

Sharks Tales



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Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
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The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

HAPPY NEW YEAR, & WELCOME, 2021!

The Corona virus vaccines are coming, as long as more nut jobs don't decide to trash them. The 2 people I mentioned last month are on the road to recovery, but one is still really suffering. Another acquaintance and 3 members of his family came down with it, too. They're all testing negative now, but are having low energy difficulties. Remember to wear your mask in close quarters, and maintain social distances for a while longer.

Oostburg is holding off on allowing people to use their facilities because of Covid, so we haven't scheduled any indoor flying yet. We're still holding out hope of flying indoors as things open up, and will put out a notice when they do.

As I mentioned last month, the AHC has opened, but they haven't started Movie Nights yet. We're on tap to handle the concession stand when they do. We'll start our monthly meetings then too, so watch future SHARKS Tales for that development.

The FAA has finalized its new Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) rules! Most of the changes were actually in our favor with the exception of new factory-built models eventually requiring the inclusion of a radio ID system that probably doesn't exist yet. We'll be registering SHARKS Field as a fixed FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA) in about a year and a half, which will cover anybody flying line of sight on our property without the electronic ID system. Flying outside at other unregistered locations will require a little more effort to comply, but the rollout process will take until 2023, so we'll have plenty of time to adjust. I've got an [AMA Remote ID Presentation](#), an [AMA Remote ID FAQ](#), and an [AMA Remote ID Summary](#) on the website, or by clicking on each title here.

Make sure your FAA Certificate of Registration is current for the next 3 years. It's only \$5, 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 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.

It's time for your SHARKS renewal as well. Fill out the included application with your choice of membership and send it to Joe at the address on the application, along with your check. If your AMA license is due, remember to take care of that too.

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. The cost is the same. You only need one or the other to cover your required insurance, but the AMA Park Pilot license would allow you to fly small 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 the only affiliated club 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. AMA and ROAR are both on the 2021 cycle. Be sure to include your AMA license or ROAR membership # on our application. A SHARKS membership will be required for use of our facilities from now on.

I mentioned the snow racing in Japan that I saw on Facebook last month. The weather's supposed to be a little warmer for a while in January, so I think I may try it at the SHARKS Park track. Brian French bought some shovels long ago that are up in the shed if anybody'd like to help clear the snow enough to race!

Our new signs are up! You can hardly miss them driving by on Highway C now. There are a few finishing touches before we call the project complete, but those can wait until it's warm again.

Lastly, the [Wisconsin RC Racing Club](#) in West Bend is having Indoor Racing through March at Jansen Family Park in West Bend. Check out the [Facebook link!](#)

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

From the Editor

By Tony Lewis

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great holiday and I think we are all glad to see 2020 come to an end. Hopefully Santa left you some new RC goodies under the tree. It seems that he forgot to stop at my house; I guess he figured I had plenty of projects lined up for this year already.

With the start of the new year, this is a perfect time to take stock of your inventory. Go through your lipo's and make sure they are still healthy and at the proper charge level for winter storage. Make sure your ignition engines are pickled with some after-run oil. Check over your airframes and fix any issues or make those small adjustments you were putting off during the flying season. A little prep work now can save us a lot of time come spring when we are anxious to take advantage of the warm weather.

As I am sure you have all seen, the FAA sacked us with their remote ID ruling just prior to the year's end. It sounds like they made some concessions from their proposed ruling that will make this less invasive of our hobby, but it is certainly not what we wanted. But I will save that discussion for next month when I've had a little more time to analyze it.

As always, if any of you have content you would like to submit for the newsletter or ideas for topics to discuss, please shoot me an email (tony@dynamic-rc.com).

Happy Landings.
-Tony

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2021 S.H.A.R.K.S. Membership Renewal Notice

The basic dues for membership in the SHARKS for 2021 are \$50 for Regular Membership, \$25 for an Additional Family Membership, and \$5 for Junior Membership (18 and younger) and are due in January 2021. 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 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 _____

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 2021	N/A		
-OR- Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2020	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 | _____ Public Relations | _____ |
| _____ Newsletter | _____ Exhibits/Demos | _____ |
| _____ Fun-Fly Duties | _____ AHC Movie Nights | _____ |
| _____ Field Maintenance | _____ Other (Please List) | _____ |
| _____ Flight Instructor | _____ | _____ |

**NEXT S.H.A.R.K.S. MEETING:
TO BE DETERMINED!**

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