



## COMMUNICATOR-APRIL 2021

### **NASA (April 23-25) Flag Chief: Randy Alheit**

Our first race weekend is almost here. NASA will be bringing a good field of cars for their first of three trips to Mid-Ohio in 2021. Racing is usually very good with NASA. There is a 2 Hour Enduro Friday afternoon which we will need to provide workers for and then full days Saturday and Sunday. We are limited on staff for this weekend as this is a pay weekend. We are currently full staff for Saturday. One spot left for Sunday and 3 spots for Friday. If you are new to flagging and, on your logbook,, this is a great weekend to get your feet wet in a more relaxed environment (those on logbooks are not eligible for pay). Register at [www.motorsportreg.com/events/nasa-shawshank-escape-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-292308](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/nasa-shawshank-escape-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-292308)

### **Formula Race Promotions (April 30-May 2) Flag Chief: Kevin Young**

This is an open wheel racing weekend with F1000, F1600, F2000, Atlantics and Formula Ford. FRP always brings a great field of cars with good, competitive racing. FRP is a huge supporter of LEC and workers. It is fun group to be with and hope you will come out and join us for the weekend. Staffing currently is solid but would like to see about 5-7 people per day. Lunch will be provided all three days. Camping is available. Register at [www.motorsportreg.com/events/formula-promotions-f1000-f1600-f2000-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-250117](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/formula-promotions-f1000-f1600-f2000-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-250117)

### **IMSA Weekend (May14-16) Flag Chief: Matt Moritz**

This weekend will be a difficult event for us to staff. The IMSA race weekend also competes with IndyCar running the Road Course at Indianapolis along with a regional at Gingerman. There will be a huge pull for all three races for flaggers this weekend at the three venues. We have several members that like to go to IMS to work the IndyCar event and may still go there. If you are not planning on going to Indianapolis or maybe not on your radar to work IMSA, I hope you will consider helping with the IMSA event to ensure we have proper coverage for the event. We are currently about 50% of what will be needed to staff this event. The schedule is worker friendly with later starts on Friday and Sunday. If you can help even for a day, it would be appreciated. Register at [www.motorsportreg.com/events/imsa-weathertech-sportscar-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-581123](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/imsa-weathertech-sportscar-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-581123)

### **Pre-Race Information**

The LEC website contains all the information you will need for upcoming race events. The Pre-Race area contains events schedules, meeting and registration times along with other valuable information prior to your arrival at the track.

### **Mid-Ohio Weekday Staff**

Mid-Ohio is currently looking for hourly staff to staff corners during the week and select weekends during 2021. For those that are interested and coming from maybe a little way away, Mid-Ohio is willing to work with you to be able to camp on-site during non-camping events. If you are interested, contact Bill Armitage at [lec@earthlink.net](mailto:lec@earthlink.net)

### **Mid-Ohio Campground**

The Mid-Ohio campground will be available to move in and leave campers on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, weather permitting. As always, if you leave your camper behind for the season, you are required to have current insurance on your camper.

### **LEC Update**

We are working with Mid-Ohio to refresh the gravel in the LEC area. If have an annual camping spot along the front row and are interested in gravel, please let Bill Armitage know ASAP. This will allow us to make sure we are pricing the proper quantity.

### **2021 COVID-19 Update**

As LEC prepares for the 2021 season, we are still under the current situation when it comes to COVID-19 and protocols we are required to follow. Mid-Ohio is currently working with the state and local officials in submitting their plan for the 2021 season and hope to have further information in the coming weeks. As we get closer to the start of our season, we will be following the same protocols that we were following in 2020. These protocols are in-line with what Mid-Ohio expects to be following early on in 2021. The current protocols are listed at the end of the Communicator.

The one potential change is that Mid-Ohio is likely going to change the paper COVID questionnaire to an on-line based system with a QR code required for entry. This will streamline many things for quicker entry.

### **2021 Schedule**

Registration for all LEC events is now open. You can get the links at [www.lakeeriecommunications.org](http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org) under season schedule and click on the event to access the registration page on Motorsportsreg.

