

Sharks Tales

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Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
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The Prez Sez...

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Say Hey, SHARKSters!

Happy New Year!

Our annual BYO Christmas lunch was well attended. Thanks to everyone who made this year's event another success. Great food and a good time seemed to be had by all.

Lynn & I just got back from 9 days in Florida for the 80th birthday party of a friend who I'd worked with, where the weather was cool for Florida. It was nothing like we're experiencing here now, though! YIKES! I took Bob Olson's advice that there'd be no flying on New Years Day, and stayed in hibernation at home. Just too cold for these old fingers!

Oostburg High School indoor flying continues. It's on Wednesday nights from 6-9PM and will run until April 30. We're continuing the \$10 fee for flyers, which all goes to the school district. Spectators are always free. Enter through the gym doors towards the north end of the building on the west side. Brian from the Kettle Area Flyers is hoping to add some weekend hours, too. Please remember we made a commitment to increase our attendance this season.

January's AHC Movie Night will be this week when we'll show Humphrey Bogart & Ingrid Bergman's classic [Casablanca](#) at 7PM, Friday, January 10. Indoor flyers and helpers should be there at 6PM. Let Dave Meyer or Graham know if you can lend a hand. Hours count towards your club dues work obligation.

There are still a few balsa models, motors, servos, etc left on the shelves in the shed at the field. Brave the cold and see if anything strikes your fancy for a winter project! Put your contribution with a note in the soda money box in the freezer so we have a record. The newer transmitters and electrical power equipment are the club's, so don't take those. I would be forced to hunt you down!

Make sure your AMA or ROAR memberships are up to date so you can complete your [2025 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 2024 to complete your obligation. This includes additional adult members where the first member is an opt-out. Please include \$5/unfulfilled hour with your 2025 application.

Remember that besides your AMA membership, flyers also need an FAA registry number that you can use on all your aircraft and your TRUST certificate. I noticed that mine are coming due.

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 we're one of two affiliated clubs in Wisconsin, 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.

The FAA registration is only \$5 for 3 years, so it's better to do it than have someone stop in and shut you down for being non-compliant. Here's the link to sign up or renew: <https://faadronezone.faa.gov>

I fly under Part 107 or as a Public Aircraft

I need to register a drone that is less than 55 lbs, apply for a waiver/authorization under [Part 107](#), or report a UAS/drone accident.

register

I fly under The Exception for Recreational Flyers

I need to register a drone under [The Exception for Recreational Flyers](#).

Register

Already registered? [Log In](#) to your existing account.

For general information about drones, [rules for flying](#), and how to [become a drone pilot](#), visit the [FAA website](#).

[Register a drone that weighs 55 lbs. or more.](#)

If this is a renewal, there's a Log In link under the link for the Exception for Recreational Flyers, where you'll enter using your login and password from when you first applied for Certification. If this is your first time, click the Register button link for the Exception for Recreational Flyers and follow the instructions. If you try to enter any other way, you'll have a good chance of ending up at the wrong place which could be a scam site.

The TRUST test can be accessed at
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/trust>

There's an FAQ located at

https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2021/02/24/the-recreational-uas-safety-test-trust-faq/?_ga=2.168312552.879088485.1626377374-1632433514.1626377325

Make sure you print out your certificate when you successfully complete the test. It's not saved anywhere, and you'll have to complete the test again to get a new certificate!

There's an [entry](#) on our [Swap & Shop page](#) on our website. Jim Loseke knows somebody who's selling a few aircraft for a friend. Please check it out.

Our new checks have arrived and are now in use, and we've started sorting through a few boxes of old SHARKS documents to see how the club developed. Many of the original founding members have passed away or moved on, usually to warmer climes.

Our next SHARKS meeting will be back at the Aviation Heritage Center, but won't be until February 1st. Don't show up a month early!

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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WEB LINKS

<http://www.sharksrc.com>

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/>

<https://roarracing.com/>

2025 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2025 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Membership, and \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2025. 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 _____

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	Regular	Additional Family Adult
Basic Dues	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Check here if volunteering for 15 hours of club-benefiting activities for 2025	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2024	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	_____

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

**10 am, Saturday
February 15, 2025
Aviation Heritage Center Library**

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