



## COMMUNICATOR-JULY 2019

### IMSA WeatherTech Thank You from JoAnne Jensen

*Hello everyone –*

*Our IMSA trek to Mid-Ohio is always a weather related crapshoot. This time around, it was mud, oh my goodness I have never seen so much mud. Knowing it was likely to be messy, I wore my crocs and it still took me 20 minutes to clean the dirt off when I got home.*

*Friday, we had to send tows to pull tows out of the mud before we could even get to the racecars. I counted no fewer than 17 red flags that day!*

*Mid-Ohio, and let's be honest about this, is typically a radio crapshoot, too. I cannot imagine the level of frustration that the poor Starters endured trying to talk to Race Control – well, yes, I can because I felt it, too. There we were looking right at each other and we couldn't talk across the track. I know that other stations had this problem, too; thanks for your patience and perseverance.*

*And, it isn't for lack of effort by Bill and his guys trying to troubleshoot on our behalf. A special note for those of you coming to the IndyCar race (and I hope that is all of you and more), I am told that we will have a different set of radios and a couple of other hardware tweaks, which should help.*

*This was a full on IMSA weekend with GT3, Prototype Challenge, Michelin Pilot, and WeatherTech. That's a lot of racing and a lot of great cars. We witnessed some remarkable drives. In GT3 Saturday, Parker Thompson, whom some of you may know from open wheel racing, put on a wet racing drivers' clinic – he was absolutely brilliant in his first Porsche GT3 Cup race. This weekend also saw both Mazda DPi cars on the podium.*

*But, regardless of the weather, the radios, or the quality of the racing – on either side of the spectrum, we always find ourselves in the best of company with our friends. And it is the relationships which always stay with us over the years. Many of us have had a long love affair with Mid-Ohio, and it is wonderful to be able to renew it each year.*

*Again, thanks to Bill and to LEC for everything that happens, whether seen or unseen, that makes these events seamless and easy from a support perspective. Great job.*

*Please, if you have any suggestions, let me know. Likewise, if you have any additional capacity in your schedule and budget, know that your skills and talents would be greatly appreciated at any track where I am. We have significant scheduling challenges ahead, with the back to back IMSA / IndyCar weekends at Laguna, or the truly unfortunate overlap of the Runoffs at VIR with the Petit at Road Atlanta, and – who can forget – the back to back IndyCar at St Pete and the IMSA Sebring 12 hour/ WEC endurance race. Truly – the more of us, the easier it is on everyone. Please give it a shot. These are all wonderful venues – if not any of these, please consider anything on the schedule. You are always welcome.*

*Until next time –*

*Godspeed.*

*JoAnne*

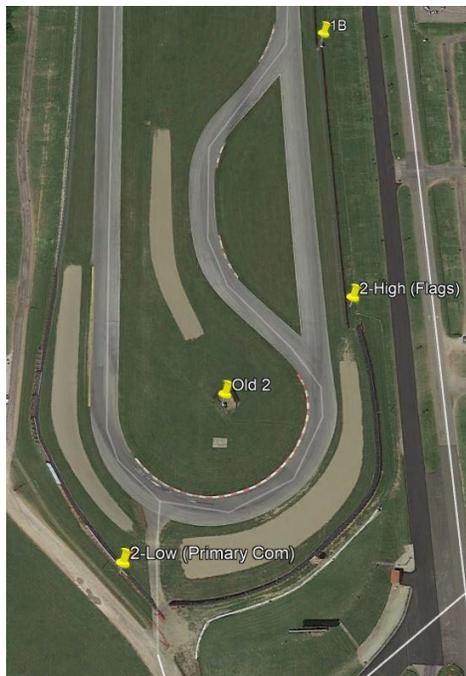
*JoAnne Jensen  
IMSA Chief Communicator*

## **Mid-Ohio Flag Station Change**

Effective immediately for events using the Pro Straight. The Flag Station at Turn 2 has been moved to Drivers Left approximately 25 feet before the 100 foot brake marker. This move is due to safety concerns with the transition between the grass and the dirt track portion of the rallycross course next to the Turn 2 Bunker. This change also requires the Primary Communicator for Turn 2 to be located about the 2 o'clock position to see the corner and behind the rallycross jump. The flaggers will have a radio as well to hear calls for flags as the corner is blind for them (Think T-9)

This change does not affect the use of the Turn 2 Bunker when the club course is used. In addition, when possible. A second communicator will need to be placed at the 2 o'clock position to call cars stopping behind the rallycross jump when using the Turn 2 Bunker.

Lastly, when staffing the bunker, please park cars across track and not at the station as the areas we had access to for parking is now dirt and very muddy. This will eliminate the need to tow cars out of the mud and tracking a lot of mud back on track.