April 23-25	NASA (MidO) (PD)- <b>Randy Alheit</b>
Apr 30-May 2	Formula Race Promotions (MidO)- <b>Kevin Young</b>
May 14-16	IMSA (MidO)- <b>Matt Moritz</b>
May 22-23	SCCA OVR Majors (MidO)- <b>Kurt Stevens</b>
May 28-30	NASA (MidO) (PD)- <b>Randy Alheit</b>
June 4-5	NASCAR X'FINITY (MidO)- <b>Matt Moritz</b>
June 11-13	SCCA NEO Rest. Regional 24 Hour Enduro (NL)- <b>Kurt Stevens/Brad Morris</b>
June 25-27	SVRA (MidO)- <b>Kevin Young</b>

### **2021 Schedule (cont.)**

July 2-4            IndyCar (MidO)-**Kevin Young**  
July 10-11        SCCA NEO Regional (NL)-**Randy Alheit**  
July 23-25        Vintage Motorcycle Days (MidO)-**Ron Long**  
July 31-Aug 1     SCCA Cincinnati Double Regional (MidO)-**Kurt Stevens**

August 14-15     Porsche Club (MidO)-**Matt Moritz**  
August 27-29     NASA (MidO) (PD)-**Randy Alheit**

Sept. 4-5            SCCA OVR Double Regional (MidO)-**Kurt Stevens**  
Sept. 22-23       Put-in-Bay Road Race Reunion (PIB Airport)-**Kevin Young**

October 1-3        Road to Indy (MidO)-**Randy Alheit**  
October 16-17    SCCA OVR Double Regional (MidO)-**Kurt Stevens**  
October 30-31    SCCA MVR Regional (NL)-**Brad Morris**

### **Race Weekend Schedules Around the Region:**

Travelling to other venues around the region is highly encouraged by LEC. This gives members the opportunity to experience other venues, organizations, and regions on how they operate F&C and make new friends and contacts. Several new ideas for LEC have come about from experiencing other venues. Below are the schedules for events at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Grattan, Gingerman and Waterford Hills. Please consider travelling to other tracks in the region. This is the best way to thank those that come to Mid-Ohio and support our events.

#### *Indianapolis Motor Speedway*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
May 13-15	Indianapolis GP
July 14-18	Ferrari Challenge
July 19-22	Ferrari Driving School
August 13-15	Brickyard GP (IndyCar/NASCAR)
August 31-September 1	SRO Test
September 10-12	Porsche Festival
September 14-17	Porsche Experience
October 13-17	SRO World Challenge/International GT 8 Hour
October 29-31	Road to Indy Test

Contact Bill Armitage at [imsflagchief@ix.netcom.com](mailto:imsflagchief@ix.netcom.com) for registration and event information

## Michigan Turn Marshals

Start date	Event	Location
3/6/2021	Great Lakes Division Spring Training	Zoom
4/24/2021	New Flagger Training / Driver's School	Waterford Hills Road Racing
5/1/2021	Race Weekend 1	Waterford Hills Road Racing
5/7/2021	Formula SAE @ MIS (5/7,8)	Michigan International Speedway
5/15/2021	DET/SBR GingerMan Regional	GingerMan Raceway
5/29/2021	Race Weekend 2 / SCCA Regional	Waterford Hills Road Racing
6/12/2021	Detroit Belle Isle IndyCar Grand Prix	Belle Isle Park
6/5/2021	Detroit Belle Isle IMSA Race	Belle Isle Park
6/19/2021	SCCA Double Regional (WMR)	Grattan Raceway
6/26/2021	Race Weekend 3	Waterford Hills Road Racing
7/24/2021	DET/SBR Major at GingerMan	GingerMan Raceway
7/23/2021	Vintage Race Weekend	Waterford Hills Road Racing
7/31/2021	Race Weekend 4	Waterford Hills Road Racing
8/21/2021	SCCA Major (WMR)	Grattan Raceway
8/28/2021	Race Weekend 5	Waterford Hills Road Racing
9/18/2021	Empire Hill Climb Revival	Empire, Michigan
9/25/2021	Race Weekend 6	Waterford Hills Road Racing

