



President's Report

November 2024

Congratulations to our newly elected Board Members, Miranda Cain and Nick Paidosh, and newly appointed Board Member Jacey Largent. And a huge thank-you to our outgoing Board members, Brian Heibeisen and Greg Seppelt, for their dedication and commitment to the club.

The incoming 2025 Board has already been hard at work: we just completed our second annual Strategic Planning Retreat on Sunday. Stay tuned for more info on our exciting goals and initiatives for the 2025 season.

The new Board positions will be as follows for 2025:

President: Ike Messmore

• Vice President: Mike Williams

• Secretary: Jacey Largent

• Treasurer: Nick Paidosh

• Marketing and Communications: Rob Oliva

Worker Liaison: Lindsay Ingebritson

• Racer Liaison: Miranda Cain

As you may have noticed, the process of working with BIR this year to secure 2025 dates has been a bit rocky. BIR was only able to provide us with four weekends this year, which created the opportunity for us to travel to another track—

something the Board has long discussed and that will help further our mission of being (and being recognized as) the best racing organization in the Midwest. As with any change, there will be bumps in the road, but we can't think of a group we'd rather have by our side to face new challenges and find creative solutions to grow the club and ensure its long-term success.

Finally, thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Rules Forums. We will be sending out a list of the proposals for a final written comment period before the Board considers and votes on the 2025 rules. We appreciate your feedback and your patience during this important process.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Banquet in January. As always, e-mail us at info@cra-mn.com to volunteer or for more information.

Ike Messmore | President



Upcoming Events

Tues. Dec 3 7-7:30 pm	Membership Meeting (via Google Meet) meet.google.com/zbj-khoh-cjj Invitation will also be emailed prior to the meeting
Tues. Jan 7 7-7:30 pm	Membership Meeting (via Google Meet) meet.google.com/zbj-khoh-cjj Invitation will also be emailed prior to the meeting
Sat. Jan 18th	CRA Annual Awards Banquet Embassy Suites by Hilton, 7901 34th Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55425
Tues. Feb 5 7-7:30 pm	Membership Meeting (via Google Meet) meet.google.com/zbj-khoh-cjj Invitation will also be emailed prior to the meeting

A complete list of upcoming events can be found at the <u>CRA's website</u>.

Registration for the 2024 Season Banquet is now open!

When: Saturday, January 18th, 2025

Where: Embassy Suites by Hilton, 7901 34th Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55425

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Registration ends: Sun, Jan 12, 11:59 PM CST





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Let's Get To Know... Andre LaPlume (the French Canadian)

By: Lindsay Ingebritson



Andre is a former racer and a current Corner Captain. When he is not at the track flagging/communicating racing or enjoying a glass of wine, Andre can be found keeping up his 3 1/2 acres (which seems to get more and more) or sailing. He's been sailing the last 4-5 years and is getting more into it. He is currently sailing Hobie 16 and Catalina 27 on Lake Pepin. Wow, Andre, summers spent at the track or on the water - that sounds amazing!

Andre says he's getting old, but boy he's had lots of FUN and is still looking forward to more. I think you're only as old as you

feel and act - so you've got lots and lots of fun left, Andre (and I mean that in a GOOD way)! Andre's favorite part of CRA motorcycle racing is being on the corner at the start of a race - the bigger the grid the better the race, no matter what size bike. Andre also mentions that he is sure gonna miss MotoAmerica and hopes workers and grids continue to grow. Many of us feel the same way, Andre! Thanks for helping us get to know you!





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