

# Sharks Tales

Newsletter of the  
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society  
March 2025



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## The Prez Sez...

*By Mike Gradinjan*

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

It looks like the weather is starting to turn toward Spring! A lot of rain is coming tonight and tomorrow, followed by an indeterminate amount of snow, so be careful if you venture out to the field and stay on the gravel road. We've had very soft ground in the grass in previous years that has swallowed some unsuspecting cars. Please don't make more work for the grounds crew.

The RC Racing gang is chomping at their bits to update the tracks and hopefully make them more usable and easier to maintain. A more permanent sun shelter is in the planning stage, as well as underground electric power to eliminate running extension cords across the parking area.

We seem to finally be in good standing with the IRS, and Jim's located our original Charter papers filed with the State of Wisconsin. The State papers list us as a Not for Profit organization, and our plan is to file for that status with the IRS as well.

Oostburg indoor flying continues every Wednesday evening from 6-9 into April. Attendance has been better this year, so please continue to 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 next week, when we'll show [Sink the Bismarck](#) at 7PM, Friday, March 14. 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 12 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. Bring some of your winter projects for Show-n-Tell!

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. 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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Mike Gradinjan

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<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/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 2025	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt- Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2024	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.**

_____ 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 12, 2025  
Aviation Heritage Center Library**

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

