

Sharks Tales



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Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
November 2020

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The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

With the dry & warmer break we're getting in the weather, we've decided to have one more Open House for the track. It'll be 11AM-4PM on Saturday, November 7, 2020. We'll have the same rules as a month ago: a \$5 driver fee and a signed liability waiver if we don't have one on file from last time. If you don't want to race and would like to help the track, the rock crawling course is being built. Bring some gloves and sturdy shoes and we'll put you to work!

The flying season is winding down. The refrigerator has been emptied, along with most of the non-potable landscape water tanks. The wind turbines will get bagged up soon and we'll be taking down the flag so it doesn't get tattered when we can't get up there to change it out. All the gas engines have had their oil changed and had Sta-Bil running through them for a couple months, so they should be ready for winter. They should be all set up for spring after some blade sharpening and a little grease.



You'll notice a significant structure out by our old sign at the entrance by the highway. That's the support for our new dual-facing sign. We're in the final design stages, and should see them installed in a couple weeks. My heartfelt thanks to Ralph Hurtienne & Mark Widder for their continued help building the support, along with Dave Langer, Dave Thielke, Paul Pikarski and returning member Jon Gradinjan, who all played pivotal roles starting with the digging of the holes. Thanks too to Warren Waddell, Kerry Mevis, John Mazzanti, Rick Lemmer and new members Rich Nason and Chris Miskell, who risked life and limb downing trees and clearing brush in the right-of-way so the new signs will be visible driving by. (I hope I didn't miss anybody.) It's turning into a significant investment in labor & money, but we're sure it will be worth it in new membership!

The AHC has opened, but they haven't started Movie Nights yet. We'll be on tap for the concession stand when they move forward on that. We'll start our monthly meetings then too, so watch future SHARKS Tales for that exciting development.

We've had a request from the Gathering Place to put on a limited indoor demonstration for an Aviation History Day event on Monday, November 16. I've gone out with Bob Nyhuis and the Kettle Area Flyers before, and we're looking for some retirees or otherwise available individuals to accommodate them. Please let me know if you can make it.

Tony's including an article from the AMA's Tyler Dobbs on the proposed Remote ID rules that are coming down from the FAA. Nothing is in effect yet that changes how we conduct air operations at SHARKS Field, but you should read the article and anything else that comes from our officials in Muncie, as they've stayed involved for our benefit from the beginning.

In case you missed it, the AMA just changed the coverage of land and water based models under the Park Pilot license program. You'll now be covered by AMA liability insurance while using our new tracks, and won't need another national membership! For those people who choose not to fly, you could use a Park Pilot designation at our field, or a ROAR membership if you plan to visit other participating ROAR tracks. A full SHARKS membership will be required for use of our facilities after our initial Open Houses.

Speaking of SHARKS membership, we're heading toward the end of the year and renewal season. Any new memberships and renewals will go toward 2021. Joe will gladly take your 2021 dues now, so please fill out the enclosed

membership application and return it to him with your fee. AMA or ROAR membership is required. 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!

With the Covid problems in the area, please remember to practice Social Distancing while you're at the field, and think about cleanliness when you're in the porta-potty or clubhouse. Our demographic includes many people considered to be in the vulnerable age group, me included. Don't leave any bugs for the next guy! Masks are optional, but will certainly not be scorned if anyone chooses to wear 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

AMA Meets with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

On October 22, 2020, AMA met with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) to discuss the FAA's proposed rule on Remote ID. OIRA is a statutory part of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), which is an Executive Office of the President. AMA's Government Affairs Director, Tyler Dobbs, began the conversation by pointing out the burden the FAA's Remote ID proposal would place on model aviation hobbyists, UAS manufacturing, hobby shops, and the UAS industry as a whole. Many of AMA's members fly aircraft that would be difficult, if not impossible, to be retrofitted in order to comply with the proposed Remote ID rule. In addition to retrofitting, AMA discussed the burden of per aircraft registration, manufacturing certification and standards, and the 12-month request period for remote ID exempt flying sites.

AMA has approximately 2500 fixed flying site locations along with several hundred JROTC locations within the United States. The FAA has recognized

these flying sites and the safe operations that occur within them. However, the FAA has given AMA a limited time frame to request these flying sites be exempt from the Remote ID rule. If a club's flying site were to become unavailable, said club would not be allowed to change their site's location after the 12-month request period ends. AMA has approximately 60 fixed flying site location changes every year. Due to such frequent change, it is imperative that AMA have the option to change and request new fixed flying site locations when needed, and that the FAA's proposed 12-month requesting period be removed from the rule.

An app-based solution for AMA members who fly outside of a fixed flying site location was also discussed. Approximately half of AMA's 180,000 members fly outside of a fixed flying site location. The app would work similarly to the LAANC app used for operating within controlled airspace. Members flying outside of a fixed flying site would need to use their cell phone or computer to request authorization to operate their aircraft. The app would provide the user's FAA registration number to law enforcement and the FAA, and would remove all proposed transponders, internet connection, and certification and standard requirements. AMA believes this app-based solution will not only make it easier for clubs and their members to comply but also remove the financial burden that would come along with the FAA's proposed rule.

Finally, AMA wants all its members to be able to continue flying as they have been for decades. Many members own several aircraft, ranging anywhere from one to hundreds of aircraft in total. Under the current proposed FAA rule, each aircraft would require its own individual registration and would have a fee associated with each aircraft. AMA has proposed that FAA registration remain status quo, arguing that users should only be required to register once, and that one registration number covers all of the aircraft they own.

-Tony

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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
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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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