

# Sharks Tales



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Newsletter of the  
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society  
April 2026  
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## The Prez Sez...

*By Mike Gradinjan*

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

It's starting to seem like a repeat of last year with all the rain we've been having! We had 2.5" in the last 2 days alone in Greenbush, and the field had standing water everywhere yesterday afternoon when I stopped out to check on things. The landscaper has the new oval track dug out and refilled with clay, and the surrounding grass areas have been seeded. The track itself will need a bit of grading once it dries out a bit. It's pretty much a sloppy mess right now. Be careful of the jagged rocks on the driveway so you don't wreck a tire before we get them cleaned up. Please try to limit driving on the grass, too. A tow truck call can be expensive, and then we'll have to fix the ruts you leave, too. The off-road track is also really wet, with large areas flooded out. We have to remember it's only a few days out of March, and I seem to remember something about April showers bringing May flowers. Warmer & dryer weather will be here soon enough.

Oostburg indoor flying continues every Wednesday evening from 6-10 until April 29th. Attendance by SHARKS members has been down as the year wears on, so please continue to make use these opportunities to build the fund we turn over to the Oostburg School District at the end of the season. Enter through the northern doors on the west side of the building. Please note there'll be no indoor flying whenever a basketball game takes precedence. Any closure updates are always posted on our [Calendar Page](#).

AHC Movie Night is this week, when we'll show [Wings for Maggie Ray](#) at 7PM, Friday, April 10. Indoor flyers and helpers should be there at 6PM. Let [Graham](#) know if you can lend a hand. Hours count towards your club dues work obligation.

Our next SHARKS membership meeting will be Saturday, April 11 at 10 AM in the AHC library at the Sheboygan County Airport. We'll be taking nominations for the May election. We'll also talk about field maintenance for the summer ahead, and asking for donation commitments for the oval track & shed roofing projects. We're digging pretty deep into our reserves. Bring your checkbook and some of your winter projects for Show-n-Tell!

We'll have tables again at Rockets For Schools at Blue Harbor on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, so please make plans to help out with our displays. Contact Dave Langer if you can lend a hand! We'll push our SHARKS meeting back a week to May 16<sup>th</sup> so we can do both.

Make sure your AMA or ROAR memberships are up to date so you can complete your [2026 SHARKS Membership Application](#), which is included in this newsletter. Unless you're an opt-out member, remember you needed 15 hrs of club benefiting activities in 2025 to complete your obligation. This includes additional adult members where the first member is an opt-out. Please include \$5/unfulfilled hour with your 2026 application.

Remember that besides your AMA membership, flyers also need an FAA registry. The AMA has a detailed set of instructions at <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2022/08/09/update-to-the-faa-dronezone-and-registration-renewal-process/> which should help guide you through the process.

If you're planning to be a new SHARKS Park member, you have the choice of joining as an AMA Park Pilot or a ROAR member. You only need one or the other to cover your required insurance, but the AMA Park Pilot license would allow you to fly small electric models as well as race. If you plan on visiting other ROAR facilities, then the ROAR membership would be the way to go. Right now there's only one other ROAR affiliated club in Wisconsin, the [Sheboygan RC Club](#), but the choice is yours. You'll find links to the [AMA](#) & [ROAR](#) on our links page <http://www.sharksrc.com/related.htm>, or just click on the names here. Be sure to include your AMA license or ROAR membership # on our [SHARKS application](#). A SHARKS membership will be required for use of our facilities from now on.

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*

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<https://roarracing.com/>

## **A note from our Treasurer!**

The flying/racing season is fast approaching and we are all excited about getting out in the warm (hopefully dry!) weather to enjoy our hobby. As a big part of our enjoyment we are looking to upgrade some aspects of the field and clubhouse including the shed and the oval race track. In order for us to proceed we need to know what funding is available to accomplish these improvements.

If you plan to renew your membership I would ask that you please do so prior to the end of April. Included is a link to our 2026 membership form for you to use. [2026 SHARKS Membership Application](#) You may either mail it in, leave it along with payment on the bulletin board inside of the shed (west wall behind the rack) or you can bring it to the next meeting on April 11th @ 10 am at the Aviation Heritage Center.

If you choose to not renew your membership please let me know via email or text so that I can adjust our list. You can leave your key in the shed or dispose of it at your convenience.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming year at the field or at one of our meetings. We can share stories about the 'one that got away' or spectacular flights that we witnessed. There is so much that is new and still so much that is current in our hobby that there should be something for everyone.

Happy flying/racing !

Jim Loseke  
SHARKS Treasurer '26

# 2026 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2026 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Membership, and \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2026. 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 December lunch meeting, or send it with your check, made out to **SHARKS**, to the Treasurer:

**SHARKS**  
**c/o Jim Loseke**  
**718 Willow Dr**  
**Sheboygan, WI 53081**

**Type of Membership (Check One)**  
 Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Additional \_\_\_\_\_ Junior/Senior \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ AMA/ROAR# \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature if Junior \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Choose Your Dues

Type of Membership	Junior/Senior (≤18/≥81)	Regular	Additional Family Adult
Basic Dues	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Check here if volunteering for 15 hours of club-benefiting activities for 2026	N/A		
<b>-OR-</b> Add \$75.00 for Opt- Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2025	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      | _____ Flight Instructor | _____ Other (Please List) |
| _____ Newsletter        | _____ Public Relations  | _____                     |
| _____ Fun-Fly Duties    | _____ Exhibits/Demos    | _____                     |
| _____ Field Maintenance | _____ AHC Movie Nights  | _____                     |

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

**10 am, Saturday  
April 11, 2026  
Aviation Heritage Center Library**

**S.H.A.R.K.S.  
C/O JIM LOSEKE  
718 WILLOW DR  
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081**

