

# Sharks Tales

Newsletter of the  
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society  
May 2025

## The Prez Sez...

*By Mike Gradinjan*



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Say Hey, SHARKSters!

I remember a monster snow storm back on May 10, 1990. Looking at the forecast for the next week, I think we can discount that possibility. I for one am sick of winter!

We just wrapped up a successful season of indoor flying at Oostburg High School. Brian Schumacher reports we raised almost twice as much money as last year, due in large part to a number of flyers from clubs south of here! Our local crews had better attendance than previous years, but we still seemed to generally come up short on our initial commitment last fall. Brian would like some feedback on what worked and areas for improvement. I know Wednesdays wouldn't be my first choice for flying, but that's what's available. The gym is an outstanding facility and is in high demand. Please look over the list of questions and provide whatever feedback you can directly to Brian. You don't have to stay within the included topics. They're just ideas to get you started. His contact information is near the end.

1. We started on Dec 4 and ended on April 30 for a total of 22 weeks. Is that period too long, too short or ok. Should we maybe start sooner and end sooner? Any other comments regarding the timing / length of the season?
2. While we only had Wednesday nights available to us, and there's not much we can do about that, did that affect people's interest or ability to join in? Unfortunately the gym is really only available to us consistently on Wednesdays. Other nights and Weekends are usually booked for school related events.
3. I know we had several new participants from other clubs that turned out to be regulars, and they flew A LOT, meaning many times per evening, with somewhat larger indoor planes. They also contributed a lot to the donation jar by participating very regularly. Did this cause any concerns for anyone? Did anyone feel like they couldn't fly when these individuals were flying or were they maybe afraid of possible mid-air's that might wreck their plane so they didn't fly as much as they'd like? Did the "skies" seem to too crowded, making some people feel uncomfortable to fly?
4. How do people feel about the donation amount of \$10.00 per person per night?
5. Any other concerns you may have regarding the Indoor Flying Season?

Any comments would REALLY BE APPRECIATED. Additionally, if the "crowded skies" or larger indoor planes are a concern, what recommendations would people have improve the situation that could maybe increase their participation?

People can contact Brian directly at 920-254-4103 or email him at [pilot\\_shoey@yahoo.com](mailto:pilot_shoey@yahoo.com). If you prefer to remain anonymous, submit your comments to Mike G in a sealed envelope and he'll collect them.

AHC Movie Night is this week, when we'll show [The Dam Busters](#) at 7PM, Friday, May 9. 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.

We have 2 tables at [Rockets for Schools](#) again on May 9 & 10. Dave Langer & Jon are heading up our effort and could really use as much help as possible. We can start bringing in our display models Thursday afternoon, May 8. Contact Dave for more information at 612-308-3587.

Our next SHARKS membership meeting will be Saturday, May 17 at 10 AM in the AHC library at the Sheboygan County Airport. The nominations came in with no changes from last year, so the election should be a piece of cake! After disposing of other pressing business, weather permitting, we'll head to the field and start on the field work. Bring your work gloves and gardening tools.

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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<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		
<b>-OR-</b> 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**

**May 17, 2025**

**Aviation Heritage Center Library**

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