



# KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK April 26, 2017



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## IN THE MAKE READY CHUTE

Tonight is the last pre-season practice.

🍷 Wednesday, April 26 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM

### FRIDAY, APRIL 28 IS THE SEASON OPENER.

All five of Kalamazoo Speedway's weekly race divisions will be competing. Highlighting the night is the Intimidator 100 for the Outlaw Super Late Models. The pits open at 3:30 PM and racing starts at 7:30.

- 🍷 Outlaw Super Late Models
- 🍷 Super Stocks
- 🍷 Pro Stocks
- 🍷 Outlaw Cyber Stocks
- 🍷 Flip Flop Cyber Stocks



Kenny Head's Super Stock undergoes the finishing touches before Opening Night.

Read about each division at [www.kalamazoospeedway.com/fan-info/divisions/](http://www.kalamazoospeedway.com/fan-info/divisions/). Rent-a-Rides take to the track in the Flip Flop Cyber Stock division on May 5.

**Admission for April 28 (Season Opener):** Adults \$15, 13-15 \$8, 6-12 \$2 and 5 and under FREE  
**Pit Passes:** \$25.00 (NASCAR members) or \$30.00 (non-members)

## LOOKING BACK: OPEN PRACTICE #2

We lucked out again with weather and it was great to see fans in the stands and cars on the track. The Season Opener is almost here!

Unlike race nights, going through tech is completely optional at pre-season practices plus lap times for all sessions (practice and mock qualifying) “count” toward identifying the fastest car in each division. And being a practice, there’s no payout or trophy (or a notation in the record book should someone break the record). But it’s a nice confidence booster and it provides some bragging rights.

Danny Payne was the fastest of the 8 Flip Flop Cyber Stock drivers with a time of 17.131 (78.805 mph). Six of the eight participating in the practice sessions hadn’t participated last week.

Larry Richardson led the pack of six Outlaw Cyber Stocks with a time of 15.467 (87.283 mph). Nick Layman made his first appearance at a 2017 practice.

Thirteen Pro Stock drivers took to the track with Kyle Ribble taking the fast lap honors with a time of 14.755 (91.494 mph). Five of the 13 made their first 2017 appearance at Saturday’s practice. Brian Echtenaw and Josh Zordan spun out in perfect synchrony in front of the front stretch, apparently without touching.

Four drivers new to practice sessions came out in the Super Stocks. Eric McGlothlen was the fastest with a time of 13.626 (98.075). Lane Head, 2016 season champion in the Flip Flop Cyber Stocks, made his first public trips around the track in this division.

Twelve of the 17 Outlaw Super Late Model drivers made their first appearance at the Speedway to test out their 2017 cars. Mark Shook, defending champion, ran the fastest time with a 12.617 (106.998). Tyler Roaring, winner of last year’s Intimidator 100, was close behind at 12.738.

Two vintage modifieds were on hand this week with Jordan Hunderman putting up a 14.663 lap.

## SPOTLIGHT ON TWO OF OUR SPONSORS

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**Aeroquip® Performance Products** is a point fund sponsor.

Founded in 1964 as a part-time venture in George Lane's garage, one thing has remained the same throughout the years at **Lane Automotive**: the desire to provide the best parts and the best service at competitive prices. Since the days when local racers lined up to buy racing parts at that tiny, one man shop, the company has grown and is now comprised of four separate divisions. Lane Automotive looks to the future, and the ever-changing challenges of meeting the needs of the traditional speed equipment market. Product lines are continually being added as new parts and accessories are developed and introduced to the public. The company serves customers around the world from a 415,000 square foot distribution center/office complex located in Watervliet, Michigan.



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- 🌸 Motor State Distributing
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## **COLOR OUR TEAM SPIRIT/TECHWORKS TRAILER CONTEST - WIN A SKYBOX**

Through press time, 13 people had entered the Color Our Team Spirit/Techworks Trailer contest. Are you kidding me? Only 13 want a chance to win a skybox for May 5? Enter now by submitting your favorite color or 2-color combination for use in building the 24' Track Champ trailer. Check out the April 16 Kalamazoo Speedway Facebook post for details of how to enter. The contest runs through April 28.

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. All proceeds go to Zoo Kares for Kids.

Our deepest gratitude to Team Spirit and Techworks Trailer Sales for donating the Track Champ enclosed trailer.

## **KALAMAZOO TRACK SERVICES (KTS)**

As planned, the FlipR was available during the April 22 practice for drivers to try out. 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. One brave driver, Adam Terry, tried it out and extricated himself in 17 seconds. A handful of track staff put themselves through the paces as well. Come on drivers! Try it out.



## DRIVER INFORMATION

- NASCAR license?
- Driver Information Form?



Haven't turned in a completed 2017 Driver Information Form? No payouts can be made until this is taken care of. Forms will be available at the track during the final practice this evening, Wednesday, April 26. The form may also be downloaded from the Speedway website: ([www.kalamazoospeedway.com/driver-info/forms/](http://www.kalamazoospeedway.com/driver-info/forms/)). If you wait until the Opener on Friday to give us your completed form, please don't wait until you're in the window wanting your payout to pass it along. We appreciate that as will all the drivers behind you.

## TRACK OWNERS LOOK AHEAD TO THE 2017 SEASON

Gary Howe, Speedway Owner/Promoter, says he doesn't dwell on awards much or want attention drawn to them, but we thought we would anyway. He and Donna Howe, Owner, deserve at least a few moments to bask in receiving two promoter awards for the 2016 season. Congratulations and well deserved!! We all know there won't be a moment to dwell on these honors with the season starting. The challenges, tribulations and the headaches of running a race track will be a steady diet through the end-of-the season banquet. This year's racing schedule is stellar with the weekly divisions representing the bedrock of the season. Then add in the Winged Super Sprints, the Modifieds, the Night of Destruction and its sister the Night of Doom, the Klash featuring Kyle Busch, the Burg v Zoo Challenges, the Call of the Wild, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125, and the Super Shoe Nationals. There are autograph nights, an Australian Pursuit, teen and student nights, giveaways, the Rent-a-Rides, classic car night, Jeep night, motorcycle night and the Spectator drags. AND there are the alphabet soups of the NSTA and the NHRA! All of this packaged at a great, well-run venue. We hope those handing out awards take notice and recognize the Howe's efforts in 2017.



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