



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK May 31, 2017



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We all are ready to get back to racing. Pictured, Tyler Roahrig (top) and Doug True.

RESCHEDULING ANNOUNCEMENTS



We're sporting our black on black border for today's newsletter. We were totally spoiled in 2016 when only one night of racing was washed out after qualifying was completed. In 2015 we had a record SEVEN rainouts over the course of the season but none back-to-back. Owner Gary Howe couldn't remember the last time the Speedway was shuttered for 2 consecutive weeks. We've rescheduled most of the missed special events but some (like the NHRA's visit) will have to wait until 2018.

- Lane Automotive "Tri-Segment" 75 – June 2
- Pre-race Autograph Night – June 9
- Scooter Giveaway – June 9
- Scooter Races – June 23



IN THE MAKE READY CHUTE – FRIDAY, JUNE 2 (OUTLAW NIGHT OF SPEED)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2. The pits open at 3:00 and racing follows at 7:30 PM.

- 🚩 **Auto Value Winged Super Sprints – 30 lap feature**
- 🚩 **Outlaw Super Late Models – Lane Automotive “Tri-Segment” 75**
- 🚩 **Front Wheel Drive, no spoilers or boards, “DOT” (street legal) Burg vs Zoo Spectacular**

The Auto Value Winged Super Sprints make their first appearance of 2017 on June 2. As we go to press there are 27 Super Sprints from five states



and Canada set to race at Kalamazoo Speedway Friday night. Aaron Pierce (left) tops the list of 27 as the 2016 points leader for the Auto Value Bumper to Bumper series. In fact, the entire top 10 from 2016 are slated to compete. This includes “our own” Tyler Roahrig who finished 8th in the series last year. Pierce holds the Winged Super Sprints lap speed record at the Speedway and won last year’s feature.



The Outlaw Super Late Models were on the program for June 2 and now will have a little extra to race for when the rescheduled Lane Automotive “Tri-Segment” 75 joins the program. The “75” represents a points race for this division. As noted in last week’s Track Talk edition, we will have a certified Brainiac in the tower to keep track of all the starting positions, segments, finishes, bonuses, inversions and tie breakers. We’ve printed a summary of the “rules” below and the summary will appear in this week’s race program to help keep everything straight. Look to Speedway announcer, Jason Seltzer, to help explain as the race progresses. At stake is a top possible purse of \$2,200 plus a provisional starting spot in the Gary Terry “Follow Your Dreams” 125.



Rule Summary – Lane Automotive “Tri-Segment” 125

- 🚩 Inversion for Segment #1: 3 plus roll of two dice determines starting positions
- 🚩 Inversion for Segment #2: 6 plus roll of one die determines starting positions
- 🚩 Inversion for Segment #3: 3 plus roll of one die determines starting positions
- 🚩 The winner of Segment #3 receives the \$1,200 purse.
- 🚩 Segment #1 and #2 winners receive a bonus of \$300 each.
- 🚩 The driver with the lowest number of points (1st place in each segment earns 1 point, 2nd place 2, etc.) for all 3 segments receives a \$200 bonus.
- 🚩 The driver who passes the most cars in all segments receives the hard charger bonus of \$200.
- 🚩 Look for double file restarts and drivers who get the “Lucky Dog Free Pass”.



Last, but not least, Kalamazoo Speedway is throwing out a challenge to all Burg Stocks. This is a non-points event and non-NASCAR (no license!!) event for any front wheel drive vehicle running on stock (street legal, no Hoosiers) tires. No spoilers or sideboards allowed: Good clean fun for drivers and fans alike. There is no entry fee, just a \$30 pit pass and GO RACING. For more information, see the full rules on the Kalamazoo Speedway website.

Admission for June 2: Adults \$20; 13-15 \$10; 6-12 \$5; 5 and under FREE

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

UPCOMING #FASTFRIDAYS

With this week's program and two rainouts preceding it, it's been a long time since all five of the Kalamazoo Speedway divisions went racing at the Zoo. But they will be back 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. Don't forget the rescheduled pre-race autograph session will be held on June 9 along with the scooter giveaway. The autograph session will be in the infield pit area starting at 6:30 PM. Seek out the Kalamazoo Speedway pace car while you're collecting autographs to find out how to enter the scooter giveaway. (We're still accepting scooter donations.)



JUNE 14 is the much anticipated sophomore running of the Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125 presented by GT Products. Practice is **JUNE 13** from 5:30 – 8:30 PM and is open to the public free of charge.

Look for more information in next week's edition of Track Talk. If you don't have the date marked on your calendar yet, do it now!



Also on the June 14 program is the 50 lap Pro/Street Stock Rumble presented by Allstar Performance. There's no entry fee if drivers pre-register before 8:30 PM on June 13; after that there is a \$25 entry fee. Kalamazoo Speedway Pro Stock rules apply (see Speedway website for complete rules).

Because of the Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125 event, we don't race on Friday, June 16 but we'll be back in action on **Friday, June 23** when the modifieds return to the Zoo along with the Super Stocks, Pro Stocks, Outlaw Cyber Stocks and the Flip Flop Cyber Stocks/Rent-a-Rides. That's a teen night (\$2 for the 13-15 teens instead of the usual \$8). The rescheduled scooter races will be held before the racing starts.

And one last preview, celebrate part of your 4th of July weekend with us on **Saturday, July 1**. We will have one HUGE fireworks display plus it's a night of stunts, spills and mayhem to entertain you and your family. There will be bus rides for the kids before the evening festivities get under way.

GARY'S BIG ADVENTURE

And speaking of the 4th of July program, those of you in attendance last July 1 watched Speedway owner, Gary Howe, unintentionally become part of the thrills, spills, stunts and mayhem when he was removing a car from the track in preparation for the next event. The moments that followed became the "2016 Blooper of the Year." Recently Howe's "virtual drivers' meeting" was highlighted in Racing Promotion Monthly (RPM). We appreciated RPM recognizing another one of Howe's initiatives and sent off a photo medley of Howe's 2016 Blooper. As Track Talk was going to press, Stewart Doty, editor RPM, got back to us. "Gary did himself right proud there. Gary and Donna and their crew are among sharpest in the industry presently and we always appreciate knowing the many ways they put on a show." High praise and we wanted to share it. Plus we wanted to publish the photos one last time!!



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