



COMMUNICATOR-SEPTEMBER 2019

Finally made it to the end of our long summer stretch. We only have a few events left in the 2019 season. We have two spectator events and one SCCA regional event at Mid-Ohio to close out our 2019 season. We have Put-In-Bay as our only other event outside of Mid-Ohio.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that helped with IndyCar, SCCA Cincinnati Regional, NASCAR X'FINITY and NASA Regional weekends at Mid-Ohio. Appreciated all the help and support to make sure we had enough workers to cover all these events. There were a lot of events all over the region and Thank You for coming out to support LEC.

RECRUITING BOOTH

Thank you to Randy Holton for staffing the recruiting booth during the IndyCar weekend and assistance from Amy Armitage to help keep Randy in check. The recruiting booth provided to be a successful venture with 12 people interested in becoming flaggers in the future. We hope that Phillip Myers, Jack Conn, Charles Willoughby, Randal Reves, Brian Cerveney, Larry Strauser, Jeff Dobbins, Tajha Dixon, David Jones, Pascal Moret, Walter Quillman and Michael Touse will take the opportunity to come out to the track and train to be flaggers of the future.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome our newest member Max Brandon to the LEC family. Max is from Logan, Ohio. Max is a 5 year member of the SCCA and currently races in ITA. When he is not racing, he looks to come out and flag with us. We look forward to having Max join us.

INDYCAR THANK YOU

JoAnne Jensen of IndyCar sent a thank you note for the IndyCar weekend.

Hello everyone –

For many years, Mid-Ohio has been a favorite track and I have mentioned that it was the first track where I watched road racing in person. It is also the first track where I marshaled for a professional race. So, I have many good Mid-Ohio memories. And, they just keep building, each time I have the opportunity to be there.

This year's IndyCar race was remarkable. Not only was it a no hitter with no full course yellows, but it saw fantastic pit strategies, hard ball racing, and a few surprises along the way. I cannot imagine any race more entertaining, or – and we will see at the end of the season – more significant to determining this year's championship outcomes. Scott Dixon won by the skin of his teeth, we saw what Rosenqvist can do, and Rossi lucked out when Newgarden spun on the last lap.

Our packed schedule also included all the Road to Indy series, as well as the Global MX-5 cars – always good for close racing and a few laughs. Each of the Race Directors from the IndyCar sanctioned series was very appreciative of your efforts and execution, and pleased that together, we could give the drivers good and safe races within the standards and protocols that they have come to expect.

For my own part, I was pleased to be able to hear and speak to each of you – our radio history at Mid-Ohio has been spotty, but this year, everything worked really well. There was no crying in Race Control!

I am again struck by the importance of having strong leadership and support to the success of any race weekend – that goes from a drivers' school / regional to an IndyCar or IMSA event. You have that leadership with Bill and company and that increases everyone's confidence going in that we will have a strong event, and never fail, that confidence is repaid by a great experience. Many thanks go to Bill and LEC.

I am surprised to see that we are coming to the home stretch for the season, but here we are. Remember always that anywhere I am you are welcome. We have interesting events yet this season that could use your help, and intriguing opportunities next season await. Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Thank you so much. Take care; and until next time –

Godspeed.

JoAnne

UPCOMING EVENTS

NASA National Championships (September 20-22) Flag Chief: Bill Armitage

NASA brings back their National Championship to Mid-Ohio. We are contracted to staff Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the Championships. NASA racing will have large fields and good on-track action. Currently the car count is around 300 cars. The schedule doesn't look very difficult with 10-minute breaks in between sessions and a 1 Hour Lunch. We only have a handful of people to cover each day. This is a good weekend to train new flaggers, if you have a friend, bring them. Register at <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2019-season-schedule.html>

Put-In-Bay Road Race Reunion (September 25-26) Flag Chief: Kevin Young

A fun vintage race on the runways of PIB Airport. A great selection of cars racing around the airport circuit. The organizers of PIB do a great job of taking care of us. Ferry passes to and from the island are provided along with lodging, if needed. We only have a couple of spaces left for the two days. Register at <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2019-season-schedule.html>

American Rallycross #2 (October 5-6) Flag Chief: Bill Armitage

ARX returns to Mid-Ohio for the season finale to crown champions for the 2019 season. Joining the Supercars will be ARX2 and ARX3 to end their seasons. This round should have some course adjustments to make the racing and action better. We still have spaces available for you to join us. The on-track activity is currently scheduled for Saturday and Sunday only. We do ask about Friday in case ARX officials have meetings for us to participate in. Register at <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2019-season-schedule.html>

SCCA OVR Double Regional (October 26-27) Flag Chief: Jim Schell

The season finale for LEC for 2019. A good way to put away our whites and flags for the season and settle in for a long winter before the 2020 season will be here. Spend time with friends and family with a good event put on by OVR. This the traditional event for the annual LEC whistle ceremony to honor our fallen members over the years. This is always an emotional time for our members. A great weekend to reminisce and talk about times gone by. Register at <http://www.lakeeriecommunications.org/2019-season-schedule.html>

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

Badges:

Do you need a new ID Badge, 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

2019 Schedule

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.

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 atflagchief@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

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	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Apr 20 – 21				
√	Apr 27 – 28	Drivers/Flagging School	Waterford Hills	SCCA_DET, WHRRRI	John Lisiecki
√	May 3 – 5	Driver's School & Race	GingerMan	VSCDA	
√	May 4 – 5	Race Weekend #1	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	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	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	May 31 – Jun 2	Detroit Grand Prix	Belle Isle	IndyCar,IMSA,TA,Trucks	John Lisiecki
√	Jun 9	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	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	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Jun 29 – 30	Race Weekend #3	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jun 29 – 30	The Cure for Gingervitis	GingerMan	24 Hours of LeMons	
	Jul 6 – 7				
√	Jul 14	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Jul 20 – 21	SCCA Double Regional	GingerMan	SCCA_SBR/DET	John Lisiecki
√	Jul 26 – 28	Vintage Weekend	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Jul 27 – 28	Time Trial Nat'l Tour	GingerMan	SCCA	
√	Aug 3 – 4	Race Weekend #4	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	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	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Aug 31 – Sep 1	Race Weekend #5	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
	Sep 7 – 8				
	Sep 14	Empire Hill Climb	Empire		
√	Sep 22	OTD	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem
√	Sep 28 – 29	Race Weekend #6	Waterford Hills	WHRRRI	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	WHRRRI	Chip Bliem