

Sharks Tales



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Newsletter of the
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society
March 2026
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The Prez Sez...

By Mike Gradinjan

Say Hey, SHARKSters!

Could this be the break in the weather we've waited all winter for?!? Let's hope!

I've noticed more traffic out at the field. Make sure you stay on the gravel when venturing out there. Until the frost is completely out of the ground, we've had trouble in the past with the grass getting soft & gooey. Jon had a 2-wheel drive Taurus that got buried & needed a tow years ago.

Thanks to whoever took care of the tree that fell across the roadway the other day. Jon & I had gone back to take care of it after I'd dropped off the new skylights, but it turned out to be an easy trip. Speaking of skylights, please leave them in the boxes to prevent damage before they're installed as the weather warms up.

I expect our landscaper will wait until the frost is gone before he starts his work again. Summer should be a blast once the rocks are gone and the clay is worked smooth. I expect a lot of people, just like Jon & I, are anxiously awaiting warmer weather.

Oostburg High School indoor flying continues. It's on Wednesday nights from 6-10PM now and will run 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 on the west side. Please remember we made a commitment to increase our attendance this season. It's been a little light the last month or so. The new "rules" we instituted are keeping interactions between the larger & smaller aircraft, helis & drones to a minimum. You should always check our website for cancellations due to weather or school event changes before you head out. Jon filmed some videos, which are available through our website Pictures Page and our SHARKS RC Facebook page.

<https://m.youtube.com/@1Archaeopteryx>

March's AHC Movie Night will be Friday, March 13, when we'll show Steven Spielberg's wild comedy extravaganza, [1941](#), set in Los Angeles after Pearl Harbor 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.

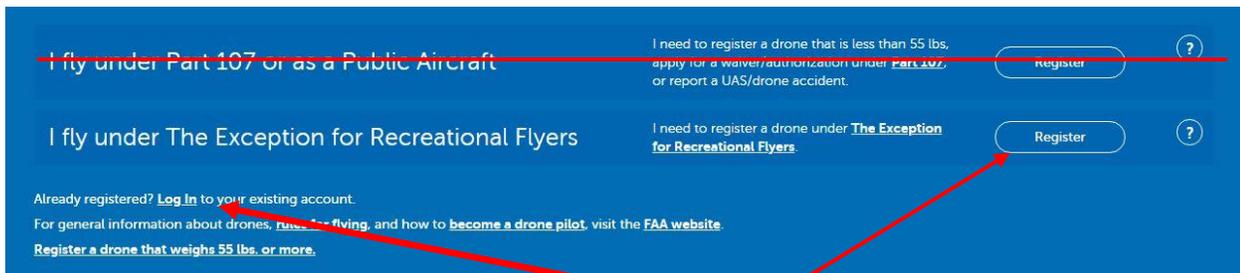
There's still a bunch of foam & balsa models, motors, servos, etc left on the shelves in the shed at the field. Brave the cold and see if anything strikes your fancy for a final winter project! Watch out for deep drifts along the roadway going in & out if we get any blowing snow. Calling a tow truck would make your haul a lot more expensive. Put your contribution with a note in the soda money box in the freezer so we have a record. The newer transmitters and electrical power equipment are the club's, so don't take those. I would be forced to hunt you down!

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 <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. ROAR has a new pay-as-you-go option, but our Board will need to come up with our rules once we see ROAR's actual plan.

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 Saturday, April 11 in the AHC Library @ 10AM. If you haven't mailed your SHARKS application in yet, you can bring it to the meeting and take care of it then.

We're signed up for a couple tables at the 2026 [Rockets For Schools](#) event at Blue Harbor again this year from May 8th & 9th. Dave Langer will be coordinating our efforts, so contact him with questions & offers to help. Volunteers may be needed for setup the evening of the 7th. It's always a good time to hang out and interact with students from all over the country with varied interests. Please consider joining us.

We're still looking for the owner of the radio left at the field last year. It has a well used picture SD card of a family trip overseas, which I'm sure the owner would like back.

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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<http://www.sharksrc.com>

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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.

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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:

10 am, Saturday

April 11, 2026

Aviation Heritage Center Library

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