



COMMUNICATOR-SEPTEMBER 2020

Season Update

Thank you to everyone that has participated this season so far...with all the changes so far the season is starting to wind down for LEC. We are down to at least 3 race events in 2020, maybe one more depending on the IndyCar reschedule date. We have 2 SCCA regional races and the IMSA weekend.

The IndyCar date is still be determined and could happen on a short notice. There have been a couple of dates thrown around in the media but the dates are not confirmed. We will let you know when and if the race is rescheduled.

Registration

With these ever-changing times we are currently living in, procedures that we are used to doing are changing. With Mid-Ohio now allowing limited spectators on the "Pro" weekends, we are being asked to submit our worker list on Monday morning prior to the "Pro" Events and are unable to add names after the cutoff. This is to help determine the number of spectators they can allow into the venue. We know there are several people that sign up late due because of various reasons and we understand that and always try to accommodate, however with these new times, we have to work with our customer in their needs to comply with their plans submitted to the county and state.

For club races, we have more leeway with registration lists. Since the club events are closed to the public per se, the numbers are nowhere near what the plan is in place for those on-site. Since each organization renting the track has their own procedures, we usually do not have to submit names for registration purposes and on this type of weekend you can walk up and gain entry. Keep in mind though, these events are classified as Essential Personnel Only, if you are on-site not for working purposes you may be asked to leave.

If you are planning on working event, particularly "Pro" events, please register early. I would rather have you on the list and then tell me you can't make it rather than coming to us after registration closes and telling me you are available and I can't get you on the list.

We hope we can eventually go back to the "old" ways soon but this is the new policy that is place for the foreseeable future for Mid-Ohio "Pro" events.

Pre-Race Info

Prior to events we try to send out information on registration, schedules and other items that will impact your weekend for an event. With the times, information is changing constantly, and we remain committed to giving you timely information. Because of the constant changing, we are waiting as long as possible to release information because we do not want to create confusion with information.

The best place to keep up to date on schedules and information is on the LEC website in the Pre-Race info section. When schedules are published/updated, meeting times etc....information is posted there along with all of the waivers and forms that need to be filled out prior to arrival at the track.

SCCA OVR Double Regional (September 5-6) Flag Chief: Kurt Stevens

The next SCCA event at Mid-Ohio is a Double Regional with OVR. Regional races always provide for exciting action and OVR always puts on a great event. Help support this event by registering at:

www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-regional-ohio-valley-f-c-mid-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-427394

IMSA (September 25-27) Flag Chief: Kevin Young

This is the rescheduled event from May. Several races and race groups have been added to the schedule to make this an extremely busy weekend. MX-5 Cup will be joining the weekend with 2 races along with a third GT-3 Cup race and a second 2 hour race for the Michelin Pilot Challenge. We will need plenty of help for three long days on track. Register for the event at: www.motorsportreg.com/events/imsa-weather-tech-sportscar-f-c-mid-ohio-sports-car-course-lake-erie-116359

SCCA OVR Double Regional (October 17-18) Flag Chief: Randy Alheit

This is our final race event of 2020. Come out and spend one last weekend with your race family as we finally end this odd 2020 season and prepare for a long winter ahead. Register at:

www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-regional-ohio-valley-f-c-mid-sports-car-course-lake-erie-communications-998302

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

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.
- 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>

Social Media

With the State and local officials allowing the reopening of Mid-Ohio to spectators, there will be a lot of eyes on the facility and how everything is operated. We are being asked to do our part in promoting social distancing when we are together in our group.

We do encourage picture taking while off duty when at events and sharing it with our friends on social media; but with the sensitive nature of our current times and spectator events, we ask that you be cognizant of what you post. **The requirement by Mid-Ohio is to be wearing a mask when inside a building or can't be properly distanced or in groups of 10 or more.**

For example, if you take a picture around the campfire, make sure everyone is properly separated or don't post it.

Common sense is a must in this scenario, the last thing we want is to call attention to ourselves for not following the rules and create issues for us and Mid-Ohio in their efforts to stay re-opened to spectators.

2020 Schedule

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

September 5-6 SCCA OVR Double Regional
Sept. 25-27 [IMSA \(NEW DATE\)](#)

October 17-18 SCCA OVR Double Regional

TBA IndyCar

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

Sept 12-13 ChampCar Twin 10 Hour Enduro

Sept 30-Oct 4 World Challenge and International GT 8 Hour w/ IndyCar GP (Doubleheader)

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

[October 16-18 Porsche Club \(NEW DATE\)](#)

[October 24-25 Road to Indy Test \(POSTPONED\)](#)

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

Michigan Turn Marshals (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		

Key
 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