone pilots, and the common assumption that rogue users will still do deviant things regardless of what rule is in place. But at this point, whose fault it is or what should have been done previously doesn't matter. Right now it's just an issue between those of us who want to continue our hobby, and the FAA. It is up to us to help them understand what our hobby entails and how their rule will hurt it. Below are several links for your use in researching and commenting on this matter.

AMA's Government Advocacy page: <https://www.modelaircraft.org/about-ama/advocacy>

AMA's podcast (Episode 17, Bonus Episode 3, Episode 23):
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/podcast>

AMA's Comment templates:
<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2020/01/20/submit-a-formal-comment/>

Horizon Hobby's MPRM info page with commenting link:
<https://www.horizonhobby.com/content/rc-aircraft-information? bta tid=34639778865476418485874427757726490988774304988990102006235965979258667596871643816181048135576744289544& bta c=1pxruthktflatzmx8ngh2zg9md2wv>

Mike Patey's video: <https://youtu.be/hvrnEYYeOL4>

FAA's comment page:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/31/2019-28100/remote-identification-of-unmanned-aircraft-systems>

Other than that, I have not had time to do any building this last month, hopefully you are doing better than me.

-Tony

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<http://www.sharksrc.com>

www.amadistrictvii.org

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 | _____ | _____ |

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

Always check www.sharksrc.com for the latest information

NEXT S.H.A.R.K.S. MEETING:

**9:00 AM, SATURDAY, APRIL 11,
2020**

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2850 ASHBY COURT
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081**