## **The Season So Far:**

It has been a busy season thus far. We really appreciate everyone's support so far this year. We have had many new people come and work races with us this year. The work we have done for our events has been very good. I have received many compliments on the quality of work....something you should be proud of. For those that have joined us this year...Thank You....look forward to seeing you again soon. For those that have not come out....we hope you can find time to come back to the track...we miss you. Our numbers so far this year have been a little down and have been barely covering our contract. We are in the heart of our season and some of our biggest events are yet to come. We understand time constraints, other options or obligations but we hope you can find some time to come out for an event or two even if it is only for a day.

## **NASA Regional Thank you**

Thank you to everyone that helped out with the NASA Regional.

## **SCCA OVR Hoosier Super Tour Thank You**

Thank you to everyone that helped out with the SCCA Super Tour. The race weekend went very smooth with lots of good racing. What helped was the weather turned out to beautiful to start drying out the facility. SCCA was very pleased with our work.

## **American RallyCross #1 Thank You**

Thank you to everyone that worked ARX. What a fun weekend with good weather and good racing. It was an interesting weekend once they figure out how to keep the dust down. Everyone did an excellent job and was noticed by everyone involved with ARX. They are looking forward to returning in October.



## **SVRA (June 21-23): Flag Chief Kevin Young**

Thank you to everyone that worked the annual SVRA weekend. The weekend went well with good work all around. A lot of nice looking cars took to the track providing for a nice weekend had by all.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Formula Race Promotions (June 28-30): Flag Chief Matt Moritz**

FRP returns to Mid-Ohio bringing the F1600 and F2000 with them. If you are an open wheel racing fan this is the weekend for you. The schedule also will have F1000, Formula Fords and Challenge Cup action. It is a good weekend of racing.

The FRP weekend is now back under SCCA Pro sanction, this weekend will now count towards your SCCA license.

The days are easy with Friday and Saturday beginning at 8:30 and runs until 3:40 and Sunday starting at 8:00 and ends at 3:10.

Register today at <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2019-season-schedule.html>

### **AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days (July 5-7): Flag Chief Ron Long**

The two wheeled museum returns to Mid-Ohio July 5-7. This is always our least attended event but provides for one of the biggest crowds of the year. A lot of interesting things going with the Motocross and the large swap meet going on. If you ever thought about working bikes, this is a good event to start with.

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### **SCCA OVR Double Regional (July 13-14): Flag Chief Jim Schell**

The first of three SCCA regional event for this season. OVR always does a great job of putting on good events and takes care of the workers. This race weekend is finally a two day weekend. This weekend also marks the busiest weekend for the region with at least 6 events within 400 miles of Mid-Ohio is putting a large strain on marshals to cover the various event. Please come out and help this event.

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### **Honda Indy 200 (July 26-28): Flag Chief Bill Armitage**

After a weekend off; IndyCar returns to Mid-Ohio bringing the Road to Indy series and the Global MX-5 Cup. A new support race for this year is the circus that is called Robby Gordon Stadium Super Trucks. It will be a very busy weekend for everyone involved and the more workers the better. We are planning out annual cookout during this weekend. It will be a fun evening of bench racing for sure.

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### **SCCA Cincinnati Todd Cholmondeley IT-SPEctacular (August 3-4): Flag Chief Kurt Stevens**

This weekend is very near and dear to many LEC members as it honors one of our fallen. Come out and support Cincinnati Region as they put on another good event. Bob Cowie is planning his ALS silent auction in honor of Judy Cowie. If you have anything you would like to donate, Bob would sure appreciate. This event also will need a lot of help as SVRA will be running at Indy the same weekend drawing other flaggers.

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### **Pre-Race Info**

Don't forget that registration and meeting time along with other event information can be found on the LEC website at [www.lakeeriecommunications.org](http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org)

## **Badges:**

Do you need a new ID Badge, 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

## **2019 Schedule**

June 28-30	Formula Race Promotions
July 5-7	AMA Vintage
July 13-14	SCCA OVR Double Regional
July 26-28	IndyCar
August 3-4	SCCA Cincinnati Double Regional
August 9-10	NASCAR X'FINITY
August 24-25	NASA Regional
Sept. 20-22	NASA National Championships
Sept 25-26	Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion
October 5-6	American Rallycross #2
October 26-27	SCCA OVR Double Regional

## **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, VIR, 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 5-7	USAC Karting-Battle at the Brickyard
July 13-14	Champcar (formerly known as Chumpcar)-Twin 10 Hour Enduro
July 25-28	Ferrari Challenge
July 31-Aug 4	SVRA w/ Trans-Am
August 9-11	Mid-Ohio Region Porsche Club
August 17-18	Tom Kelly Driving Experience (TENTATIVE)

Contact Bill Armitage at [imsflagchief@ix.netcom.com](mailto:imsflagchief@ix.netcom.com) for more information. To register for IMS events go to <https://usacracing.redpodium.com/2019-usac-flag-marshall-registration>

## *Petit LeMans @ Road Atlanta*

A message from Atlanta Region regarding Petit LeMans....if you are not going to the Runoffs, please consider making the trip to Road Atlanta.

