



## COMMUNICATOR-MAY 2020

### **Season Update**

As we move into May during this current crisis, not much has changed as far as events go at Mid-Ohio. Currently there are three events on our schedule for May, Porsche Club (May 16-17), NASA (May 22-24), and NASCAR X'FINITY (May 29-30). Porsche Club has postponed their event with no new date announced.

NASA is still currently scheduled to run their date on May 22-24. They are planning on running a 4 Hour enduro Friday afternoon which they have contracted us to help support along with Saturday and Sunday. We are contracted to supply 8 people for each day. We currently have 4 Friday, 7 Saturday and 6 Sunday for NASA. This is a pay day of \$50 for Friday and \$110 per day Saturday and Sunday.

The NASCAR race (May 29-30) is still currently scheduled to go on as planned. At this time not sure whether this race will happen behind closed doors. We do need many more flaggers for this event, at least 15-20 more per day.

We understand flagging is probably one of the furthest things from your mind right now, but if you think you can spare a day to help, please register for an event on MSR.

NASA: [www.motorsportreg.com/events/nasa-race-to-remember-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-676313](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/nasa-race-to-remember-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-676313)

NASCAR: [www.motorsportreg.com/events/nascar-xfinity-mid-ohio-200-f-c-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-332092](http://www.motorsportreg.com/events/nascar-xfinity-mid-ohio-200-f-c-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-332092)

Cincinnati Region has decided to cancel their SCCA regional race weekend at Mid-Ohio for this year but will be back with their event in 2021.

Mid-Ohio is actively working on plans and contingencies for facility use and use of the campgrounds. Currently, we do not have a camper move in date or any additional information regarding usage of the facility. LEC is in constant communication with Mid-Ohio and will publish information once it becomes available.

As information about events, procedures and policies become available we will continue to post the information on Facebook and the LEC website along with email communications.

We appreciate your patience during this difficult period. We are working to provide the safest environment for everyone involved and present information in a timely and correct manner without creating additional fear or speculation. This has been exceedingly difficult on everyone involved, we will get back to racing soon.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

## **LEC Safety Measures**

As an organization, we must put plans in place to try to ensure everyone's safety and health in the short term and will evolve as the season progresses. These recommendations fall in line with publications from USAC and SCCA. LEC will be implementing the following measures at events we staff:

### **General Guidelines:**

- If you are not feeling well or sick or become ill while on-site. You will be asked to stay or return 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.

### **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.

In addition, we are looking at a handwashing station for the LEC area for the season.

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>

## 2020 Schedule

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

**May 16-17**      **Porsche Club (POSTPONED-NEW DATE: TBD)**

May 22-24      NASA (PD)

May 29-30      NASCAR X'FINITY

June 26-28      SVRA w/ Trans-Am

July 3-5          Formula Race Promotions

July 10-12      AMA Vintage

July 17-19      SCCA OVR Majors

**August**          **SCCA Cincinnati Double Regional (CANCELLED)**

**August 7-9**      **IndyCar (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

2020 Flag Chief's-Lake Erie Communications (1/31/2020)

Event	Flag Chief	Email	Phone
NASA (All Three)	Randy Alheit	alheitrandy@elyriaschools.org	440-309-8127
IMSA	Kevin Young	kryoung4196242422@gmail.com	419-624-2422
Porsche Club	Kurt Stevens	kurtpstevens@yahoo.com	216-287-9014
NASCAR	Matt Moritz	superfast3@live.com	614-886-3424
SVRA	Jim Schell	jimschell2@yahoo.com	330-807-4883
FRP	Randy Alheit	alheitrandy@elyriaschools.org	440-309-8127
AMA Vintage	Ron Long	ra.long@fuse.net	513-680-0174
SCCA Majors	Jim Schell	jimschell2@yahoo.com	330-807-4883
SCCA Cincinnati	Kurt Stevens	kurtpstevens@yahoo.com	216-287-9014
IndyCar	Kevin Young	kryoung4196242422@gmail.com	419-624-2422
SCCA OVR-Sept.	Kurt Stevens	kurtpstevens@yahoo.com	216-287-9014
SCCA OVR Oct.	Jim Schell	jimschell2@yahoo.com	330-807-4883

Pre-Event Contact

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Executive Director	Bill Armitage	<a href="mailto:lec@earthlink.net">lec@earthlink.net</a>	502-550-6033

**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

**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*

June 12-14 McLaren Driving Experience

June 17-21 SVRA w/ Trans Am

July 2-4 [IndyCar GP/NASCAR X'FINITY \(NEW DATE\)](#)

July 24-26 USAC Karting

August 7-9 Porsche Club

TBA [Brickyard Driving Experience \(Tom Kelly\) \(POSTPONED\)](#)

Sept 12-13 ChampCar

Sept 30-Oct 4 World Challenge and International GT 8 Hour w/ IndyCar GP (2<sup>nd</sup> Race)

October 9-11 [MotoAmerica \(NEW DATE\)](#)

TBA [Chin Track Days \(POSTPONED\)](#)

October 16-18 Brickyard Driving Experience (Tom Kelly)

October 24-25 Road to Indy Test

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

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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		

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 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