



COMMUNICATOR-AUGUST 2018

Formula Race Promotions, AMA VMDs and SCCA OVR Double Regional Thank You

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported FRP, AMA VMDs and OVR Double Regional. It was a very difficult three weekend stretch for everyone between the heat and humidity along with some crazy racing and tragedy. At the end of each event, I received many compliments on your work and professionalism through out many difficult conditions and scenarios...we are among the best in the business.

Upcoming Events

Even though we are just getting to the end of July/Early August, we are rapidly starting to wind down our 2018 season with five remaining events at Mid-Ohio. We have a three-weekend stretch coming up with two pro events sandwiching a double regional. We realize time is precious and do appreciate the time everyone does give to LEC and do understand you can't do everything, however if you give a day or two for upcoming events, it would be appreciated. We do appreciate everyone that steps on the track with us and we couldn't do what we do without you.....THANK YOU!!!!!!

Honda Indy 200 (July 27-29) (Flag Chief: Bill Armitage)

IndyCar and the Mazda Road to Indy return to Mid-Ohio once again for a fun weekend of open wheel racing. This year with the addition of the MX-5 Cup will round out a busy weekend of activity. The schedule will be a lot easier than in the past with the days starting at 8:00 or later and days ending around 5:00-5:30 each day. We always have a lot of friends from other parts of the country and join us which makes the weekend fun for all. We are once again planning on a cookout Friday evening with our Safety Team friends. There will also be a Mid-Ohio sponsored party Saturday evening. Please come out and help during one of our highlight weekends of the year. Register at: <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2018-season-schedule.html>

We are currently 5 people short for Friday....IndyCar requires all stations open with a minimum of 2 people per stations. We are in great shape the rest of the weekend....any help would be appreciated.

Registration Times @ Registration Building inside Gate 3

- Thursday: 6:45 AM-7:00 PM
- Friday: 6:45 AM-7:00 PM
- Saturday: 6:45 AM-5:00 PM
- Sunday: 6:45 AM-1:00 PM

If you plan on coming in after registration hours, please let me know at lec@earthlink.net A new Mid-Ohio policy has gone into effect for those coming in after registration hours

Morning Meetings Times in the LEC area (times subject to change)

- Friday: 6:40 AM
- Saturday: 6:50 AM

- Sunday: 8:45 AM (Believe it or not...this time is correct)

Lunch, Water and Ice provided

Keep up to date with event information at <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/honda-indy-200-july-27-29.html>

SCCA Cincinnati Todd Cholomondeley IT-SPEctacular (August 4-5) Flag Chief: Bill Armitage

Our second SCCA regional of the season is coming up. This has always been a very well put on event and is shaping up to be the same again. Come on out and honor the memory of Todd with a strong showing of F&C workers.

Also during the weekend, Bob Cowie will once again be conducting a silent auction in memory of Judy Cowie with all proceeds being donated to find the cure for ALS. We encourage everyone to bid on items during the weekend. If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, please let us know.

Registration Times @ Registration Building inside Gate 3

- Friday: 6:00 PM-9:00PM
- Saturday: 7:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Sunday: 7:00 AM-11:30 AM

Morning Meetings 7:15 AM all days in the LEC area.

Lunch, water and ice provided all days.

Register at: <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2018-season-schedule.html>

NASCAR Xfinity Mid-Ohio 200 (August 10-11) Flag Chief: Matt Moritz

NASCAR Xfinity Series makes its return to Mid-Ohio for this Friday and Saturday event. Support series this year will be SCCA Trans-Am and the Mid-Ohio debut of SCCA F3 America. It should be another great event. As always, we will need plenty of help as we are required to staff all the stations on course. Maybe we will get lucky and rain again for the NASCAR race.

We are currently 15-20 people short to cover this weekend. We can really use the help...this will end our long stretch of race weekends we have to cover.

