

Sharks Tales

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Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
December 2025

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The Prez Sez...

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Say Hey, SHARKSters!

I hope everybody survived our latest winter storm. Lynn's little Cub Cadet snow-pup was able to start moving the mess, but it made the final removal tougher for my Yellow People Eater. My 3-stage Cub Cadet is quite a machine, but it can do some damage if you're not careful!

I got crazy busy & didn't visit the field in the last couple weeks, so I'm not sure if the landscaper will be doing his work before spring. He's probably busy with snow plowing himself! Be careful if you're one of the first people to brave the driveway at the field. Anything off the gravel drive will be getting soft.

Oostburg indoor flying starts this week on Wednesday nights from 6-9PM 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. Brian from the Kettle Area Flyers is hoping to add some weekend hours, too.

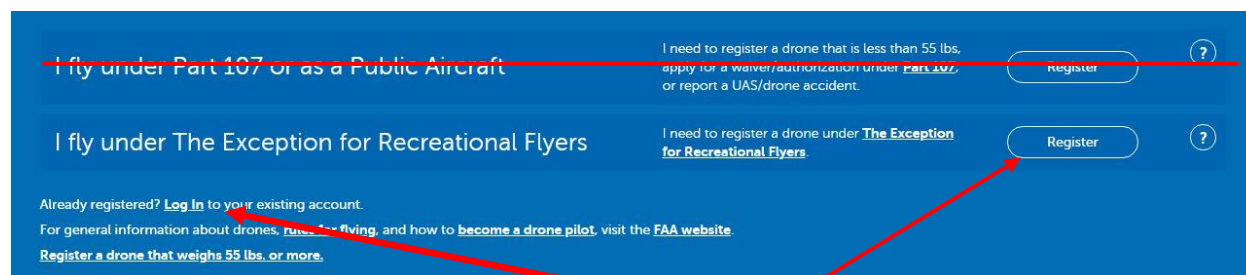
The AHC Movie Night will be next week, Friday, December 12 when we'll show the monster 3hr hit [Pearl Harbor](#) with Ben Affleck & Josh Harnett at 7PM. Indoor flyers and helpers should be there at 6PM. Let Dave Meyer or Graham know if you can lend a hand. Hours count towards your club dues work obligation.

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, <https://www.sharksrc.com/related.php>, or just click on the names here. Be sure to include your AMA license or ROAR membership # on our [2026 SHARKS Membership 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!

Our next SHARKS meeting will be at our Annual Buy Your Own Christmas lunch on Saturday, December 13 at the Roadside Bar & Grill, N5575 State Road 57, Plymouth. We'll meet in the bar starting at 11, and be seated for lunch at noon. Spouses or Significant Others are welcome. It'll be a great time to pay your dues for 2026, too, but Jim Loseke won't cash your check until after January 1, 2026! It makes it easier to calculate our annual income for tax purposes. Please RSVP for the lunch to sharksinfo1490@gmail.com so we can let them know how many to expect. If it gets too big, we might have a limited menu to make it easier on the cook.

Keep in mind we're accepting donations for our Capital Improvement projects we'll tackle next year. Those checks will also be cashed in 2026 for tax purposes.

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-

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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:

**11 am, Saturday
December 13, 2025
Roadside Bar & Grill
N5575 State Road 57, Plymouth**

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