

# Sharks Tales

Newsletter of the  
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society  
January 2024

## The Prez Sez...

*By Mike Gradinjan*



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Say Hey, SHARKSters!

The big snow that probably locks us out of the field has finally arrived. The east-west driveway by the gate usually drifts pretty deep, so don't get stuck in any attempt to get in without adequate ground clearance and 4-wheel drive. Oostburg indoor flying can scratch the itch for winter flying every Wednesday evening from 6-9 into April. Enter through the northern doors on the west side of the building. Please note there'll be no indoor flying whenever a basketball game takes precedence. Any closure updates are always posted on our [Calendar Page](#).

[On Track RC](#) has done some major revamping of their sales area and established extended hours. Monday, Wednesday & Friday are 12-7. Tuesday is 12-4, and Saturday is 8-12. Remember to try them first if you need any RC racing supplies!

I've been hearing a lot of discussions regarding issues renewing your FAA registration. The AMA has a detailed set of instructions at <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2022/08/09/update-to-the-faa-dronezone-and-registration-renewal-process/> which should help guide you through the process.

We had a nice turnout for our New Years Day Fly-In! 4 guys flew with no crashes and all airplanes went home in good shape. We've gotten snowed out so often in the last number of years, it was good to have the unobstructed driveway this year. We had a propane heater keeping the shed bearable to enjoy a few hot dogs and hot chocolate. We'll try it again next year if the weather cooperates. Jon & I were planning on some RC racing, but he stayed later at work and the temps were heading down enough to squash those plans.

AHC Movie Night is this week, when we'll show [No Highway in the Sky](#) with James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich at 7PM, Friday, January 12. 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.

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 2023 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. 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.

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		
<b>-OR-</b> Add \$75.00 for Opt-Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2023	N/A		
<b>Total Dues:</b>	\$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  
February 10, 2023  
Aviation Heritage Center Library**

**S.H.A.R.K.S.  
2850 ASHBY COURT  
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