Register at: <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2018-season-schedule.html>

Registration Times @ Registration Building inside Gate 3

- Thursday: 6:30 AM-7:00 PM
- Friday: 6:30 AM-7:00 PM
- Saturday: 6:30 AM-3:00 PM

Morning meeting times: TBA

Lunch, Ice and Water provided.

NASA-Pay Day Opportunity (August 25-26) Contact: Bill Armitage

This is the last NASA Pay Day opportunity of the season. NASA has really enjoyed having LEC at their Mid-Ohio events this year and the on-track activity has been very good. Please consider attending the last NASA event at Mid-Ohio for the season.

We are contracted to provide eight (8) flaggers each day. We will pay each worker \$100 per day plus \$10 per day per diem to cover lunch. The pay will be limited to the first eight flaggers that register for the event on Motorsportreg. If you must cancel, please make sure you notify us within 24 hours of the event. If you no call, no show; you will lose the opportunity for future pay days for six months.

Register at: <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2018-season-schedule.html>

LEC Website-Pre-Event Information:

Stay up to date with the latest event information on the LEC website. Registration and meeting times are posted there along with other pertinent information to get you ready for a race weekend. You can also register for events directly from the website. Go to <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/pre-race-info.html>

LEC Store

LEC has a new store to purchase LEC gear. We are rolling out basic outwear and shirts currently and will be slowly adding other items to the list such as gloves, bags and other items. All the gear is embroidered with the LEC logo and shipped directly to you. The link to the site is tpscom.com and click on webstore or click on this link: [LEC Gear Store](#)

2018 Event Registration

Registration for all 2018 Lake Erie Communications Events are currently open on Motorsportreg.com or go through the LEC website and click on schedule for a direct link to each event. Please sign up early and often. As a reminder, if you are unable to work an event registered for you are obligated to let us know that you are unable to attend. This will allow us to either find a replacement for you or make the appropriate adjustments.

LEC Worker Program

In 2018, LEC will be introducing a F&C worker program to reward our members for volunteering their time. In the past we rewarded based up on the number of days worked. Beginning this season, we will be basing the incentives on a Points system. Giving higher points for those events we struggle to gain the numbers needed and lower points to more popular events. Points for each tier are for each day you work an event. The table below is the break down for the 2018 season.

5 Points:

Porsche Club
AMA Vintage Bikes

4 Points:

Formula Race Promotions
SVRA

3 points

OVR Double Regional (July)
OVR Double Regional (October)
Cincinnati Double Regional

2 points

OVR Majors
NASCAR

1 Point

IMSA
IndyCar

0 Points

All NASA
Put In Bay

Bonus

One point will be given to those that recruit a new member and that new member participates at least one day at an event during the season. No limit on how many bonus points a member can earn

A minimum of 20 points will be required to be eligible for the prize pool.

Qualifying members will have choice of items from the prize pool from Mid-Ohio Driving School, Mid-O swag, LEC gear, other swag and gift cards. The top point getter will have 1st choice in the pool, then the 2nd top points getter will have a choice of the remaining items and continue until the last qualifier chooses.

Ties will be broken by points gained at each tier beginning with the 5 point tier. If ties cannot be broken the tie breaker will be the earliest a person registered for at the highest point tier.

Only LEC members will be eligible for this program. New members points will accumulate from the time come off their log book. Points will be accumulated for those days LEC is contracted for.

NASA and PIBRR are not eligible for this program since they are limited by amount of number of worker contracted for and/or are pay days for workers.

Badges:

We are making new badges, if you would like one you can send the following information to 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

And we will get them printed up and brought to the track. We will also have the badge maker on-site during the OVR Majors and Formula Race Promotions weekend.