Greetings from Atlanta.

We hope you are having an enjoyable racing season so far. There certainly have been a number of great events to attend. From club events such as the SCCA Super Tour series and regionals, to pro weekends with IndyCar, WeatherTech, and Trans Am, you had plenty to add to your schedules.

It's April, but the Atlanta Region has decided to get an early jump on planning for this year's Petit. The reason for that stems from the reality that we have an unprecedented challenge this year. As many of you may know, the 2019 SCCA Runoffs at VIR is scheduled during the **SAME WEEK** as the Petit LeMans at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta (MRRA)

We are greatly concerned about the availability of corner marshals for our event. Over the years, conflict between the Runoffs and the Petit has been rare. This year is different, as you all may be making a choice. The Runoffs have not been at an East Coast track since Daytona, a number of years ago. We're sure the prospect of a "reasonably close" venue like VIR for the Runoffs have a lot of you saying you'd like to participate, especially if you have not done so before. If this is your thinking, then go for it, as you know what it's all about. For someone who has not been to a Runoffs, it will be a unique experience.

Having said that, if you have worked the Petit many times or just a few, we'd like you to consider joining us again this year. Obviously, the Petit is a different spectacle than the Runoffs. First of all, MRRA is one of the fastest tracks in the country with significant elevation changes. Then there's the WeatherTech cars which are soooo fast, and they are just amazing as they go through the dip at Turns 4-5. On the back straight, they are approaching 200 mph, and then braking to 60 mph at T10. Finally, we have a Friday night worker social with a lot of choice give-aways and swag. We are working on other worker perks and some lodging options for you out-of-towners.

Contact Joe Scavotto for more details at [atlflagchief@hotmail.com](mailto:atlflagchief@hotmail.com)

To register: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/2019-petit-le-mans-support-event-michelin-raceway-road-atlanta-scca-club-racing-611885>

## Michigan Turn Marshals 2019 Events Schedule

MTM Event	Dates	Event	Venue / Location	Region / Group	F&C Contact
	Mar 30 – 31	F&C and Safety Training	I.M.S.		
	Apr 6	LEC Seminar & Safety Day	Mid-Ohio	LEC	Bill Armitage
√	Apr 13 – 14	Open Track Day (OTD)	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
	Apr 20 – 21				
√	Apr 27 – 28	Drivers/Flagging School	Waterford Hills	SCCA_DET, WHRRI	John Lisiecki
√	May 3 – 5	Driver's School & Race	GingerMan	VSCDA	
√	May 4 – 5	Race Weekend #1	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
√	May 8 – 11	Formula SAE ®	M.I.S.	SAE Intl, SCCA_DET	Cindy Wisner
√	May 18 – 19	SCCA Majors	GingerMan	SCCA_SBR/DET	John Lisiecki
√	May 25 – 26	Race Weekend #2	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
√	May 31 – Jun 2	Detroit Grand Prix	Belle Isle	IndyCar, IMSA, TA, Trucks	John Lisiecki
√	Jun 9	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jun 15 – 16				
	Jun 22 – 23	Longest Day of the Year	GingerMan	NASA_Great Lakes	
√	Jun 22 – 23	SCCA Double Regional	Grattan	SCCA_WMR	Karen Crider
√	Jun 23	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Jun 29 – 30	Race Weekend #3	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jun 29 – 30	The Cure for Gingervitis	GingerMan	24 Hours of LeMons	
	Jul 6 – 7				
√	Jul 14	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Jul 20 – 21	SCCA Double Regional	GingerMan	SCCA_SBR/DET	John Lisiecki
√	Jul 26 – 28	Vintage Weekend	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jul 27 – 28	Time Trial Nat'l Tour	GingerMan	SCCA	
√	Aug 3 – 4	Race Weekend #4	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Aug 10 – 11	SCCA Majors	Grattan	SCCA_WMR	Karen Crider
√	Aug 16 – 18	Vintage Weekend	Grattan	VSCDA	
	Aug 24 – 25	ChumpCar Endurance	GingerMan	ChumpCar	
√	Aug 25	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Aug 31 – Sep 1	Race Weekend #5	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
	Sep 7 – 8				
	Sep 14	Empire Hill Climb	Empire		
√	Sep 22	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Sep 28 – 29	Race Weekend #6	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem
	Oct 5 – 6				
	Oct 8 – 13	Natl Championship Runoffs	V.I.R.	SCCA	
	Oct 12 – 13	Where the Elite Meet to Cheat	GingerMan	24 Hours of LeMons	
√	Oct 13	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRI	Chip Bliem