



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK March 15, 2017



**Despite this week's weather blast:
It's Almost That Time!!!**

**First open testing/practice in 31 days!
Only 44 more days until opening night!!**

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**Kyle Busch (2014)
Drivers' Meeting
Kalamazoo Speedway**

EXCLUSIVE TRACKSIDE EXPERIENCE WITH KYLE BUSCH WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

What you need to know about the **Exclusive Trackside Experience with Kyle Busch** at Kalamazoo Klash XXV, presented by the West Michigan Toyota dealers.

The **Exclusive Trackside Experience with Kyle Busch** package is \$100 and includes the following:

-  Admission to Kalamazoo Klash XXV
-  Reserved seating on the Toyota Party Deck (Deck opens at 1:00 PM)
-  Dinner buffet and soft drinks (5:00 – 7:00 PM)
-  Private autograph session with Kyle Busch (approximately 5:00 – 6:15 PM)
-  Limited edition Kalamazoo Klash XXV T-Shirt
(please know T-Shirt sizes when purchasing your tickets)



SPECIAL: Upgrade your package to include a *Hot Pass for the Pits* for an additional \$18.

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Tickets may be purchased in person at Howe Patio & Windows (150 10th Street in Plainwell) or by calling (269) 692-2423, (269) 685-6172 or (269) 685-9568. The 200 tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis with a 6 ticket limit per order.

The **Exclusive Trackside Experience with Kyle Busch** packages will be available for pick-up beginning two weeks prior to Kalamazoo Klash XXV:

Wednesday, July 26 – Monday, August 7: Howe Patio & Windows (Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM)

Friday, July 28: Speedway ticket windows (4:00 – 8:00 PM)

Friday, August 4: Speedway ticket windows (4:00 – 8:00 PM)

Tuesday, August 8: Speedway ticket windows (9:00 AM – 7:30 PM)

Wednesday, August 9: Speedway ticket windows (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

BENEFIT FOR MICK BROOKS & 2017 “ZOO” MEET AND GREET

Please join us **Sunday, March 26 at Pinz Bowling Alley (Stadium Drive) in Kalamazoo.**

Michael “Mick” Brooks has a long road ahead of him following a horrific accident that sent a sprint car over the fence injuring 3 men at the Volusia Speedway Park during Speed Weeks in Florida. The Brooks family has long been a part of the Kalamazoo Speedway family and a benefit has been planned to assist the family with the hardships brought about by this devastating event.



From right (2015 Season Championship Night): “Mick” Brooks, Jennifer Warning (daughter), Mike “Bubba” Brooks (son), Bubbie Brooks (Mick’s grandson) and Gail Brooks (Mick’s spouse)

So, let’s form those 4-person bowling teams and we will see you on March 26. Bowling will begin at 2:00 PM. The cost is \$100 per 4-person team and includes two games and shoe rental. To reserve a spot for your team, contact the Speedway office at (269) 692-2423, or email Sarah Maxwell at sara@kalamazoospeedway.com.

The bowler favorite “Strike Pot” will be back! The Strike Pot will be bowled in the 3rd frame of the 2nd game. There’s a \$5 buy-in, with half of the money going to the winner and the other half to the Brooks family. We’ll also be running a 50/50 drawing to benefit the family. We’ll do two drawings from the 50/50 tickets. After the winner for the 50/50 money is drawn, a second ticket will be drawn for two 2017 season passes to Berlin Raceway.

We’ll also be hosting a silent auction (donations wanted!) to provide to the family. Look for lots of giveaways, chances to win tickets plus a chance to win a VIP Skybox for the season opener!

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For persons who wish to help the family and are unable to attend the Bowl-a-Thon, donations are also being accepted on the following site.

 Donate at YouCaring (Compassionate Crowdfunding):
<https://www.youcaring.com/mickbrooksfamilygailbubbajenniferryan-762905>

While the racing family is all together, we'll have on hand a supply of NASCAR license and 2017 Driver Information forms. If the NASCAR decal packets are available, we'll also be able to distribute those. Any driver under the age of 18 must have minor waiver form on file. We'll bring a supply of those and, new for 2017, drivers under the age of 18 will need to show a birth certificate before their car's tires touch the track. We'll have a notary on hand to get your minor waiver signed. Reminder: both parents must sign the waiver.

BYO COOLERS AT THE SPEEDWAY

Coolers (no larger than 14") are allowed at Kalamazoo Speedway for all but four events. No glass bottles are allowed on the grounds. Your cooler will be subject to inspection before entry to the grandstand area. If your cooler is larger than 14" we will ask that you return it to your vehicle. No unattended coolers can be left at the gate.

New for 2017: No coolers, wagons, strollers or pull carts of any kind will be permitted on the following dates:

Wednesday, June 14 (Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125)
Saturday, July 1 (Red, White & Boom)
Wednesday, August 9 (Kalamazoo Klash XXV)
Saturday, September 16 (Night of Destruction).

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

Look for an updated and redesigned Kalamazoo Speedway website by March 21. We think you'll like the improvements and we're looking forward to rolling it out.

DRIVER INFORMATION: SHOCKS

Kalamazoo Speedway has been working with Fox Shocks & Lane Automotive for well over a year to develop a high quality spec shock suitable for any top tier racing division. The shock is a high quality aluminum rebound adjustable shock that is sealed and cannot be opened up for revalving or tampering. This shock is comparable to higher end shocks that start at \$450. The shock under development will be selling in the \$250 range from Lane Automotive and represents a major cost cutting tool in the battle against runaway costs in shock technology.

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We'd hoped to have these shocks available by March 1 for teams wanting to run them at the April 15 open practice. As it turns out, the engineering process of making a tamper proof aluminum shock has been more complex than initially projected. After all, the only way a spec shock program could ever be accepted in this ultra-competitive market is for everyone to know that they have the exact same shocks as their competitors. Right? At this point in time, we are projecting stock will be on the shelves at Lane Automotive no later than June 1.

Anyone competing in the Outlaw Super Late Model or the Super Stocks and wanting to run the new shocks will still have more than half of the season to try them out. We will offer private, open testing dates once the shocks have been released as well as weight breaks (50 lb. overall weight break and a 2% left side weight break) for teams choosing to run them.

Despite a later than hoped for start, we're still looking at the same end goal. Drivers trying out the shocks will be our test pilots during the second half of the season for possible implementation of a spec shock rule at Kalamazoo Speedway in 2018. Other short tracks in the tri-state area have contacted us expressing interest in this program. We will keep you updated and please don't hesitate to contact the Speedway office with any questions.



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