

Sharks Tales



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The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say, Hey, SHARKSters!

Another year has come and gone. Hopefully you don't feel more than the one year older you should at this point, but considering the average age of our group, there are probably more than our fair share of new or nagging aches and pains. At least the weather hasn't been too bad, and we haven't had to expend too much of our body capital on shoveling snow. Maybe condo or apartment living is the way to go, as long as there's room to store and work on our planes. Jeff's setup is AWESOME! :-)

I'm hoping Santa had you on the nice list. Jon got what has turned out to be the greatest father-son gift ever... Combat Helicopters! All those pent-up frustrations are relieved in 4 minute spurts, blasting each other out of the air to the cheer of the victor and the laughs of any on-lookers. Sounds like this was a close-out deal, but keep your eyes open for them at swap meets and such.

Who knew Santa shopped at Kvindlog's?!? (S)he left an E-Flite F-86 Sabre 15 DF under my tree, and I've already surpassed the 5-7 hours of ARF assembly time by about a factor of 3. I'm on page 12 of the 36 pages of instructions, so it doesn't look too good for getting this baby, complete with navigation lights, into the air before Spring. It'll be pretty on the first roll-out, though. No guarantees after that.

The indoor flying season is well under way. We just provided the school's robotics class with another Spectrum DX transmitter purchased with our free-will donations, so remember to stuff the collection jar as often as you can. Unfortunately, we've had one incident where someone didn't follow the posted schedule and was flying on an evening we weren't approved for. This can't happen if we want to continue our outstanding relationship with the school, so PLEASE make sure we're scheduled to fly before you head out. Dave will include the schedule further down in this newsletter, and it's been posted on the club website, www.sharksrc.com on the Club Newsletter page all along.

The AHC movie night is this Friday, January 13th, but remember we canceled the January club meeting. "1941" with John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd will be the feature film, and we once again are looking for volunteers to "man" (no offense, Gloria!) the concession stand. Our next club meeting will be February 11th, 2012. I believe we were going to forgo the March meeting, and move the April meeting to April 21, the day before for our annual KAF/SHARKS swap meet on April 22. Watch the website for further details as they develop.

That's it for now.
Happy Building!

Mike

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<http://www.sharksrc.com>

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Sheboygan_SHARKS/

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Minutes of the Meeting

December 10th, 2011

Normally we wouldn't have a "meeting" in December – just the Christmas get-together and luncheon – but since our plan to fly in the AHC lab was foiled by the presence of actual airplanes stored inside, we decided to give it a go.

Meeting was called to order at 9:28am. There were 7 members present.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The checkbook activity was read and filed.

Joe reports that we already have 5 paid members for 2012.

Items of Discussion

1. Joe reports that a semi truck from Adell Co-Op got stuck in mud up to the axle on the outside curve of the first left hand turn going in to the field. It is ruttup pretty good and may need some attention to get dirt clods off the road from when the truck got pulled out and to smooth things out.
2. Mike got an e-mail from the AMA telling us to reuse our safety poster from 2011 for 2012 in the name of austerity.
3. Mike, Jerry and Art were Introductory Pilot Program Instructors last year; and Mike and Jerry have agreed to sign up to do it again next year.
4. Mike fixed the height adjuster of the mower deck on one of the John Deer's that broke. While he was at it he put new blades on it and cleaned it up.
5. The Toledo Show is on April 14-15, 2012. So we will be looking at April 22nd for the SHARKS/KAF Swap Meet. Dave will verify date availability with the AHC.
6. It was decided to skip the January 2012 meeting and resume with a meeting on February 11th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Dave Meyer

Treasurer

AHC Movie Night

Friday, January 13th is Movie Night at the Aviation Heritage Center. This month's movie is *1941 (1979, rated PG.)* *1941* is a spectacular star-studded comedy about hysterical Californians preparing for a Japanese invasion in the days following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Directed by Steven Spielberg and starring John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Ned Beatty, Robert Stack, Warren Oates, John Candy, and many more.

Doors open at 6:30pm and the movie begins at 7:00. Helpers should be there by 6:00. The Aviation Heritage center features locally made Palo Popcorn at the concession stand.



S.H.A.R.K.S. / K.A.F

2012 Indoor Flying Dates

Oostburg High School Gymnasium

Saturday, January 7 th	5pm-9pm
Wednesday, January 11 th	6pm-9pm
Wednesday, January 25 th	6pm-9pm
Wednesday, February 1 st	6pm-9pm
Saturday, February 11 th	5pm-9pm
Saturday, February 18 th	5pm-9pm
Wednesday, February 22 nd	6pm-9pm

More dates coming for March and April!

2012 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2012 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2012. Also, you will have the option of volunteering for 10 hours of club-benefiting activities or opting-out for an additional \$50. Please fill out this invoice completely and bring it with your payment to the January meeting, or send it with your check to the Treasurer:

Joe Kuranz
2850 Ashby Court
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Type of Membership (Check One) Regular _____ Junior _____

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Address _____ AMA # _____

_____ e-mail _____

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

Choose Your Dues

Membership Type:	Junior	Regular
Basic Dues	\$5.00	\$50.00
Check here if volunteering for 10 hours of club-benefiting activities for 2012	N/A	
-OR- Add \$50.00 for Opt-Out	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 in to any particular activity, but it will help us find volunteers if we need more help in a certain area.

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| _____ Club Officer | _____ Flight Instructor | _____ Other (Any suggestions?) |
| _____ Newsletter | _____ Public Relations | _____ |
| _____ Fun-Fly Duties | _____ Exhibits/Demos | _____ |
| _____ Field Maintenance | _____ AHC Movie Nights | _____ |
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