

Sharks Tales

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Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
December 2023
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www.sharksrc.com

The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

Are you putting the finishing touches on your RC Christmas lists? I hope you remember [On Track RC Hobbies](#) in Sheboygan Falls, and I'm sure they'd love it if you shopped local this and every year! Check their schedule on Facebook before you head over there, though, as they have limited hours.

Jon & I now both have lithium powered winter gloves, so hopefully we'll get to try some RC racing fun before the snow locks us out until spring. The snow depth looks perfect after last night's deposit, so maybe after I get this newsletter written & posted? It's getting pretty late with the early sunsets right now.

Oostburg indoor flying begins again this week!. It's on Wednesday nights from 6-9PM, and we're continuing the \$10 fee for flyers, which all goes to the school district. Last season we collected \$1133! Spectators are always free, but we had a few throw in a few dollars in there to help. Enter through the gym doors towards the north end of the building.

Please note there'll be no indoor flying whenever a basketball game takes precedence. Any updates are always posted on our [Calendar Page](#).

AHC Movie Night is this week, when we'll show [The Final Countdown](#) at 7PM, Friday, December 8. 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.

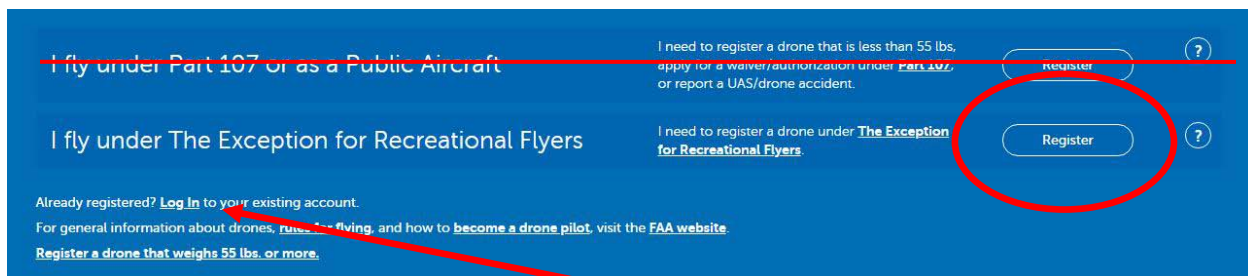
Our annual Buy You Own Christmas lunch is Saturday, December 9th at Roadside Bar & Grill, N5575 State Road 57, Plymouth. Meet in the bar starting at 11, and they'll seat us at noon. It's usually a pretty good time and the food is great, so I hope you keep it on your calendar and remember to go!

Make sure your AMA or ROAR memberships are up to date so you can complete your [2024 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 2022 to complete your obligation. This includes additional adult members where the first member is an opt-out. Please include \$5/unfulfilled hour with your 2024 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.

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.

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>



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!

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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2024 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2024 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Membership, and \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2024. 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 2024	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2023	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:

**11 am, Saturday
December 9, 2023
Roadside Bar & Grill
N5575 State Road 57, Plymouth**

**S.H.A.R.K.S.
2850 ASHBY COURT
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081**

