

## CRA Election 2011 Candidates

### Gus Aramayo

**Where are you from and/or call home?** I was born and raised in Oak Ridge, TN, and currently live in Vadnais Heights, MN. Close to Chipotle.

**Tell us a bit about yourself:** I got addicted to 2 wheels mountain biking in the mountains of TN. While getting my Mechanical Engineering degree at Iowa State, I was tech director of my Formula SAE team, served on the engineering student council, and (most importantly) was introduced to motorcycles. By the time I graduated, I already had gone through 3 motorcycles, and interest had become a full out addiction. I've been a design engineer for Polaris Industries for 7 years now, and gladly call Minnesota home. Apart from riding and racing bikes, I enjoy mountain biking, rock climbing, skiing, and bad music.

**How long have you been with the club?** This is my 4<sup>th</sup> season. Since July 2008, I've only missed one race weekend, when I was flagging 2A with a broken hand. Currently racing a Yamaha 450F, and trying to figure out a 675.

**Why you decided to run and what you would like to accomplish?** Like so many MN organizations, the CRA is a great example of what a club can be. I've been blessed to be a member of this group for 4 seasons now, making great memories, meeting some incredible people, and constantly haunting the tech barn. It's obvious the board has worked to make the CRA a true racer's club with a compelling price structure, busy and dynamic schedule, and fantastic volunteer support. After years of being privileged to race with the CRA, I'd like to give back to the club by serving on the board, and bring more racer presence to the board.

I would like to help keep the club's momentum going. My goals would be to help organize new race weekend events both on track (i.e. 3 hour team challenge) and off track, making race weekends more appealing to spectators, and building relationships with other MN organizations and businesses.

### Cole Naymark

**Where are you from and/or call home?** I'm from Minneapolis MN. I was born in south Minneapolis and have lived in the land of clean water, fresh air, and frozen lakes nearly my whole life.

**Tell us a bit about yourself:** My name is Cole. I've been a geek and nerd my whole life. My childhood love for machines grew into my current career as a mechanical engineer for Polaris. I was born to move quickly but didn't realize until my late teen years that it was to be accomplished on a two wheel vehicle. Like a manly man, I started with a very manly 150cc scooter. Later, I began doing track days on my gsx-r (named Jessica after Jessica Alba). This bloomed into my CRA career on my CBR F2 built by the wonderful Mr. Freeman. Now I currently race the a kawii650R blessed by the famous C. Speer...

**How long have you been with the club?** I've been Racing with the CRA since 2008.

**Why you decided to run and what you would like to accomplish?** I decided to run because the CRA club is an awesome privileged to us mid-west cats and its longevity is very important to me and many local racers. Personally I would like to help the CRA accomplish member growth and public acknowledgement. Someday racing at BIR could have hundreds of spectators lined up at the gates for the races waiting to see their favorite racers progress that weekend ;)

### Jim Pendergrass

**Where are you from and/or call home?** I've lived in Lakeville now for the last 25 years. I spent my high school and college years here in Minnesota, but my younger years on a Naval Base in the Pacific Northwest where my father was stationed.

**Tell us a bit about yourself:** I bought my first motorcycle in June of 1966. It was a Suzuki 200cc road bike and I was hooked. I rode it several years as transportation in college. A 500cc Triumph, and 750 Suzuki gt750J "Water buffalo" followed that bike. A short period of not having a bike was followed by two BMW K100's, a Honda ST1100, and now a 1974 vintage Honda XL350 just for fun.

After retiring from the chemical industry, I went to work for the US distributor of Royal Enfield Motorcycles, then managing his separate business Faribo Powersports. The economy tanked in 2008 so I've finally pulled the pin and retired.

I even tried racing. I took the new rider school just to see the club from the "on track" view point. The GS500 I borrowed had some mechanical issues that kept it from developing any power, such as it is in a GS500, so I was the slowest of the slow. But it was great fun. I had planned to do only the one weekend. I had no long term career plans as rider.

**How long have you been with the club?** I really don't know if it is five, six or more years. I started volunteering on corners relying on my experience with SCCA back in the 70's and 80's. It took a long time to stop calling the riders "drivers". Old dogs can learn new tricks it seems.

After a year or two I joined because I wanted to help support the club with membership as well as my time.

**Why you decided to run and what you would like to accomplish?** I would like to continue to work for the CRA in any capacity that I can. I believe I can contribute to the club on the board as a member and as part of one or more committees.

I have been doing the corners for a long time and would continue if I could. My body is letting me down. Age creeps up, and parts begin to fail. I can no longer chase and pick up bikes. It is time to leave that to younger folk. I have helped with a number of other positions including an introduction to the grid workers jobs, Pit zero, and safety control.

In the past I have served on the board, and been elected to vice president of the 3M Sports Car Club. In that position I organized and ran SOLO races for the club. I also ran my own car; a mustang.

I can't put a crosshair on any specific objective to change the club. That would have to wait till I learn a lot more about how it runs now. I plan to learn what I need to know, find the niche where I can contribute the most and have great time with the great people of CRA.