



# KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK April 19, 2017

## PRE-SEASON TESTING

FREE ADMISSION

Check us out

Saturday, April 22: 1:00 – 5:00

Wednesday, April 26: 5:30 – 8:30

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## IN THE GET READY CHUTE

There are two remaining pre-season practices on the schedule.

- 🍷 Saturday, April 22 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM
- 🍷 Wednesday, April 26 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Then, on Friday, April 28, it's the season opener for all five of the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series race divisions. The pits open at 3:30 PM and racing starts at 7:30 PM.

- 🍷 Outlaw Super Late Models
- 🍷 Super Stocks
- 🍷 Pro Stocks
- 🍷 Outlaw Cyber Stocks
- 🍷 Flip Flop Cyber Stocks (Rent-a-Rides begin May 5)

For more information about each division check out Fan Info/Divisions on the Speedway website.

**Admission for April 28 (Season Opener):** Adults \$15, 13-15 \$8, 6-12 \$2 and 5 and under FREE



## LOOKING BACK: OPEN PRACTICE #1



Oh the anticipation of the snarling rumble as cars lined up to take their first laps of the season on the fastest 3/8 mile track in the world. With a grim forecast all week, Mother Nature surprised us with warm temperatures and clear blue skies. A stiff breeze kept the flag at attention and bowed the pole a few times. KTS (Kalamazoo Track Services) was out and ready to respond to on track incidents. The grandstands were a veritable “meet & greet” after the long winter. YES!!

Drivers weren't subject to tech inspections and lap times for all sessions were taken into account when identifying the fastest car in each division. There was no payout or trophy but bragging rights and a boost of confidence as the season opener approaches were handed out.



Jason Patterson was the fastest of the 11 Flip Flop Cyber Stocks with a time of 17.052 (79.170 mph). Lane Head, last year's season champion, will be racing in the Super Stocks for 2017. Tony LoBretto, 2<sup>nd</sup> in points in 2016, was in the stands watching the action and says he plans to race a part-time schedule this year running some races in this division and others in the Super Stocks.

Will Slaughter was the fastest of the 11 Outlaw Cyber Stocks with a time of 15.714 (85.911 mph). Dan Rigoni, who dominated this division in 2016 on the way to the championship, was absent and is reportedly not sure of his race plans at this time.

Sixteen Pro Stock drivers took to the track with Greg Brown leading the pack with a time of 14.891 (90.659 mph). Brown finished a heartbreaking 14 points out of the season championship last year to Matt Corliss. Corliss retired at the end of the 2016 but left the door open for a return in a couple of years. Brent Hook (2009 modifieds season champion) and past contender in the Pro Stocks was in the grandstands watching the action.

Kenny Head ran the fastest lap speed of the nine cars in the Super Stocks with a time of 13.776 (97.997 mph) sporting a radically different looking car. Head was second in the points last year to brother Buddy who, though absent at the practice, plans to defend his title and race alongside of his son, Lane Head (2016 Flip Flop Cyber Stock champion). It's a family reunion!

And last but not least, 17 Outlaw Super Late Models took to the track with Phil Bozell putting up the fastest time at 12.739 seconds (105.974 mph). Defending champion Mark Shook was second in both practice and the mock qualifying. Perhaps most noteworthy was Mike “Bubba” Brooks putting in some laps with Mick Brooks powering around the track with only a walker for assistance. What a (surprising) and awesome sight!!



One Super Winged Sprint driver, Jeff Bloom, took advantage of the practice session, but had his troubles in getting the car up to speed only managing a 21.146 (63.842 mph). Jordan Hunderman had better luck with a 15.014 (89.916 mph) time driving a modified.

## EXCLUSIVE TRACKSIDE EXPERIENCE WITH KYLE BUSCH AT KALAMAZOO KLASH XXV WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Under 50 (of the 200) tickets remain for the **Exclusive Trackside Experience with Kyle Busch** at Kalamazoo Klash XXV, presented by the West Michigan Toyota dealers. Once they're gone, they're gone. Tickets are \$100 and include:



- 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.

Tickets may be purchased in person at Howe Patio & Windows (150 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Plainwell) or by calling (269) 692-2423. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis with a 6 ticket limit per order. Packages will be ready for pick-up prior to the event.

## SPOTLIGHT ON TWO OF OUR SPONSORS

Sponsors make it possible for Kalamazoo Speedway to offer high quality and diverse racing experiences. Our sponsors are deserving of your attention and support and we hope you will visit them and let them know how much we appreciate their backing.

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**Auto Value Parts Stores** is sponsoring the King of the Wing Winged Super Sprints on Thursday, July 20. Joining the Sprints will be the Outlaw Super Late Models and the Super Stocks. Visit the Kalamazoo Auto Value website at [www.kalamazoo-mi.myautovaluestore.com](http://www.kalamazoo-mi.myautovaluestore.com) or click on the Auto Value Parts Store logo on the sponsor page of the Speedway website for a direct link.



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**Allstar Performance** is sponsoring the Pro Stock/Street Stock Rumble at the Wednesday, June 14 Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125 event.

### **COLOR OUR TEAM SPIRIT/TECHWORKS TRAILER**

Thank you Team Spirit Custom Trailers and Techworks Trailer Sales for donating a new 24' Track Champ enclosed trailer as a raffle prize. Valued at \$9,500, the lucky winner will be selected on Super Shoe Sunday. All proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets will go to the Speedway's Christmas family adoption program, Zoo Kares for Kids. Everyone wins and now someone ELSE can score a complimentary skybox for May 5 by entering the Color Our Team Spirit/Techworks Trailer contest running now through April 28. Submit your favorite color or 2-color combination for use in building the Track Champ trailer (red, charcoal, black, white and/or pewter). We'll take all the design ideas (submitted via the Speedway Facebook page) and draw a winner from all the entrants for the skybox.

Raffle tickets for the trailer are available trackside and are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. The trailer will be on display on the midway, sporting the winning colors, starting in late May after it's manufactured.

Show your appreciation by contacting Walt at Techworks Trailer Sales for any of your trailer needs ([www.techworkstrailers.com/contact](http://www.techworkstrailers.com/contact)) and ask him about a new Team Spirit Trailer ([www.TeamSpiritTrailers.com](http://www.TeamSpiritTrailers.com)) for the 2017 racing season.

### **DRIVER INFORMATION**

KTS (Kalamazoo Track Services) will be making the FlipR available for drivers to try out during the open practice this Saturday, April 22 from 1:00-5:00 PM. The FlipR was a gift to Kalamazoo Speedway from Paul Lapaire, Race Safe Technologies, who built the simulator in response to a horrific racing accident that took the life of his daughter's fiancée. The FlipR is a race chassis simulator designed to train drivers how to get out of a car following a rollover crash by building muscle memory through simulated practice. The simulator will be located in front of the tower/tire barn area. Each run takes about 3-5 minutes.



No payouts until a 2017 Driver Information Form is completed. Please don't wait until Opening Night to file the form. Forms will be available at the track during the two remaining practices and the form is posted under Driver Information on the website ([www.kalamazoospeedway.com](http://www.kalamazoospeedway.com)).