

# Sharks Tales



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## The Prez Sez...

*By Mike Gradinjan*

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

It's pretty obvious from last week's weather that summer has come & is about to be gone. This next week promises to be a little warmer and sunny again, so that's encouraging. We need a nice fall flying season after all the rain we've had recently.

Those of you who haven't been out to the field in a couple months will find things looking a lot different than they did this spring. We had an excavator come in to reform the berm to the east of our grass parking area to allow for disposal of the large amount of grass clippings we're accumulating. This turned out to be a boost for the new RC racetracks we're developing, so things have really started to move forward on that front. John Mazzanti and a few friends have spent COUNTLESS hours landscaping 2 tracks to the south of our grass parking lot in the area we turned over to the farmer a couple years ago, and a rock crawler course. John's also made tremendous personal investments in equipment and logistics to enable this club improvement. Please join me in thanking him for what he's doing to increase our offerings and membership. I've added a [Track Page](#) to our [website](#) so you can follow along if you can't get out to the field to see it in person. We worked with the farmer so he was able to harvest his existing crop before all our work started. He's already prepped the fields for next year.



We're having an Open House for the new track on Sunday, October 11, 2020 from 10AM until 4PM. John will need as many members as possible to direct traffic, handle concessions and keep people safe, so please make an effort to lend a hand. These hours will count toward your dues obligation if you still need hours for this year. We'll have a quick SHARKS meeting afterward.

[The Track @ SHARKS Field](#) just received affiliation with [ROAR Racing!](#) This will provide a more targeted national membership for those wishing to stay mostly near the ground. Full SHARKS membership requirements will stay the same, and the Board will ensure our founding members' wish that SHARKS Field continue to have a primarily aviation focus is maintained.

We're also getting set up for a new 2-sided sign at our entrance out at the road. We cut back a bunch of brush and dropped a few trees in the right of way and back onto our property. It turns out the old sign was actually improperly installed, and the new one had to be another 11 feet to the north to be approved. The new posts are in place, and the rest of the support structure will go in soon. We're working out some final details on the actual 5'x6' signs before they get ordered. The pictures below show approximately what the signs will look like from the highway. The temporary braces will fall away as we complete our work.



We've got more new members! I missed Marty Gagliano & Dave Theilke in the last newsletter. Gary Chudzinski has joined us too. Former members Bob Wood, and Jon & Tony Tislau are back as well. I apologize if I missed anybody, which I'm sure I have. The skies at SHARKS Field are getting active again! Welcome whoever you see that looks like a new face.

I know it's early, but I updated our [Membership Application for 2021](#). It's on our website and is included in this newsletter.

The Aviation Heritage Center is still closed, but I'll let everybody know when the AHC Movie Nights pick up again. We're still slated to handle the concession stand for the movies.

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

That's about it for now-

*Mike*

## Guest Commentary...

### **SAFE !**

*By Adam Scheblein, Beginner/Intermediate Pilot, SHARKS*

OK... I'll admit it... I still use "training wheels" when I'm out flying... Another words, I still use SAFE on my E-Flite aircraft. It is very handy. Especially when I am attempting to do a loop about 10 feet off the ground and the wind is blowing against me and there is no real room to recover!... SAFE!... Yes, now I no longer do I have to call for the trash bag to be dragged out to the field. SAFE is nothing to be feared. All it does is to limit your degrees of axis when it comes to pitch, yaw, and degree of attack. It also brings you back to level if you should find yourself headed for the ground or lose control. So, when Horizon Hobby comes out with an incredible looking plane and it has SAFE... They have my attention!



it would interfere with his expert tricks. NO SO DAD!! You can bind a plane in SAFE and with a flip of a switch, SAFE can be disabled and there is NO interference with any maneuvers in EXPERT mode. If dad did that binding procedure, then the sonny boy could fly in his part of the field in SAFE mode while dad is off doing his thing.

Now not all planes just because they have SAFE technology are for the beginner. I started with a small HobbyZone Sport Cub S. The newer Version-2 now features new telemetry capabilities and still has SAFE technology that helps to prevent crashes to make learning to fly easier than ever! Boy, did I give that poor plane a workout trying to

Now, I know many of you "veterans" out there just snicker and say they will never use SAFE or bind your plane with SAFE. Hold on... I recently came across a father and son who were getting into the hobby together. The father was a real expert and could fly rings around most anyone at the field. Now the son was just beginning and had to wait till dad was done with his expert flying before he could "buddy box" with good old dad and have another flying lesson. The father did not want to bind his planes in SAFE because he thought





learn to fly. Especially in a confined space like a gym. That brave little plane is held together today by more glue than foam!



During the winter months trained on the RealFlight simulator. It has some exciting features including dozens of new aircraft, many flying fields and a Virtual Flight Instructor with lessons. You can download many other airplane models from <http://www.knifeedge.com/>. I then progressed to the CHAMP S+. Now this plane still had SAFE technology, but it also included drone technology. There were 3 flight modes: Beginner (SAFE), Intermediate, and Experienced. There were also Auto Land technology that lands the airplane by itself. It also had other assorted “wiz bang” techno things which I turned off.

As the years progressed, I was able to obtain various planes all with SAFE technology, including a *Mini Apprentice*, *Timber*, *PT-17*, *T-28 Trojan*, *P-51*, *MAULE*, *Commander mDp*, *Cirrus*, *Conscendo (glider)*, *Pitts S-1S* and other various smaller planes. Unfortunately, some of these are discontinued, so it is sometimes challenging to fly in expert mode... I hope to give a beginner/intermediate review on some of these as time goes by. Until then, Happy Flying... and keep your wheels on the runway!

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<http://www.sharksrc.com>

# 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# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 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		
<b>-OR-</b> Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2020	N/A		
<b>Total Dues:</b>	\$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:**

**AFTER THE TRACK OPEN HOUSE  
10AM - 4PM, SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 11, 2020**

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

