



COMMUNICATOR - APRIL 2024

2024 Season is here!

The racing season is upon us! The 2024 schedule is out with registration open for all events!

This year, we see a shuffling of some events in the middle of summer, we see less conflicts in the area this year, and expect a fantastic year of racing.

April 13	LEC Seminar
April 19-21	NASA (Pay Day)
April 26-28	SVRA/TA2 Club/FRP
May 17-19	OVR Majors/SCCA Hosier Super Tour
May 24-26	NASA (Pay Day)
June 7-9	IMSA
June 21-23	SVRA/TransAm/FR/F4/ARCA
July 5-7	IndyCar
July 13-14	Cincy SCCA Double Regional
July 26-28	AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days
August 10-11	OVR SCCA Double Regional
August 16-18	MotoAmerica
August 23-25	NASA (Pay Day)
October 12-13	OVR SCCA Double Regional

Lake Erie Communications Board of Directors News

During 2023, both Diane Tedeschi and Kevin Young left the LEC Board of Directors. We are forever grateful for all they have done with the board, the track, and the club. It was often behind the scenes and thankless work, but we wouldn't be here without them.

We have welcomed two new members to the board starting this year: Karie Garber and Don Spar. Please join us in welcoming them to the board!

Upcoming Events

LEC Seminar 2024 – April 13

Please join us at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course for the LEC Seminar, with items scheduled from 8:30 am to about 3:30 pm. Breakfast and lunch and beverages will be provided throughout the day. We do intend to visit a couple of stations with new folks, and anyone wanting to see the new track surface, so please avoid wearing red or yellow, white is preferred, but any neutral color will do. We will also have door prizes, and 2023 Incentive Prizes.

8:30a	Welcome and Introduction
8:35a	Mid-Ohio Update
9:00a	NASA Update
9:15a	Break
9:30a	SCCA Update
10:00a	LEC Year Ahead
10:30a	Break
10:45a	Breakouts: 1: Flagging 101 2: F&C Updates/Open Discussion
11:45a	Lunch
1:00p	LEC Awards/Incentive Prizes
1:30p	Situational Awareness Discussion
2:00p	Safety Discussion
2:30p	Closing Remarks, Station Visits (optional)

NASA (Pay Day) – April 19-21 – Flag Chief: Randy Alheit

NASA returns to Mid-Ohio for the first of their three weekends, and the weekend continues to be a pay day for up to 8 workers per day.

MSR: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/nasa-christen-new-pavement-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-443119>

SVRA/TA2 Club/Formula Race Promotions – April 26-28 – Flag Chief: Jonathan Palmer

FRP weekend is back for 2024, but also with SVRA! The FRP group have been taken up by Parella Motorsports Holdings, who are bringing their vintage groups, as well as the new to this year TA2 Club – designed to give newcomers to TA2 racing a lower-pressure chance to get used to the cars, before joining the big TA2 grid.

Lunch is provided all three days; worker campground is open. Details on LEC provided dinners Friday and Saturday will be available closer to the weekend.

Still could use 5-10 more for all three days. Register on MotorsportReg:

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/formula-promotions-svra-ta2-club-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-443585>

OVR Majors / Hoosier Super Tour – May 17-19 – Flag Chief: Randy Alheit (Co-Chief: Dylan Daugherty)

The SCCA Hoosier Super Tour returns to Mid-Ohio this year, and we would like to see a solid turnout of workers for this event to support our home region, OVR. Three days of racing, last real chance to get back into the flow of things at Mid-Ohio before IMSA a few weeks later! Club course will be run all weekend, so 1B will need to be opened, and 2 gets to play in the bunker!

Camping available, lunch provided all weekend. Days will be countable for your SCCA Volunteer Incentive Program.

Need 6-12 more for each day. Register for the weekend on MotorsportReg:

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/ovr-scca-hoosier-super-tour-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-362324>

Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion

After much thought and consideration, the LEC Board of Directors have elected to no longer officially support the Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion. We do still encourage and welcome the event for any member who is interested in helping, but the event is no longer an LEC event in 2024.

SCCA Volunteer Incentive Program

A reminder that the SCCA's Volunteer Incentive Program allows you to self-report the days you have worked any specialty, and in turn, you earn credit towards your national membership renewal.

Tiers for credit:

4-5 days worked: \$15 credit

6-7 days worked: \$22 credit

8-11 days worked: \$30 credit

12+ days worked: \$45 credit, recognition in SportsCar, and a special VIP ID

To report your credit, login to your SCCA account at <https://my.scca.com>. On the **My Profile** page, there is a My VIP Days section. Click "Add VIP" to get to the entry form. Pick the event date, then select from the list of tracks and eligible events that populates based on the date you've selected. Choose the number of days you worked and what specialty you worked, then click "Save" to finish adding the days.

Your credits should automatically apply in the shopping cart if you renew your license online. If you run into trouble, contact the SCCA for assistance.