ICE Stickers:

These stickers were introduced during the LEC seminar. Due to HIPPA laws, LEC is unable to add medical information to your ID badges, even if you state that it is OK. Through the Motorsport Safety Foundation, ICE stickers are available to place on you ID badges that contain a phone number and a unique PIN for emergency responders to text and receive your emergency, allergy and medical information. You have the ability to add and edit your information on-line securely. We have a couple of sample stickers to show and will fit on the back of your ID. Currently, the cost of the program is \$20.00/year. For more information go to: <https://www.motorsport-safety.org/initiatives/ice>

2018 Schedule

Flag Chief for Event is list, click on name to contact

July 27-20	IndyCar w/MRTI & MX-5 Cup	Mid-Ohio	Bill Armitage
August 4-5	SCCA Cincinnati Double Regional (S)	Mid-Ohio	Bill Armitage
August 10-11	NASCAR w/ Trans-Am & F3 Americas	Mid-Ohio	Matt Moritz
August 25-26	NASA (\$\$)	Mid-Ohio	Bill Armitage
October 13-14	SCCA OVR Double Regional	Mid-Ohio	Jim Schell

(S): LEC School

(\$\$): Pay Day

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

August 10-12 Mid-Ohio Region Porsche Club

Contact Bill Armitage at imsflagchief@ix.netcom.com for registration and event information

Formula One United States Grand Prix

Applications and registration for the Formula One United States Grand Prix will be opening soon. The Grand Prix will be held October 19-21 at Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas. As always, a lot of flag and intervention marshals are needed to make this event a success. Please consider coming to Austin this year to support our Grand Prix. The Saturday night concert will be Bruno Mars and Sunday after last checker will be Britney Spears.

If interested in applying to become a marshal for the United States Grand Prix, go to:

www.motorsportreg.com/events/formula-1-usgp-2018-new-volunteer-circuit-of-america-cota-volunteers-252131

Michigan Turn Marshals 2018 Events Schedule

MTM Event	Dates	Event	Venue / Location	Region / Group	F&C Contact
	Apr 14 - 15				
	Apr 21 - 22	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	
√	Apr 28 - 29	Drivers/Flagging School	Waterford Hills	SCCA_DET, WHRRRI	Ed Arthur
√	May 4 - 6	Driver's School & Race	GingerMan	VSCDA	
√	May 5 - 6	Race Weekend #1	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	May 11 - 12	Formula SAE ®	M.I.S.	SAE Intl, SCCA_DET	John Lisiecki
	May 19 - 20	MKC Road Race	M.I.S.	Michigan Kart Club	
√	May 19 - 20	Spring Sprints	GingerMan	SCCA_SBR/WOR/DET	Ed Arthur
	May 27	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	
√	Jun 1 - 3	Detroit Grand Prix	Belle Isle, Detroit	IndyCar,IMSA,TA,Trucks	Ed Arthur
√	Jun 9 - 10	Race Weekend #2	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jun 16 - 17				
√	Jun 23 - 24	SCCA Double Regional	Grattan	SCCA_WMR	
	Jun 24	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	
	Jun 30 - Jul 1	Cure for Gingervitis	GingerMan	24 Hours of LeMons	
√	Jun 30 - Jul 1	Race Weekend #3	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Jul 7 - 8	SCCA Majors	GingerMan	SCCA_SBR/DET	Ed Arthur
	Jul 14 - 15	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	
	Jul 21 - 22				
√	Jul 27 - 29	Vintage Weekend	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Aug 4	Sno*Drift Rally	Atlanta, MI		
	Aug 5	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	
√	Aug 11 - 12	SCCA Majors	Grattan	SCCA_WMR	
√	Aug 11 - 12	Race Weekend #4	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Aug 17 - 19	Vintage Weekend	Grattan	VSCDA	
	Aug 25 - 28	ChumpCar Endurance	GingerMan	ChumpCar	
	Aug 25 - 28	MKC Road Race	M.I.S.	Michigan Kart Club	
	Sep 2	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	
√	Sep 8 - 9	Race Weekend #5	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Sep 15 - 16				
?	Sep 22 - 23	Race Weekend #6	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Sep 29 - 30				
?	Oct 7	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	
	Oct 13 - 14	Where Elite Meet to Cheat	GingerMan	24 Hours of LeMons	
	Oct 16 - 21	Natl Championship Runoffs	Sonoma, CA	SCCA	
	Oct 27 - 28				