### **Badges:**

If you need a new LEC ID badge, send the following information to [lec@earthlink.net](mailto:lec@earthlink.net):

1. Name
2. Year Joined LEC (Guess if not sure)
3. Emergency Contact Name
4. Emergency Contact Number
5. Emergency Contact Relation
6. Your Picture for the badge

### **LEC Safety Measures**

The following are the protocols developed by Lake Erie Communications for events we staff. These protocols were developed from recommendations by SCCA and USAC. Mid-Ohio has also published their protocols which we must follow. While these protocols are stringent, these are put in place due to the many unknowns still out there with this pandemic and we want everyone that comes to the track to be safe as possible and still have a good time trying to get away from all the craziness we are experiencing. We will be monitoring protocols as we approach each event and will communicate any changes that may occur for each event. Hopefully as the season progresses, some of these protocols will be relaxed. As always, we will follow the recommendations of sanctioning bodies, facilities, local and state authorities. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

### **General Guidelines:**

- If you are not feeling well prior to coming to the track. Please stay home!!!!
- Workers must provide their own PPE/Masks.
- NO LEC provided food or cookouts. The LEC grill can be used, but you must provide you own food and utensils. You will be required to clean the grill after use. Lunches will still be provided; the delivery method is still being discussed.
- NO community coolers permitted it the LEC area.

### **Mid-Ohio Guidelines:**

- Prior to arrival, for each event, you must fill out the Medical Risk Screening Sheet and bring to Mid-Ohio to be collected. This form will be emailed to workers prior to each event and can be found in the events Pre-Race info section on the website. A copy of the form is at the end of the Communicator.
- Temperatures will be taken each time you enter the facility during the event. If you have a fever (100.4 or higher), you will not be permitted to enter the facility.
- Masks will be mandatory when inside building and where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- No guests will be permitted for events. Only workers scheduled to work events will be permitted.

### **Mid-Ohio Guidelines cont.**

- If you become ill while on-site, contact the flag chief immediately, gather your belongings and distance away from your team. The flag chief will come talk to you and determine if you should go to medical or leave the facility..

### **Flag Stations:**

- NO community coolers will be provided by LEC for stations. Workers must provide their own coolers. LEC will provide water and Gatorade and will be available in the morning and lunch to take out of the package and delivered to station upon request. No other beverages will be provided. It is strongly encouraged to bring your own beverages for the weekend.
- Upon being procured, all stations will have wipes and/or disinfectants to wipe down flag sticks, packets, radios and other equipment. It is recommended that each worker bring their own cleaning supplies.
- An attempt will be made to keep the same station crew together throughout the event. Every effort to keep those travelling together or same family members to be assigned together. Stations will rotate daily, but crew assignments will not.
- For club races, each person should drive to station in their own vehicle. For spectator events, we are working with Mid-Ohio on a plan to drive to station.
- Depending on the size of the group and if distancing can be followed, morning meetings may be held at Station on the radio. This information will be communicated via website, email and Facebook prior to the event. If meetings are held at stations, Station assignments will be emailed and posted at registration and on the website. Equipment and gear will be delivered to each station.

- We will try to limit the number of workers at each station. We will open more stations to help keep the worker numbers down on station.
- When possible, keep distancing on station.
- It will be encouraged to designate a Communicator for the day to reduce passing the radio around. If not, each time the radio is transferred to a new person, the radio, headset and microphone will need to be cleaned.

### **Race Control:**

- Masks will be required in Race Control.
- Only working personnel will be permitted in Race Control. If you are on break, you must leave the room.
- Race Control personnel should bring their own writing utensils.
- When rotating after sessions, wipe down work area, radio, headsets, copiers and other equipment in your workspace.

Forms that will be needed to filled out prior to arrival to enter the gate can be found at the end of the Communicator or on the LEC website in the Pre-Race info section for each event.

These safety measures are subject to change. We will fall in line with the requirements that may be set forth by Mid-Ohio, local and state officials. Current information can be found on our website at <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/covid-19-info.html>