



## COMMUNICATOR-AUGUST 2020

### **Season Update**

Thank you to everyone that has participated at events at both Mid-Ohio and Nelson Ledges, we hope you have had a good time getting with friends and being track side. It has been a busy July and August is going to be just as busy.

I have been amazed at the participation level thus far during these odd and strange times. It has not gone unnoticed by the series organizers and everyone has been very appreciative of our quality of work so far. They can not thank you enough to come out to allow them to race.

We have added one new event for July 31-August 2. A joint Cincinnati/NEOhio SCCA regional race weekend at Nelson Ledges has been added to our schedule. We have a lot of spaces to fill in a very short period of time.

We have a lot of events between now and Labor Day. If you have a day or two to give, we would appreciate the help.

Mask requirements when at Mid-Ohio on-site have been reduced. You are required to wear a mask when inside buildings (including restrooms) or when you can't properly social distance in groups. Wearing a mask is encouraged but not required when on station.

The NASCAR X'FINITY and Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion weekends have been cancelled for 2020 but will return in 2021.

### **Registration**

With these ever-changing times we are currently living in, procedures that we are used to doing are changing. With Mid-Ohio now allowing limited spectators on the "Pro" weekends, we are being asked to submit our worker list on Monday morning prior to the "Pro" Events and are unable to add names after the cutoff. This is to help determine the number of spectators they can allow into the venue. We know there are several people that sign up late due because of various reasons and we understand that and always try to accommodate, however with these new times, we have to work with our customer in their needs to comply with their plans submitted to the county and state.

For club races, we have more leeway with registration lists. Since the club events are closed to the public per se, the numbers are nowhere near what the plan is in place for those on-site. Since each organization renting the track has their own procedures, we usually do not have to submit names for registration purposes and on this type of weekend you can walk up and gain entry. Keep in mind though, these events are classified as Essential Personnel Only, if you are on-site not for working purposes you may be asked to leave.

If you are planning on working event, particularly “Pro” events, please register early. I would rather have you on the list and then tell me you can’t make it rather than coming to us after registration closes and telling me you are available and I can’t get you on the list.

We hope we can eventually go back to the “old” ways soon but this is the new policy that is place for the foreseeable future for Mid-Ohio “Pro” events.

### **Pre-Race Info**

Prior to events we try to send out information on registration, schedules and other items that will impact your weekend for an event. With the times, information is changing constantly, and we remain committed to giving you timely information. Because of the constant changing, we are waiting as long as possible to release information because we do not want to create confusion with information.

The best place to keep up to date on schedules and information is on the LEC website in the Pre-Race info section. When schedules are published/updated, meeting times etc....information is posted there along with all of the waivers and forms that need to be filled out prior to arrival at the track.

### **Social Media**

With the State and local officials allowing the reopening of Mid-Ohio to spectators, there will be a lot of eyes on the facility and how everything is operated. We are being asked to do our part in promoting social distancing when we are together in our group.

We do encourage picture taking while off duty when at events and sharing it with our friends on social media; but with the sensitive nature of our current times and spectator events, we ask that you be cognizant of what you post. **The requirement by Mid-Ohio is to be wearing a mask when inside a building or can’t be properly distanced or in groups of 10 or more.**

**For example, if you take a picture around the campfire, make sure everyone is properly separated or don’t post it.**

Common sense is a must in this scenario, the last thing we want is to call attention to ourselves for not following the rules and create issues for us and Mid-Ohio in their efforts to stay re-opened to spectators.

support both tracks. Register at: [www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-neohio-time-trial-f-c-nelson-ledges-lake-erie-communications-775019](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-neohio-time-trial-f-c-nelson-ledges-lake-erie-communications-775019)

