



COMMUNICATOR-MAY 2021

NASA Thank You

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported this event to kick off our 2021 season at Mid-Ohio. We had a few new flaggers come and join us and did very well.

24 Hour Enduro @ Nelsons

Sad to report that the 24 Hour event at Nelson Ledges scheduled for June 11-13 has been canceled. The hope is to bring it back in 2022 with the recent announcement by the SCCA and their endurance series.

IMSA (May14-16) Flag Chief: Matt Moritz

Thank you to everyone that has stepped up to support this event our numbers are now strong for this event and look forward to seeing everyone soon. Schedule is quite easy with WeatherTech, Michelin Pilot Challenge, Prototype Challenge and MX-5 Cup coming for a weekend of sports car racing. The season thus far in IMSA has been very competitive and should be a fun weekend. Register at

www.motorsportreg.com/events/imsa-weather-tech-sportscar-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-581123

SCCA OVR Majors (May 22-23) Flag Chief: Kurt Stevens

The first SCCA event of the season for LEC is coming up. This is a standard SCCA Majors not the usual Super Tour event, so it is only a Saturday/Sunday event. OVR always does a nice job taking care of the volunteers at their events. Come on out and support a fun event. Our numbers are looking good but still can use a few more people (at least 8-10 more) to help make sure we have proper coverage for the weekend. Register at:

www.motorsportreg.com/events/ovr-scca-majors-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-430169

NASA (May 28-30) Flag Chief: Randy Alheit

This one we are currently fully staffed for Saturday and Sunday but would like one more person for Friday afternoon to help cover the 4 hour Enduro. It is a pay day of \$50.00 for the afternoon. If you can help, please register at: www.motorsportreg.com/events/nasa-race-to-remember-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-723698

NASCAR X'Finity (June 4-5) Flag Chief Matt Moritz

NASCAR is returning to Mid-Ohio with X'Finity series for this Friday Saturday event. ARCA will be a support series for the weekend. Should be an entertaining weekend of racing (especially if it rains). This is an easy weekend of flagging but have the best seat in the house for the beating and banging of NASCAR. This event will be here before we know it and we are still extremely short in coverage (7 currently registered). If you can help with this one Register at: www.motorsportreg.com/events/nascar-xfinity-mid-ohio-200-f-c-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-083043

Pre-Race Information

The LEC website contains all the information you will need for upcoming race events. The Pre-Race area contains events schedules, meeting and registration times along with other valuable information prior to your arrival at the track.

IMSA WeatherTech at Watkins Glen

IMSA will be running two events on consecutive weeks at Watkins Glen June 24-27 (this is the 6 Hour Weekend) and July 1-2 (Thursday/Friday and in conjunction of the SCCA Glen Region July Sprints) and our friends at RSI are looking for help covering both these weekends. This is a great opportunity to check out a classic track. There are two big events at Mid-Ohio these two weekends, but if you are close to Watkins Glen they would certainly appreciate the help. If you are interested, let me know at lec@earthlink.net and I'll send you the registration info when it is ready.

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

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.

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)- CANCELED
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

2021 Schedule (cont.)

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**

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

Start date	Event	Location
3/6/2021	Great Lakes Division Spring Training	Zoom
4/24/2021	New Flagger Training / Driver's School	Waterford Hills Road Racing
5/1/2021	Race Weekend 1	Waterford Hills Road Racing
5/7/2021	Formula SAE @ MIS (5/7,8)	Michigan International Speedway
5/15/2021	DET/SBR GingerMan Regional	GingerMan Raceway
5/29/2021	Race Weekend 2 / SCCA Regional	Waterford Hills Road Racing
6/12/2021	Detroit Belle Isle IndyCar Grand Prix	Belle Isle Park
6/5/2021	Detroit Belle Isle IMSA Race	Belle Isle Park
6/19/2021	SCCA Double Regional (WMR)	Grattan Raceway
6/26/2021	Race Weekend 3	Waterford Hills Road Racing
7/24/2021	DET/SBR Major at GingerMan	GingerMan Raceway
7/23/2021	Vintage Race Weekend	Waterford Hills Road Racing
7/31/2021	Race Weekend 4	Waterford Hills Road Racing
8/21/2021	SCCA Major (WMR)	Grattan Raceway
8/28/2021	Race Weekend 5	Waterford Hills Road Racing
9/18/2021	Empire Hill Climb Revival	Empire, Michigan
9/25/2021	Race Weekend 6	Waterford Hills Road Racing

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 it 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>