

Sharks Tales

Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
October 2026

The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan



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Say Hey, SHARKSters!

Welcome to Fall! We've had some chilly nights and big rains that have been hard to deal with on the RC race tracks, but this week's warmer temps have helped quite a bit. A HUGE Thank You!!! to Jim Slapikes for his major contribution to upgrade the scale 1/2 mile clay oval. Now we just need to agree on a plan to keep it in tip-top shape.

Our field's been seeing a lot of use again this summer, with our morning flyers and a solid group of RC racers. Both tracks are getting their share of use, and I'd like to thank the group of former members who put in the work to get that portion of our facilities started maybe 6 years ago now. It's turned out to be a lot more fun than many of us imagined, with everybody adding cars to their stables. We frequently run out of working space on the tables in the shade structure. Dave T posted a video from his drone and I was surprised with the wear on the grass that isn't really visible from the drivers' stand! Something else to work on for next summer.

Our impromptu Open House, Night Fly & RC Racing event turned out to be a great time had by all. There were no crashes that I'm aware of, and Jon & Rick had lights on their RC cars and ripped quite a few laps on the oval as well. It was a pleasure not to be swarmed by mosquitoes like some previous years, too!

We have Movie Night at the AHC this Friday, October 9, when we'll be showing [The Red Baron](#), a story loosely based on the German flying ace Manfred von Richthofen. Indoor flyers and helpers should be there at 6, with the movie starting at 7. Please let [Graham](#) know if you can help out.

Our next SHARKS meeting will be this Saturday, October 10 at 10AM in the library at the AHC. We've got an increasing number of opt-out members, which helps our financial situation. We're coming up short on lawn mowing and other maintenance

items, though. Something needs to change, so your attendance and contribution to the discussion is most important.

We're still trying to consolidate our Facebook pages under 1 banner. You'll find us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/699606931572038/> or [Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society \(SHARKS\) | Facebook](#). [Graham](#) is the administrator, so questions can be addressed to him. Join up and be part of the fun. All our disciplines will eventually be linked there.

I've updated the SHARKS Membership Application for 2027 and have included it in this newsletter. Please use it as we transition into the New Year so we have all your updated information.

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>

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

<https://roarracing.com/>

2027 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2027 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Adult Membership, and \$5 for Junior/Senior Membership (18 and younger or over 81) and are due in January 2027. 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 2027	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt- Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2026	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

_____ Newsletter

_____ Fun-Fly Duties

_____ Field Maintenance

_____ Flight Instructor

_____ Public Relations

_____ Exhibits/Demos

_____ AHC Movie Nights

_____ Other (Please List)

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

10 am, Saturday

October 10, 2026

Aviation Heritage Center Library

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