



COMMUNICATOR-SEPTEMBER 2018

IndyCar, Cincinnati Region, NASCAR Thank You

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported all of these events at the end of July and beginning of August. We managed to get the job done. It was a brutal stretch for us that started back at the end of June. Despite the minimum staffing, we made it look like we had plenty of marshals. Everyone appreciated our hard work and dedication to make each event work.

IndyCar Thank You

A note from JoAnne Jensen:

Hello everyone –

Thanks so much for an outstanding, and very interesting, IndyCar weekend at Mid-Ohio.

Many of you already know this, but I have much fondness for Mid-Ohio – I went to my first ever race at Mid-Ohio (the Lumberman's CanAm / National – I still have the t-shirt somewhere), my first ever "away" race, my first ever pro race (a TransAm / National). Lots of very good memories. So, I love returning there.

We made some outstanding memories during our weekend, didn't we? How about that no hitter IndyCar race? I don't think I have ever seen Bourdais drive so relentlessly or so well. Rossi did everything he needed to take the win.

Your flagging and communicating were wonderful and assured that all the Race Directors could make proper decisions. Everything you do is greatly appreciated by everyone in IndyCar, including me.

And, speaking of good communicating – I know you will be interested in hearing about the MX-5 #73, who, as you may recall, was nicely reported as having punted the #7, turning him around – ON THE COOLDOWN LAP. What the heck was that about? And, those on the net at that time will know that I didn't believe my ears and had to ask for a repeat of the call. It was a little chaotic in Race Control because we were transitioning to the next race group and the Race Director was long gone, so I reported it to the Stewards at the time and to the RD later on. The post-race penalty is that at the next event the 73 enters, he must sit out the first of the two races.

Our weekend was blessed with good weather, offset by a relentless schedule. You are all troopers for hanging in.

We briefly discussed our collective need to assure the continuation of our slice of the sport – we are all so passionate about what we do, and we need to share that passion. If we love it so, there will be other people who will enjoy and cherish it as much as we do. Please try to find the next generations of marshals.

All of our efforts were made easier by the LEC leadership – thanks to Bill and his wonderful crew for everything.

So, a fun weekend and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Until next time –

Godspeed.

JoAnne

Adam Fisher/Mid-Ohio Thank You

Dear Lake Erie Communications,

From the bottom of my heart thank you for supporting the events at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Thank you for standing in the rain... Thank you for sweating in the sweltering heat... Thank you for standing on station for hours at a time... Thank you for coming in early and staying late...THANK YOU! It is so hard to wrap my head around the fact that the 2018 racing season is coming to an end. I don't always get a chance to thank everyone face to face but please know that I appreciate your countless hours of service and your dedication to not only LEC but Mid-Ohio.

YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

All my very best,

Adam

Upcoming Events

Hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the season. We have two events remaining in the 2018 season. Kevin Young and Jim Schell still can use a few more workers to help cover the Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion, September 24-25. This is quickly becoming a fun event to attend. There are a few rooms left on the island being covered by PIBRR. Ferry passes are also provided to and from the island. To finish out the season will be the OVR Double Regional October 13-14 at Mid-Ohio. Once again, we will have our annual whistle ceremony to honor our fallen members on Saturday evening. Please plan to come and join us for one last weekend at Mid-Ohio for the season.

Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion, September 24-25

Kevin Young will be in touch shortly for those registered for the event. We still have a couple of spaces available. Register at <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2018-season-schedule.html>

SCCA OVR Double Regional, October 13-14

Morning meetings @ 7:15 each day in the LEC area.

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

LEC Website-Pre-Event Information:

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 <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/pre-race-info.html>

2018 Event Registration

Registration for all 2018 Lake Erie Communications Events are currently open on 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.

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 1st choice in the pool, then the 2nd 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:

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

Sept. 24-25	Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion	PIB Airport	Kevin Young
October 13-14	SCCA OVR Double Regional	Mid-Ohio	Jim Schell

(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

2019 Schedule Coming Soon

Contact Bill Armitage at 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-america-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				