



COMMUNICATOR-MARCH 2021

DON'T Save The Date-LEC Seminar

We are sad to let everyone know that we are going to CANCEL the LEC seminar for 2021. The LEC Board discussed the logistics of being able to keep distance and everyone safe along with the on-going restrictions, we felt it would be in the best interest of our members safety it would be necessary to cancel the seminar for 2021. Hopefully, we will be able to bring back the seminar in 2022.

Race Control Communicators

A focus for the 2021 season will be identifying people that are interested in becoming communicators in Race Control. If you are interested in trying out being a communicator, let us know at lec@earthlink.net

Mid-Ohio Campground

The Mid-Ohio campground will be available to move in and leave campers on April 23rd, weather permitting. As always, if you leave your camper behind for the season, you are required to have current insurance on your camper.

LEC Update

The Board has had a couple of meetings in the offseason regarding equipment needs and items. We have purchased four additional LEC owned radios and headsets. These will be used for training purposes and for better flow of information among workers when on station.

We have purchased 20 new sets of flags for Mid-Ohio and will be transferring older, good sets up to Nelson Ledges.

We are working with Mid-Ohio to refresh the gravel in the LEC area. If have an annual camping spot along the front row and are interested in gravel, please let Bill Armitage know ASAP. This will allow us to make sure we are pricing the proper quantity.

Mid-Ohio will also give the LEC area 3 or 4 additional picnic tables for our use since the Honda Pavilion is no more.

We are also working with Mid-Ohio on acquiring a second storage shed for our equipment and gear. Mid-Ohio may have a couple of sheds that are no longer in use that we may be able to use.

2021 COVID-19 Update

As LEC prepares for the 2021 season, we are still under the current situation when it comes to COVID-19 and protocols we are required to follow. Mid-Ohio is currently working with the state and local officials in submitting their plan for the 2021 season and hope to have further information in the coming weeks. As we get closer to the start of our season, we will be following the same protocols that we were following in 2020. These protocols are in-line with what Mid-Ohio expects to be following early on in 2021. The current protocols are listed at the end of the Communicator.

The one potential change is that Mid-Ohio is likely going to change the paper COVID questionnaire to an on-line based system with a QR code required for entry. This will streamline many things for quicker entry.

2021 Schedule

Below is the 2021 LEC schedule. All dates have been confirmed for Mid-Ohio and Nelson Ledges. The October 1-3 date is now confirmed with Road to Indy running a stand-alone event like last season.

The NASA dates will be Pay Days and will once again be limited to the number of workers per day. All NASA dates are 3-day events, with Fridays being afternoon only. Pay will be \$100/day+\$10 per diem for Saturday and Sunday and \$50.00 for Friday afternoons.

The flag chiefs for each event are listed next to the event.

Registration for all LEC events is now open. You can get the links at www.lakeeriecommunications.org under season schedule and click on the event to access the registration page on Motorsportsreg.

April 23-25	NASA (MidO) (PD)- Randy Alheit
Apr 30-May 2	Formula Race Promotions (MidO)- Kevin Young
May 14-16	IMSA (MidO)- Matt Moritz
May 22-23	SCCA OVR Majors (MidO)- Kurt Stevens
May 28-30	NASA (MidO) (PD)- Randy Alheit
June 4-5	NASCAR X'Finity (MidO)- Matt Moritz
June 11-13	SCCA NEO Rest. Regional 24 Hour Enduro (NL)- Kurt Stevens/Brad Morris
June 25-27	SVRA (MidO)- Kevin Young
July 2-4	IndyCar (MidO)- Kevin Young
July 10-11	SCCA NEO Regional (NL)- Randy Alheit
July 23-25	Vintage Motorcycle Days (MidO)- Ron Long
July 31-Aug 1	SCCA Cincinnati Double Regional (MidO)- Kurt Stevens
August 14-15	Porsche Club (MidO)- Matt Moritz
August 27-29	NASA (MidO) (PD)- Randy Alheit
Sept. 4-5	SCCA OVR Double Regional (MidO)- Kurt Stevens
Sept. 22-23	Put-in-Bay Road Race Reunion (PIB Airport)- Kevin Young
October 1-3	Road to Indy (MidO)- Randy Alheit
October 16-17	SCCA OVR Double Regional (MidO)- Kurt Stevens
October 30-31	SCCA MVR Regional (NL)- Brad Morris

IMSA Weekend (May14-16)

This weekend will be a difficult event for us to staff. The IMSA race weekend also competes with IndyCar running the Road Course at Indianapolis. There will be a huge pull for both races for flaggers this weekend at both venues. We have several members that like to go to IMS to work the IndyCar event and may still go there. If you are not planning on going to Indianapolis or maybe not on your radar to work IMSA, I hope you will consider helping with the IMSA event to ensure we have proper coverage for the event.

Other Training Opportunities

USAC Flag Marshals has decided not to hold their seminar in 2021 due to current COVID-19 restrictions at IMS along with uncertainty surrounding whether the IMS Safety Training will occur. The plan is to have a seminar at IMS in 2022.

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

Date	Event
May 13-15	Indianapolis GP
July 14-18	Ferrari Challenge
July 19-22	Ferrari Driving School
August 13-15	Brickyard GP (IndyCar/NASCAR)
August 31-September 1	SRO Test
September 10-12	Porsche Festival
September 14-17	Porsche Experience
October 13-17	SRO World Challenge/International GT 8 Hour
October 29-31	Road to Indy Test

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

Michigan Turn Marshals

2021 Schedule Coming Soon

Badges:

If you need a new LEC ID badge, 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

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 you 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.

Mid-Ohio Guidelines cont.

- 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.lakeeriecommunications.org/covid-19-info.html>