### **Road to Indy Triple Header (July 29-30) Flag Chief: Kevin Young**

This event is confirmed and we have one spot remaining and will be whomever registers 1<sup>st</sup> for the two days. This is a pay day event of \$100/day. We are asking for a 2 day commitment. Lunch will be provided and camping is also available for the event. This event is make-up races for USF2000 and Indy Pro 2000. The schedule will be fairly easy with practice and qualifying and one race on Wednesday and 2 races on Thursday for each group. You can register for the event at [www.motorsportreg.com/events/road-to-indy-mid-week-triple-header-f-c-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-471654](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/road-to-indy-mid-week-triple-header-f-c-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-471654)

### **SCCA Cincinnati/NEOhio Regional @ Nelson Ledges (July 31-August 2) Flag Chief: Kurt Stevens**

SCCA Regional racing returns to Nelson Ledges. Should be quite a return. From the feedback we have received after the Time Trials the improvements to Nelson Ledges are quite amazing and should be seen in person. This is not your old Nelson's.

**We are needing a lot of help to help pull off this last minute race weekend. We are needing around 7-10 people for Friday and 10-12 more for Saturday and Sunday.** The regions will take good care of the workers and both have historically taken care of the flaggers. Come out and help support this race weekend.

Please register early to allow for better planning for the organizers since this is a last minute addition.

Register at: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/back-home-at-nelson-2020-worker-registration-ledges-scca-neohio-173225?fbclid=IwAR3-XK80PzqkNCCiDjLA6EDC0LM0f7HO60-bN95WiFHqxEeVEI3abYcPdnE>

### **Honda Indy 200 (August 7-9) Flag Chief: Kevin Young**

As a reminder this event was moved forward one week to accommodate the new dates for the Indianapolis 500. This race is now August 7-9. This is always a fun event for us. It will be a busy weekend but if the racing the past couple of years from IndyCar it should be another good weekend.

**Due to current requirements for registration, we have a hard cut-off registration date of Sunday night on August 2.** We will not be able to add names after this cut-off date. Due to current protocols for spectators to attend events at Mid-Ohio, worker guest passes have been temporarily suspended. Guest passes could be reinstated as the event get closer.

It will be a full weekend of IndyCar, Road to Indy and Mazda MX-5 cup racing. We always need a lot of help for this one.

Register at: [www.motorsportreg.com/events/honda-indy-200-indycar-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-488948](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/honda-indy-200-indycar-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-488948)

### **Porsche Club (August 15-16) Flag Chief: Randy Alheit**

This is the rescheduled date from May for Porsche Club. There will be a couple of National races held throughout the weekend. Porsche Club has always taken good care of LEC members during the weekend. I hear the car count is really good, so it should be a good weekend.

We will need a lot of help for this one, if you can spare a day or two, we would love to see you.

Register at: [www.motorsportreg.com/events/porsche-club-mid-ohio-f-c-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-516185](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/porsche-club-mid-ohio-f-c-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-516185)

### **NASA (August 28-30) Flag Chief: Randy Alheit**

The last of the NASA pay days for the 2020 season. We are currently fully staffed for Saturday and Sunday but still need three more for the Friday afternoon enduro. For Friday, you will be paid \$55.00 for the afternoon.

If you are available for Saturday and Sunday, please add yourself to the waiting list in case those already signed up are unavailable. Saturday and Sunday pay is \$100/day plus \$10/day per diem to cover lunch.

To register: [www.motorsportreg.com/events/nasa-blind-madness-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-971229](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/nasa-blind-madness-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-971229)

### **SCCA OVR Double Regional (September 5-6) Flag Chief: Kurt Stevens**

The next SCCA event at Mid-Ohio is a Double Regional with OVR. Regional races always provide for exciting action and OVR always puts on a great event. Help support this event by registering at:

[www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-regional-ohio-valley-f-c-mid-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-427394](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-regional-ohio-valley-f-c-mid-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-427394)

### **Badges:**

If you would like one you can 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 your 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 in 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.
- 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.lakeeriercommunications.org/covid-19-info.html>

