

Sharks Tales

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December 2021
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The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

Yep, it's almost winter! The only thing we need to make it complete besides a couple more weeks is a massive snow storm and below zero temps, which you can bet are right around the corner. The flag is taken down, the wind turbines are bagged up and the water tanks are drained. I better get the remaining soda out of the refrigerator before the cans explode! Remember that the driveway drifts get pretty deep just before the gate if we get a decent snow, so don't get stuck!

This Friday, December 10, we'll be showing the 2019 version of [Midway](#) at the AHC. The movie starts at 7. Helpers and indoor flyers should be there at 6. We've had a great crew the last couple months, and I hope that continues. It makes Dave Meyer's life a lot easier. Please contact him if you can make it.

Our next SHARKS "meeting" will be this Saturday, December 11, when we'll have our annual Buy Your Own Christmas Lunch at the Roadside Bar & Grill, just south of HWY's 57 & C. We'll start with a meet & greet in the bar at 11AM, and move to the dining room around noon. Significant others and kids are invited. Let me know if you're coming so I can alert them to the number we expect. I've only got 10 people signed up so far, but I hope to see everybody there! The 2022 Membership Renewal form is included in this newsletter. You can fill it out and bring it with your check to the Christmas lunch if you'd like to get that taken care of. With Covid resurging, please stay home if you've been exposed or are exhibiting symptoms. We have to protect all us old guys in the club. 😊

We'll also be giving away a Hobbico Avistar 40. It comes with 2 engines, 3 gallons of 5% fuel, a flight box with a power panel, battery, electric fuel pump, electric starter and both cabled & rechargeable glow starters. A gentleman called and said he wanted to donate his son's barely used equipment, as it's been sitting in his basement and garage for the last 30 years! He hoped it would all fly again, as do I. I'd like for it to go to somebody in need of equipment, but must

acknowledge that the engines were seized. I freed up the one in the plane using Liquid Wrench overnight, but the 2nd one is still stuck. Somebody with some time and a little finesse are needed to make it all airworthy again. Except for some seeds in the fuselage, the plane looks in great shape. If somebody would like to work on it before it goes to a new flyer, that would be great. If you'd like to be included in the drawing but can't make it to the Christmas lunch, let me know.

Adam Scheblein contributed an article about the new AMA program to help get your FAA TRUST certification to fly in the US airspace. This is a requirement beyond getting an FAA registration number, so it's best to get it taken care of. I followed the instructions and was able to complete the certification & test in about 15 minutes. You'll have a chance to get a digital file of your certificate to store on your phone in case the FAA or local law enforcement ever shows up to ask for it. You have to click "Next" on the last few pages to get to the print and download hot links, so don't panic when they don't appear where you think they should be. You have to make sure you've got everything before you close out the last page, as the results aren't stored anywhere else. You'll have to retake the test if you lose your results.

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, and Merry Christmas!

That's about it for now-

Mike

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Yes, I went and did it.... I took the test from TRUST (The Recreational UAS Safety Test) through the AMA website.

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

To tell you the truth... It was not that bad. I had just completed taking the three-hour motorcycle pretest for my motorcycle class. And they were a lot alike.

Here is how it works... They give you some information and they show you illustrations and then they ask you a question. If you get the answer correct you go onto the next question, if you get a question wrong, they show you all that information all over again. You can keep going round and round looking at the information and see the illustration again and again until you get the answer correct and then you go onto the next question.

It's just an information type of question-and-answer exercise. It's not really hard. And yes, I know... some people say it's just a government getting in your face again to make us jump through hoops so that we can fly airplanes. But... if you think about the state of the world today, and how some "*Ne'er-do-well*" people can deliver certain flying devices that might make life difficult on people, then you can see perhaps a little idea of where the government is coming from.

So just sign on through the AMA website and do the exercise. After taking this "test..." I cannot really call this a test... it's more of an informational exercise. So let's... "get 'er done."

By the way... more info can be found here...

https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2021/02/24/the-recreational-uas-safety-test-trust-faq/?_ga=2.168312552.879088485.1626377374-1632433514.1626377325

2022 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2022 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Membership, and \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2022. 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 February meeting, or send it with your check, made out to **SHARKS**, to the Treasurer:

Joe Kuranz
2850 Ashby Court
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Type of Membership (Check One)
 Regular _____ Additional _____ Junior _____

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	Regular	Additional Family Adult
Basic Dues	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Check here if volunteering for 15 hours of club-benefiting activities for 2022	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2021	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.

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| _____ 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:

11AM, SATURDAY

DECEMBER 11, 2021

ROADSIDE BAR & GRILL

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