You must renew your license BEFORE it expires to receive the Credits. The credits ONLY apply to the national dues, not to the regional dues.

SCCA Road Racing sanctioned events are eligible, including SCCA Pro Racing (TransAm, FRP, FR/F4 to name a few).

LEC Worker Incentive Program

For days you work for LEC this year, you will earn points to a prize pool we'll have at the end of the season. Points vary by event, rewarding participation in all volunteer events, weighted more heavily to the club events than participation in the Pro weekends.

You will earn points for each day you work according to the following schedule:

6 points: Vintage Bikes

4 points: FRP, SVRA, Super Tour

3 points: Cincy, OVR Regionals

2 points: MotoAmerica

1 point: IndyCar

0 points: ANY day you work that you receive payment for, or limited participation

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.

Nelson Ledges Race Course

Nelson Ledges is currently looking for 4-5 more people to staff a one day SCCA Time Trial event on Saturday, May 4

Also, Nelson is hosting the SCCA Endurance Championship on Saturday, May 11, with a 12 hour endurance race.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer at Nelson, please contact Kurt Stevens – flagchair@neohioscca.com

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

May 9-11	GMR Grand Prix
June 13-16	SVRA
July 29-30	Joel Miller Track Days
August 6-7	BMW Track Days
August 8-9	Honda/HPD Sportscar Test
August 13-14	Joel Miller Track Days
August 20-21	David Murry Track Days
August 29-30	David Murry Track Days
September 11-15	Ferrari Challenge
September 20-22	IMSA 6 Hour
October 2-6	SRO/IGT Challenge (8 Hour)
October 18	INDY NXT Series Test
October 19-20	Andersen Promotions Chris Griffis Test

Green highlight indicates Pay Day Event

Contact Bill Armitage (imsflagchief@ix.netcom.com) for more information.

Michigan Turn Marshals

DATE	WHRRI	REGIONALS	MAJORS	PRO & OTHER EVENTS
March 1-3	Autorama@Cobo			Spring Training @Ft Wayne (3/2)
April 6-7				
April 13-14				
April 20-21	OTD 1 (4/20) & 2 (4/21)			
April 27-28	Driver's School on Track			New Flaggers@WHRRI
May 4-5	Race #1			
May 11-12 (Mother's Day)				FSAE (5/8-11)
May 18-19			OVR-M @ MO (5/17-19)	
May 25-26 (Memorial Day)	Race #2	DET @ WHRRI		
May 31-June 2				Indycar DGP (5/31-6/2)
June 8-9	OTD 3 (6/9)			
June 15-16 (Father's Day)		WMR-D @ GRA		
June 22-23	OTD 4 (6/22) & 5 (6/23)			
June 29-30	Race #3	NEO-D @ NL		
July 6-7			SBR/DET-M @ GM	Indycar @ MO (7/5-7)
July 13-14		CINCI-D @ MO		
July 20-21	OTD 6 (7/21)			
July 27-28	Race #4	SBR/DET-R @ GM		
August 3-4				
August 10-11	OTD 7 (8/11)	OVR-D @ MO		
August 17-18			WMR - M @ GRA	
August 24-25	Race #5	DET @ WHRRI		
August 30-Sept 1 (Labor Day)	Vintage Race (8/30-9/1)			
Sept 7-8	OTD 8 (9/8)			
Sept 14-15				
Sept 21-22		NEO-D @ NL		Empire Hill Climb (9/21)
Sept 28-29	Race #6			Runoffs @ RAm (10/1-6)
Oct 5-6	OTD 9 (10/5)			Volunteers Appreciation (10/6)
Oct 9-12				Petit Le Mans @ RAT (10/9-12)
Oct 12-13		OVR-D @ MO		
Oct 19-20				
Oct 26-27		NEO-R @ NL		

Key

T=Tentative
GM-GingerMan

IMS-Indy Speedway

CINCY=Cincinnati Region

R=Restricted
GRA-Grattan

WAT-Waterford Hills

DET=Detroit Region
SBR=South Bend

D=Double
MIS-Mich Int'l Speedway
IND- Indianapolis
Speedway

INR=Indiana Northwest
Region
VIR-Virainia In'tl.

C=Champ Series Event
MO-Mid Ohio

RAT-Road Atlanta

NeO=North Eastern Ohio
Region
WMR=Western Mich

NL-Nelson Ledges

RAm-Road America

OVR=Ohio Valley Region

Mid-Ohio Track Waiver

Mid-Ohio is continuing to use the SpeedWaiver for each event, which means you can sign the waiver before you even get to the track! Each event will have its own link, and as we collect them, they will be shared in the pre-race info on the website, as well as in pre-event email sent out by LEC and/or the event's Flag Chief.

Pre-Race Information

Remember to check the LEC website for Pre-Race Information. Events will be added as they near and can be updated with any new information that comes along.