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### **Another IMSA Thank You**

Hello everyone –

Returning to Mid-Ohio with IMSA was like a homecoming. Mid-O is a track that is perfect for sports cars and we were rewarded in Sunday's WeatherTech race with a no hitter – green for the whole race. It was so much fun to see the race play itself out and the cars and teams at peak performance without the need to accommodate a yellow period and all that entails. Not that we were without drama, of course.

The Acura prototypes were dominant throughout the weekend, and they earned an historic one – two in the end. I am glad we were all there to see it.

We had lots of fun with the Porsches and the Ferraris, too.

But, for me, the chance to be at beautiful Mid-Ohio, with friends and extended family, made the weekend. Forget the icky weather, forget the long days, it's the wonderful racing and catching up with racing comrades that makes it for me.

That said, you made it easy because your performance, as expected, was fantastic. Great flagging and communicating smooth the way for a first rate event. Thank you for bringing you're A game, and for accommodating what we know are protocols different from what you normally practice. We know it can be difficult and appreciate what it takes to adopt a new approach to our craft.

Nothing, however, can be done effectively without good leadership and organization. Many thanks to all the hard work that Bill and his group put in before, during, and probably after our weekend (because the last checker is not really the end of any event).

As I write this, I am preparing for a big IMSA weekend at Watkins Glen, another classic track and event. I know that many of you travel to other tracks and events, and I encourage everyone to travel. It is such a broadening experience. You know how good you have it at home, and you can bring good ideas back – as well as sharing your good ideas with others. It is a great way to sharpen your skills, too. So, if you have the interest, time, and budget – please let me or Bill know and we will happily put you in touch with the people at each track who can help you. I'll put in a plug now for the Petit LeMans – IMSA's season ender at Road Atlanta. If you haven't been to that track, it is pretty amazing and the folks make everyone feel at home.

With that – many sincere thanks again from me, and everyone at IMSA. I look forward to seeing you again.

Until next time –

Godspeed.

JoAnne

JoAnne Jensen  
IMSA Chief Observer

## **SCCA OVR Majors and SVRA Thank You**

Many thanks to everyone that came out and supported the SCCA Majors and SVRA weekends at Mid-Ohio. The turn out for both ended up being very good and both myself and Jim Schell appreciate the effort given during both weekends. Both weekends provided for some fun days and good racing, while the weather at SVRA could have been better, we hope you all had a good time.

## **LEC Website:**

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 [www.lakeeriecommunications.org](http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org)

## **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](http://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](http://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.

## **Upcoming Events**

We are in our busiest portion of the season with seven events in the next eight weekends. We understand work, family and other commitments that you have and do truly appreciate these things in your lives beyond the track. We will need a lot of support over the coming weeks to fulfill our commitments to Mid-Ohio and our other clients to provide the necessary personnel to cover each event safely for everyone involved. 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 especially for AMA VMD and the upcoming SCCA Regional 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!!!!!!

**Formula Race Promotions (June29-July 1) (Flag Chief: Bill Armitage)**

If you like open wheel racing...this is the weekend for you. The F1600, F2000 and Atlantics return along with SCCA Pro USF4 are returning to Mid-Ohio once again for their annual weekend. The racing has always been close and exciting. This year with the return of USF4 to this weekend, we are being asked to have two workers per station along with all stations open for USF4, this will put a premium on needing workers to support this weekend. FRP has done an excellent job with taking care of us in the past and we need to come through for them. If you can lend a hand, we really can use the help.

**We are currently 2-3 people short for Friday.....if you can help it would be appreciated. Always can use help for the rest of the weekend.**

Registration: Pre-Register for the event at [www.frplicense.com](http://www.frplicense.com) . Sign the Mid-Ohio waiver at the security gate upon arrival. Registration for FRP will be at their trailer in the lower paddock. Will try to have someone come over in the AM. No set times.

Morning meeting at 7:15 AM-ALL DAYS in the LEC Area

Lunch, Ice and Water Provided and plenty of free camping.

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

**AMA Vintage Bikes (July 6-8) (Flag Chief: Matt Moritz)**

The return of vintage bikes is almost upon us. This is a very interesting weekend along with the Motocross and swap meet and the infield activity. It is a very busy weekend at Mid-Ohio. Over the past two years our worker count has gotten better but still need to gain a few more people to cover this event properly. This one has always been difficult for us to staff. Please consider this event to help at.

**UPDATE: We are really short (10-12 people) for this event all days....we currently CANNOT staff the course.** This is a very laid-back event and usually has some good racing...and the days are not horribly long.

Registration Times:

- Thursday: 12:00 PM-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](mailto:lec@earthlink.net) A new Mid-Ohio policy has gone into effect for those coming in after registration hours

Morning meeting at 7:15 AM-ALL DAYS in the LEC Area

Lunch, Water and Ice will be provided, along with plenty of Camping

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

### **SCCA OVR Double Regional (July 14-15) (Flag Chief: Kurt Stevens)**

The first SCCA Double Regional event is coming to Mid-Ohio. The OVR weekend like always will be a good time. OVR has always taken good care of the workers for all their events and are huge supporters of LEC. This is a two day weekend for us (finally). Plan on coming out an supporting OVR and grass roots racing.

Worker count is on the very light side currently.

Registration Times:

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

Morning Meeting: 7:15 AM in the LEC Area All Days (Honda Pavilion if raining)

Lunches provided by OVR all days

Saturday Evening Party at the Honda Pavilion provided by OVR.

Ice and Water Provided by LEC and plenty of camping

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

### **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. The will also be a Mid-Ohio sponsored party Saturday evening. Please come out and help during one of our highlight weekends of the year.

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

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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

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> choice in the pool, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](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

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

June 29-July 1	Atlantics, 2000, 1600, USF4, (S)	Mid-Ohio	<a href="#">Bill Armitage</a>
July 6-8	AMA Vintage	Mid-Ohio	<a href="#">Matt Moritz</a>
July 14-15	SCCA OVR Double Regional (S)	Mid-Ohio	<a href="#">Kurt Stevens</a>
July 27-20	IndyCar w/MRTI & MX-5 Cup	Mid-Ohio	<a href="#">Bill Armitage</a>
August 4-5	SCCA Cincinnati Double Regional (S)	Mid-Ohio	<a href="#">Bill Armitage</a>
August 10-11	NASCAR w/ Trans-Am & USF3	Mid-Ohio	<a href="#">Matt Moritz</a>
August 25-26	NASA (\$\$)	Mid-Ohio	<a href="#">Bill Armitage</a>
October 13-14	SCCA OVR Double Regional	Mid-Ohio	<a href="#">Jim Schell</a>

(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*

July 6-8 Battle at the Brickyard Karting

August 10-12 Mid-Ohio Region Porsche Club

Contact Bill Armitage at [imsflagchief@ix.netcom.com](mailto: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-americas-cota-volunteers-252131](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/formula-1-usgp-2018-new-volunteer-circuit-of-americas-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				