



President's Report

January 2024

Happy New Year from the CRA! Membership for 2024 opens on February 1. We are giving away a small prize to the first 100 people to register. Check out the details below in the membership article, and don't forget to [sign up!](#)

We are excited to announce that **New Racer School will be held at Motoprimo on March 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** We hope you'll stop by to say hi and bring a friend who's been thinking about coming racing.

The 2024 rules changes have been finalized. Stay tuned for the new rulebook, but the changes include a tie-breaker provision for championship points; a tweak to the fire-extinguisher rule for endurance events; and removal of the Vintage class, which we haven't run in many years. There was spirited discussion this year about changes to our race class structure, and the Board is doing a deep dive into historic race data to allow us to make informed decisions for potential class restructuring in 2025.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the January Membership Meeting. It was another strong turnout and productive discussion with many great ideas for the club's future. I hope to see more of you at the next meeting on February 6. I will give a brief update on the State of the Club, including updates on general finances and what the Board is working on, before turning it over to the membership for an open forum.

As a reminder, even if you can't make a Membership Meeting, you can always reach out to the Board with ideas, questions, or concerns. You can e-mail info@cra-mn.com, or visit cra-mn.com/wordpress/contact to contact individual Board members directly. We are always happy to chat!



Ike Messmore
President



Upcoming Events

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| Tues. Feb 6, 7-9pm | BOD and Membership Meeting Held virtually via GoTo Meeting - Invitation will be sent out via email prior to meeting |
| Tues. March 5, 7-9pm | BOD and Membership Meeting Held virtually via GoTo Meeting - Invitation will be sent out via email prior to meeting |
| Sun. March 17 11am-4pm | New Racer School Motoprime Motorsports 16640 Kenrick Ave, Lakeville, MN 55044 |

A complete list of upcoming events can be found at the [CRA's website](#).



2024 Season Schedule FINALIZED!

The CRA is pleased to announce five race weekends at Brainerd International Raceway for the 2024 season:

May 3-5

July 5-7

July 19-21 (RevFest)

Aug. 30-Sept. 1

Sept. 20-22

2024 Membership

The [2024 CRA Membership Drive](#) will open at 8am on February 1st, 2024

All of the 2023 competition numbers will be reserved for those riders until Friday, March 15th. After March 15th, all unclaimed numbers will be released into the available number pool. The list of reserved numbers can be found here: [2023 CRA Rider Roster](#)

Membership Pricing For 2024

| Membership | Price* |
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| Racer Membership • Includes Competition License | \$130.00 +tax |
| Single Weekend Reciprocating License • <i>Does not include voting rights</i> | \$35.00 +tax |
| Standard Membership | \$30.00 +tax |
| Vendor/Business Member • <i>Does not include voting rights</i> | \$30.00 +tax |
| Volunteer Membership | FREE |

*All prices shown on MotorsportReg include sales tax at a rate of 8.375%

Please note that ALL racers & volunteers must complete their membership BEFORE they are allowed to participate in a CRA event at Brainerd International Raceway.

Register Early for a Free Key Tag

The first 100 people to complete their 2024 CRA membership will receive a free cra-mn.com key tag. Key tags will be available for pickup at the registration window during CRA events at Brainerd International Raceway.



Renew Your AMA Membership For 2024

The CRA is a AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) sanctioned organization.

In accordance with *AMA rules*¹ all racers are required to hold and provide proof of [AMA membership](#) before they are allowed to compete. Proof of membership will be requested at the race registration window prior to receiving your racer wristband.

¹“All riders in AMA-sanctioned competition are required to be AMA members or have an AMA issued one event pass. AMA associate members cannot participate in AMA sanctioned competition.”



Let's Get To Know Mike Williams!

By: Lindsay Ingebritson



Mike's involvement with CRA started with the beginning of his son's (Graham Williams) racing career. He has served as Graham's pit crew, as a licensed racer (passive), as the Lead for Trophies, and is now the Racer Liaison on the Board of Directors. I don't know if I've ever seen Mike wear a hat, but he wears many hats!

When Mike is not at one of our amazing CRA weekends, he loves to fix, build, and transform anything, from homes, to bikes, to organizations with the goal to work together to make said "anything" better than when he found it. Also, I just learned that Mike enjoys rock climbing - blind folded. (I'm actually not sure if he enjoys it, but he has done it!)

When asked about what his favorite part of CRA motorcycle racing is, Mike had this to say: "I see so much history and opportunity with the CRA. I am so grateful for the countless volunteers and racers that come together every weekend to create awesome racing experiences and memories! I look forward to continuing this success for next year and beyond!"

Thanks for helping us get to know you, Mike! Now Mike is also eager to get to know YOU, as well! He would enjoy meeting you and learning more about your racing experiences with the CRA. Please connect with him at racerliaison@cra-mn.com.

Now let's end this with your signature battle cry/chant/slogan - "More Racers, Racing More!" Let's go! (it'll catch on)

Let's Get To Know YOU!

Want to be featured in our next newsletter?

Submit this [form](#) and email a picture to Lindsay Ingebritson at treasurer@cra-mn.com so we can get to know YOU!



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Thank you for our 2023 Banquet photos!





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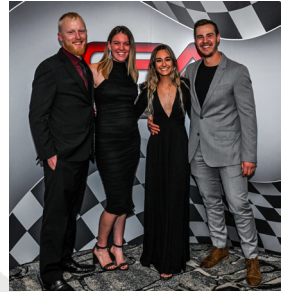
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