

## Presidents Letter, December 17, 2021



It won't be long now, and first laps of the new season will be tearing up ice and I can't hardly wait. Your Board of Directors has put in many hours and effort to make this the best MIRA season ever. So many things to be proud of for this racing family and I for one are glad to be a part of it all. A few things I want to remind or point out for this new season.

1. Our growth is fantastic, MIRA is the envy of all racing organizations across North America. With this growth will be challenges. I must insist you respect your volunteers and race officials as we have always done. MIRA has a zero tolerance for bad behavior. Please keep in mind we all do this for the good of the group, love of the sport, for sure not the money.
2. Expect the parking program to be enforced. Plan your team movements accordingly.
3. Hero stands are in stock for those that need them. Eagle River Will Not require stands and cards, the other events WILL.
4. Eagle River will run the Old Mod 600 class. There will be 22 starting spots for the Pro Enduro. You must register online.
5. MIRA just added an event points program, take a look at that post.
6. I trust all teams have read and understand our policy guide we handed out at the fall meeting. These policies are on the MIRA website also. Changes have been made to the rookie program and points policy as I just mentioned. As we grow, these policies will help us all compete fairly and safely. As issues come up, your board and officials will address them with those two core values in mind.
7. I am so grateful to those who have supported our race group this year. County Side has made a huge investment into MIRA and terms of equipment, time and money. O'Reilly Auto has invested in us as have others. All the folks committed to building tracks are true heroes that make our races possible. These are long, cold hours in plow and water trucks that no one sees. Please go to our web site to recognize all our marketing partners and be sure to say thank you and support them whenever possible.
8. Remember to have the mandatory decals on your sleds. In Pro Enduro no points will be awarded without the MIRA decal and without the County Side decal you will not be allowed to race. I trust all the Pro teams will support this.
9. Expect Tech inspections to be better this season. Have all your safety items ready. The check list is on the web site.

I am proud to be the leader of this organization, but no leader does it alone. We have a core group of people who pour the heart and soul into this effort so all of our teams have a place to play. Kim Kirts, Charlie Wiltse, Chris Reames, Taya Kensa and Doug Flannery are to be recognized and thanked for their commitment to MIRA. Without their hard work this would not be the success it is today. Our race

directors are passionate about keeping us safe and the racing fair. Thank you, Jamie and Billy, plus the entire team on MIRA officials and volunteers.

I wish for all of you a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing everyone very soon in Eagle River. Please be proud to be a member of MIRA, treat each other well and above all: stay safe and healthy. If anyone needs any help, please call me and I'll do my best for you.

Merry Christmas, Karl Schwartz, MIRA President