## **2020 Schedule**

Here is the 2020 LEC Schedule as it currently stands. All events are now open for registration.  
(PD): LEC Pay Days

July 29-30 Road to Indy Tripleheader (PD)- (NEW EVENT)  
July 31-Aug 2 SCCA Cincinnati/NEOhio Regional @ Nelson Ledges (NEW EVENT)

August 7-9 IndyCar (NEW DATE)  
August 15-16 Porsche Club (NEW DATE)  
August 28-30 NASA (PD)

September 5-6 SCCA OVR Double Regional  
Sept. 25-27 IMSA (NEW DATE)

October 17-18 SCCA OVR Double Regional

TBA AMA Vintage  
NASCAR X'Finity and SCCA Cincinnati Double Regional (CANCELLED)

### **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*

July 31-Aug 2 USAC Karting Battle at the Brickyard (NEW DATE)

Sept 3-4 Road to Indy Tripleheader (NEW EVENT)  
Sept 12-13 ChampCar Twin 10 Hour Enduro  
Sept 30-Oct 4 World Challenge and International GT 8 Hour w/ IndyCar GP (2<sup>nd</sup> Race)

October 9-11 MotoAmerica (NEW DATE)  
October 16-18 Porsche Club (NEW DATE)  
October 24-25 Road to Indy Test (POSTPONED)

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

Michigan Turn Marshals ([www.michiganturnmarshals.org](http://www.michiganturnmarshals.org))

Date	WHRRRI	REGIONALS	MAJORS	PDX or SCCA PRO EVENTS or OTHER EVENTS
March 7				Spring Training (Ft. Wayne)
April 4-5				
April 11-12		( Easter (4/12) )		
April 18-19	OTD1 & OTD2	Driver's School Classroom 4/18		
April 25-26	Driver's School			New Flagger Training @ WAT
May 2-3	Race Weekend 1			IMSA @ MO
May 9-10	OTD3 (5/9)	( Mother's Day (5/10) )		Formula SAE @ MIS (5/8,9)
May 16-17			DET/SBR @ GM	
May 23-24	Race Weekend 2	( Memorial Weekend )		
May 29-31				Detroit Belle Isle GP (5/29,30,31) NASCAR @ MO
June 6-7		NeO @ NL ?		
June 13-14	OTD4 (6/14)			
June 20-21		WMR @ GRA	Jun 21 (Father's Day)	
June 27-28	Race Weekend 3	DET @ WAT		SVRA @ MO
July 4-5	OTD5 (7/5)	July 4th		
July 11-12				Adv Worker Training @ WAT (7/11) AMA VMD @ MO
July 18-19			OVR @ MO	
July 25-26	Vintage Race	SBR/INR @ GM		
August 1-2	Race Weekend 4			
August 8-9		CINCY @ MO		
August 15-16		Dream Cruise		INDYCAR @ MO
August 22-23	OTD6 (8/23)		WMR @ GRA	
August 29-30	Race Weekend 5			
September 5-6		OVR @ MO	( Labor Day )	
September 12-13	OTD7 (9/13)			
September 19-20				NASA Champ @ MO

Date	WHRRRI	REGIONALS	MAJORS	PDX or SCCA PRO EVENTS or OTHER EVENTS
September 26-27	Race Weekend 6			
October 3-4				ARX @ MO
October 10-11	OTD 8 (10/11)			10/5-11 RunOffs @ RA
October 17-18		OVR @ MO		
October 24-25				
Oct 31 - Nov 1		Weekend Holiday		

Key  
 GM-GingerMan      GRA-Grattan      MIS-Mich Int'l Speedway      MO-Mid Ohio      NL-Nelson Ledges  
 WAT-Waterford Hills  
 CINCY=Cincinnati Region      DET-Detroit Region      INR-Indiana Northwest Region      NeO-North Eastern Ohio Region      OVR-Ohio Valley Region  
 SBR-South Bend Region      WMR-Western Mich Region