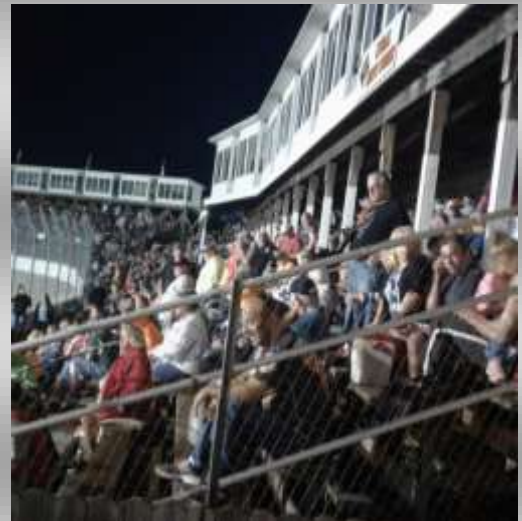




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RESCHEDULING ANNOUNCEMENTS



For most of the events this season, we've had to contend with poor to ghastly weather predictions before the forecast miraculously straightened up and we were able to move forward with that week's practice or program. So, it is ironic that last Friday was predicted to be mostly sunny if not a bit on the cool side. Unfortunately Thursday evening the forecast went downhill and there was no coming back from it. With rain moving in and temperatures slightly above arctic for this time of year, we had our first full washout since 2015 (yes, you read that right....2015). We've rescheduled the pre-race autograph session and the scooter races that would have happened last Friday and are working at finding a new home for the scooter races.

Pre-race Autograph Night – June 9

Scooter Giveaway – June 9



IN THE MAKE READY CHUTE – FRIDAY, MAY 26

FRIDAY, MAY 26. The pits open at 4:00 and racing follows at 7:30 PM.

It's NHRA at the Zoo **PLUS** all five NASCAR Whelen All-American Series divisions will be racing. Instead of the 40 lap standard Outlaw Super Late Model feature, we'll be running the Lane Automotive 75. The Tri-segment 75 to be precise.



We will have a certified Brainiac in the tower to keep track of all the starting positions, segments, finishes, bonuses, inversions and tie breakers. Jason Seltzer, the Speedway announcer, will have his hands more than full trying to keep everyone informed as the Lane Automotive 75 progresses. What is straightforward is a top possible purse of \$2,200 plus a provisional starting spot in the Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125 is up for grabs.

The National Hot Rod Association's Terry McMillen, a perennial NHRA fan favorite returns to the Zoo. Many of you remember McMillen and some of his crew raced in Rent-a-Rides last year. McMillen will be the Grand Marshall for the night and is looking for a checkered flag in the Flip Flop Cyber Stock feature as he tries out the Speedway oval again.

And after all the racing it's the Zoo's first fireworks display of the season commemorating Memorial Day!



Admission for May 26: Adults \$15; 13-15 \$8; 6-12 \$2; 5 and under FREE

Pit Passes: \$25.00 (NASCAR members) or \$30.00 (non-members)

UPCOMING #FASTFRIDAYS



JUNE 2 is the Outlaw Night of Speed featuring the Auto Value Bumper to Bumper Winged Super Sprints. This marks the first of two nights that the Winged Super Sprints will be racing at the Zoo. Rounding out the program on June 2 will be the Outlaw Super Late Models (competing for points) as well as Round #1 of the Outlaw FWD Zoo vs Burg "DOT" Tire Spectacular (no points, just good plain fun).

All 5 divisions are back in action on **JUNE 9** plus it's classic car night. If you've got a classic car or know someone who does, come on out. Display your car before the races and parade around the track during intermission. The driver of the classic gets in free.



2018 MARQUEE EVENTS

Mark Your **2018** Calendars:

June 6 – Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125
August 8 – Kalamazoo Klash XXVI

The 2018 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup schedule was published on May 23 and Kalamazoo Speedway answered by announcing its 2018 dates for the two premier Outlaw Super Late Model events. In 2017 the two events will gain additional notoriety as part of the Outlaw Super Late Model touring series of 6 top events at 5 Midwest tracks boasting a \$20,000 point fund sponsored by Sweet Manufacturing. But before we move to 2018, let's highlight the 2017 races.

