

# Sharks Tales

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Newsletter of the  
Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol Society  
November 2025

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## The Prez Sez...

*By Mike Gradinjan*



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Say Hey, SHARKSters!

The weather has definitely turned toward fall & winter. There are fewer warm days, and even the diehard RC racers check the winds before they go out. They stay fewer hours than just a couple weeks ago, too. I've seen Dave & Ralph still risking their aircraft. Good on them for being brave! I sure could use some Indian Summer. Maybe this weekend?

Jim Slapikes has arranged for a landscaper to upgrade our RC racing oval track. We approved this project at last month's SHARKS meeting. We're still asking for donations to lower Jim's personal contribution. So far that's up to \$900, but the project will be over \$4000. Please consider adding your personal funds to this project, over and above your SHARKS dues. They hope to deliver the clay onsite this week and start the actual work next week. The off-road track should stay open during construction if we get some decent weather.

The roofing project for the garage looks like it'll move at least to spring. We have no leaks yet, so we should be OK. Let me know if you see any dampness on the ceiling or puddles on the floor and we'll apply a temporary fix.

Oostburg indoor flying will start soon! It's on Wednesday nights from 6-9PM starting December 3, 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. Brian from the Kettle Area Flyers is hoping to add some weekend hours, too.

November's AHC Movie Night is tomorrow, Friday, November 14 when we'll show [Heroes on Deck: World War II on Lake Michigan](#) 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>

The screenshot shows the FAA drone registration interface. The top section has two main paths. The first path, 'I fly under Part 107 or as a Public Aircraft', is crossed out with a red line. The second path, 'I fly under The Exception for Recreational Flyers', is active. A red arrow points from the text below to the 'Register' button for this path. Below these options, there is a 'Log In' link for existing users and a link to the FAA website for more information.

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](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!

We're still trying to track down the owner of a transmitter that was left out at the field. It was either exposed to rain or heavy dew and suffered some kind of electronic damage. It turns on, but never really boots up. The battery gets depleted rather quickly. There are no identifying marks on the radio, but it does have a Micro SD card in it with what I'm sure are pictures of a trip to Europe. I don't want to divulge too much of what is actually there, so hopefully only the true owner can ID what's on the card and reclaim ownership of the transmitter. Please contact me at [sharksinfo1490@gmail.com](mailto:sharksinfo1490@gmail.com) if anybody has any info so we can reunite the owner with their property.

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](mailto: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.

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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Mike Gradinjan

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Ralph Hurtienne, Mark Widder

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**WEB LINKS**

<http://www.sharksrc.com>

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/>

<https://roarracing.com/>

# 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		
<b>-OR-</b> Add \$75.00 for Opt- Out	N/A		
\$5.00/hour of activities not completed in 2025	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.**

_____ 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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