

Sharks Tales

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The Prez Sez...

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Say Hey, SHARKSters!

I hope you didn't put your snowblower away! I blew the gearbox out of mine trying to clear a path from my storage shed up on the hill the day before. The shear bolts work great if you just hit one of the sections of the auger, but the main brass gear blows apart if you hit a big chunk of ice with the full width. DAMHIKT!!! My trusty Troy Bilt that you've seen at the field can clear quite a bit, but it takes a lot longer than when you can throw it 40', especially when the snow keeps falling out the sides of the bucket!

Make sure you don't get stuck if you try to get some flying in at the field! As the frost comes out of the ground, even the driveway gets loose. The ground next to the driveway will definitely be soft until late in spring. This

includes the grass over by the racing platform, so please be warned. Once we can get out and mow the grass, you'll know the ground has firmed up enough to try it.

We got some great news this week! We've been granted use of the new gym at Oostburg High School on Saturday afternoons from 1-4PM this Saturday, March 12, through April 30. We can enter through the east or west doors starting at 12:45PM. If someone is still using the gym, we need to stay out until they're done. We could also get bumped if something comes up where the school needs it. The plan is to hopefully move into the auxiliary gym if that happens. April 16 is already scheduled that way.

WISCONSIN SEASONS

- Winter
- Fool's Spring ← **You are here**
- Second Winter
- Spring of Deception
- Third Winter
- The Pollening
- Actual Spring
- Summer
- Hell's Front Porch
- False Fall
- Second Summer
- Actual Fall

This is a brand new facility, and we need to make every effort to take care of it. We'll be restricting use to electric or rubber band powered aircraft only so a crash doesn't damage the floor. Please use your head until we can establish clear rules and post them. Small drones will certainly be allowed. We'll be collecting a good will donation from all flyers that all gets turned over to the Oostburg School District. Oostburg normally charges \$200/day for this facility and they've never charged us a dime! Please be generous or we'll have to establish a minimum.

This Friday, March 11, the SHARKS will be showing the 1939 classic [Only Angels Have Wings](#) with Cary Grant and Jean Arthur at the AHC. (WHO?!?) 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.

Make sure your AMA or ROAR memberships are up to date so you can complete your 2022 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 2021 to complete your obligation. This includes additional adult members where the first member is an opt-out. Please include \$5/unfulfilled hour with your 2022 application.

There's no meeting this month. The next SHARKS club meeting will be April 9th in the AHC library at 10 AM. We'll be taking nominations for the 4 officer positions and one board member. The weekend snow probably shocked everybody back to reality, but remember that the driveway snow drifts get pretty deep just before the gate, so don't get stuck. Don't let your excitement to fly get you in trouble!

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 Happy New Year!

That's about it for now-

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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

NEXT S.H.A.R.K.S. MEETING:

10 AM, SATURDAY

APRIL 9, 2022

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