In 2017, Tyler Roahrig will go for two in a row for the sophomore running of the Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125, presented by GT Products. Roahrig racked up wins in just about every big Outlaw Super Late Model race in 2016 and started out strong in 2017 by winning the Intimidator 100 at the Speedway on opening night. The 2017 Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125 will take place on Wednesday, June 14. Practice is the day before on June 13 and is open to the public free of charge.

Presented by Toyota, the silver anniversary of the Kalamazoo Klash is set for August 9, 2017. The Klash was named one of the top 5 short track events in the nation by Speedway Illustrated. Kyle Busch returns to the Klash in 2017 with his sights set on wins in both Kalamazoo Klash XXV and the ARCA/CRA Super Series races. Busch won the ARCA/CRA Super Series race at Kalamazoo Speedway in 2014 and has set his sights on winning both races in 2017. Busch will be driving a Senneker Performance Outlaw Super Late Model for the Klash.

KALAMAZOO TRACK SERVICES PROFESSIONALS

"To provide excellence in training and education while striving to better serve the entire racing community"

Jake Steele – Chief Director of Track Services

Steele studied criminal justice from 2005-2007 when he received the criminal justice student of the year and a 6 month internship with the Michigan State Police. He attended the Allegan County Fire Academy in 2007 and then moved on to Kalamazoo Valley Community College focusing on fire science with a criminal justice minor. Steele has served the Gun Plain Township (Allegan County) Fire Department since 2007 currently serving as a lieutenant. He spent 4 weeks working with Homeland Security, FEMA and the Center for Domestic Preparedness focusing on hazardous material emergencies specifically focused on terrorism. Some of his qualifications include Fire Company Officer I & II, Fire Officer III, Hazmat Technician and Eagle Scout.



Terry Kizer – Track Services Coordinator

Kizer attended Baker College for a Bachelor degree in business administration with a minor in accounting. Kizer has served the Alamo Township (the Speedway is located in Alamo Township) Fire Department for 22 years serving as the Fire Chief since 2010. Kizer is certified as Fire Company Officer I & II, Fire Officer III and as a medical first responder. His qualifications also include 15 years in towing and recovery services. Kizer has 28 years in KTS, starting at a young age working for former Speedway owner Marty Jones, his uncle. He quickly advanced and started running and operating the safety crew. Kizer spent 4 years running wreckers with NASCAR for Kansas, Chicago and Michigan speedways.



Jeff Welcher – Track Safety Instructor

Welcher has served in the public safety field for almost 30 years. He is currently a public safety officer for the Plainwell (Allegan County) Department of Public Safety. Additionally, he is a lieutenant with the Gun Plain Township Fire Department along with being the training officer. He attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College studying law enforcement. His training includes attending the Michigan State Police 55th fire investigator school and follow-up arson class, becoming a national board certified fire investigator. His certifications include Firefighter I & II, Fire Company Officer I & II, Fire Officer III, Hazmat operations, and medical first responder. He is completing his Michigan Fire Instructor Certification. His passion for training includes the “play safe! be safe!” fire safety education program for children and several juvenile fire setter programs and interventions. During his career he earned two lifesaving awards for CPR.



Sam Corradini – Track Services Coordinator

Corradini has been in the fire services field for 9 years starting off his career at the Alamo Township Fire Department where he was promoted to lieutenant 2 years ago. During the time he has been at the Department he attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College studying fire science and emergency medical technology. After completing his degrees he attended fire investigation training through the Michigan State Police. After completion Corradini joined the Kalamazoo County Fire Investigation Response Team in conjunction with the Michigan Arson Prevention Committee and Kalamazoo Valley Community College. He joined Kalamazoo Track Services four years ago and was promoted to Track Services Coordinator following performance excellence throughout the 2016 season.



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