

Sharks Tales



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Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
January/February 2026

The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

Happy New Year!

I'm told our annual BYO Christmas lunch was well attended. Thanks to everyone who made this year's event another success. I'm sorry I couldn't join you for the great food and good time you had. Hopefully next year.

Our landscaper had started bringing in clay for the improved oval racetrack, but the 2 big snows we had pretty much shut the work down. I'm guessing it'll be spring before we see more forward progress. Summer should be a blast once the rocks are gone and the clay is worked smooth. Jon & I both got new Typhon's from Santa, so we're anxiously awaiting warmer weather.

Oostburg High School indoor flying continues. It's on Wednesday nights from 6-9PM and will run until April 29. 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. You should always check our website for cancellations due to weather or school event changes before you head out.

There's a large swap meet at the Washington County Exposition Center on Sunday, January 25. There's a link on our website and a flyer included here.

February's AHC Movie Night will be Friday, February 13, when we'll show the inspirational [Hidden Figures](#) with Octavia Spencer & Janelle Monae at 7PM. 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.

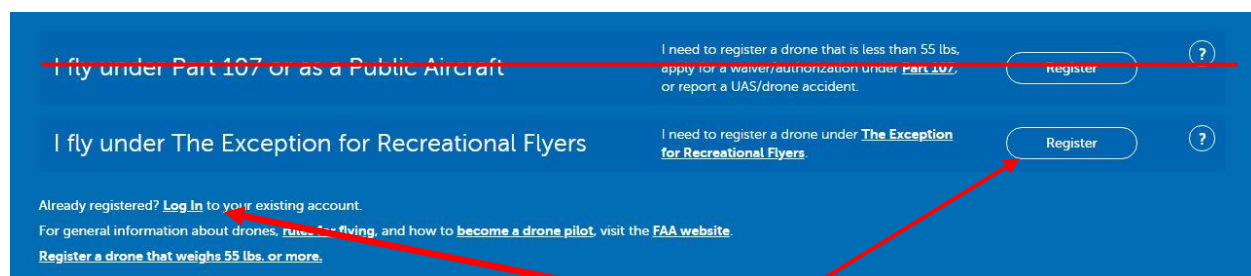
There are still a bunch of foam & balsa models, motors, servos, etc left on the shelves in the shed at the field. Brave the cold and see if anything strikes your fancy for a winter project! Watch out for deep drifts along the roadway going in & out. Calling a tow truck would make your haul a lot more expensive. 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 [2026 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 2025 to complete your obligation. This includes additional adult members where the first member is an opt-out. Please include \$5/unfulfilled hour with your 2026 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. ROAR has a new pay-as-you-go option, but our Board will need to come up with our rules once we see ROAR's actual plan.

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>



The image shows a screenshot of the FAA DroneZone registration page. A red line is drawn across the top section, which includes the heading "I fly under Part 107 or as a Public Aircraft" and a "register" button. Below this, the heading "I fly under The Exception for Recreational Flyers" is visible, along with a "Register" button. A red arrow points from the bottom of the page to the "Register" button under the recreational flyers section. Another red arrow points from the bottom left to the "Log In" link. At the bottom, there is a link to "become a drone pilot" and a note about registering drones weighing 55 lbs. or more.

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!

Our next SHARKS meeting will be back at the Aviation Heritage Center, but won't be until 10AM, February 14th. If you haven't mailed your SHARKS application in yet, you can bring it to the meeting and take care of it then.

We're still looking for the owner of the radio left at the field last year. It has a picture SD card, which I'm sure the owner would like back.

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/>

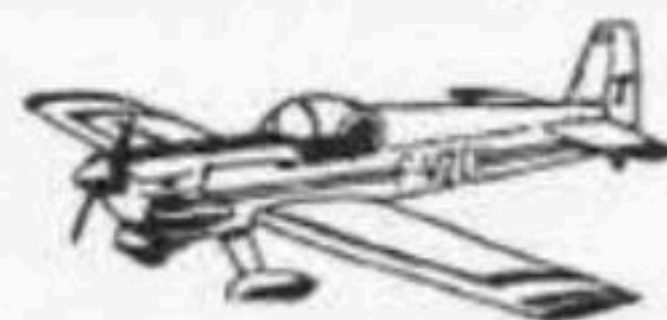
RC AUCTION & SWAP SHOP

47th ANNUAL



Sunday
January 25th, 2026

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN



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Chapter #7

Admission: \$8.00 Adults
(UNDER 16 FREE)

SWAP SHOP: 8:30-2:00

NO SELLING before 8:30 A.M. no exceptions

AUCTION

Throughout the day

TABLE FEES

All tables are \$20.00 each

Admission \$8.00 Per person

Contact event Coordinator William for table
reservations and questions at 920-567-8656
or email: register.mrca@gmail.com

FOOD – BEVERAGES – AMPLE PARKING

RAFFLE 50/25/25

immediately after auction

Visit us on FACEBOOK@ Milwaukee R/C Association

MEMBER CLUBS:

ABC R/C; Astro Wings of Wis; Lakeland R/C; Milwaukee Area Radio Kontrol Society (MARKS) Club; Fond Du Lac Aero Modelers Assn.; Flying Electronics, Inc; Pebble Creek Flyers, Inc; Racine R/C Club, Inc; Rainbow Aero Modelers Society (RAMS) Club; Rubicon Area Flyers (RAF) Club; Sky Ranch Flyers; Watertown Aeromodelers R/C Club.

AFFILIATE CLUBS; Bong Eagles; Circlemasters Flying Club; Model Engine Collectors Association (MECA); IPMS, Richard I Bong Chapter.



Washington County Fairgrounds
Pavilion Building
3000 Pleasant Valley Rd
West Bend, WI 53095

***“Bring your Airplanes, Cars,
Trucks, Boats, Parts etc. We
have buyers for all!”***

2026 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2026 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Membership, and \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2026. 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 2026	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt- Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2025	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 14, 2026
Aviation Heritage Center Library**

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