



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK June 28, 2017



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SATURDAY JULY 1! IT'S THE 4TH OF JULY VERSION OF THE NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

RED, WHITE &

We've got plenty of fun and excitement for the whole family. Let us entertain you with a night of thrills, spills, smash 'em ups, monster trucks, bus races, a mini-enduro plus all kinds and shapes of mayhem. AND at the end of all that, we'll fire off Kalamazoo Speedway's trademark "light up the night" fireworks to cap off the night. Kids (and their parents) can board a bus before the festivities begin to take a few laps around the track (free) or board a specially outfitted monster truck for a wild ride (\$5 per person).

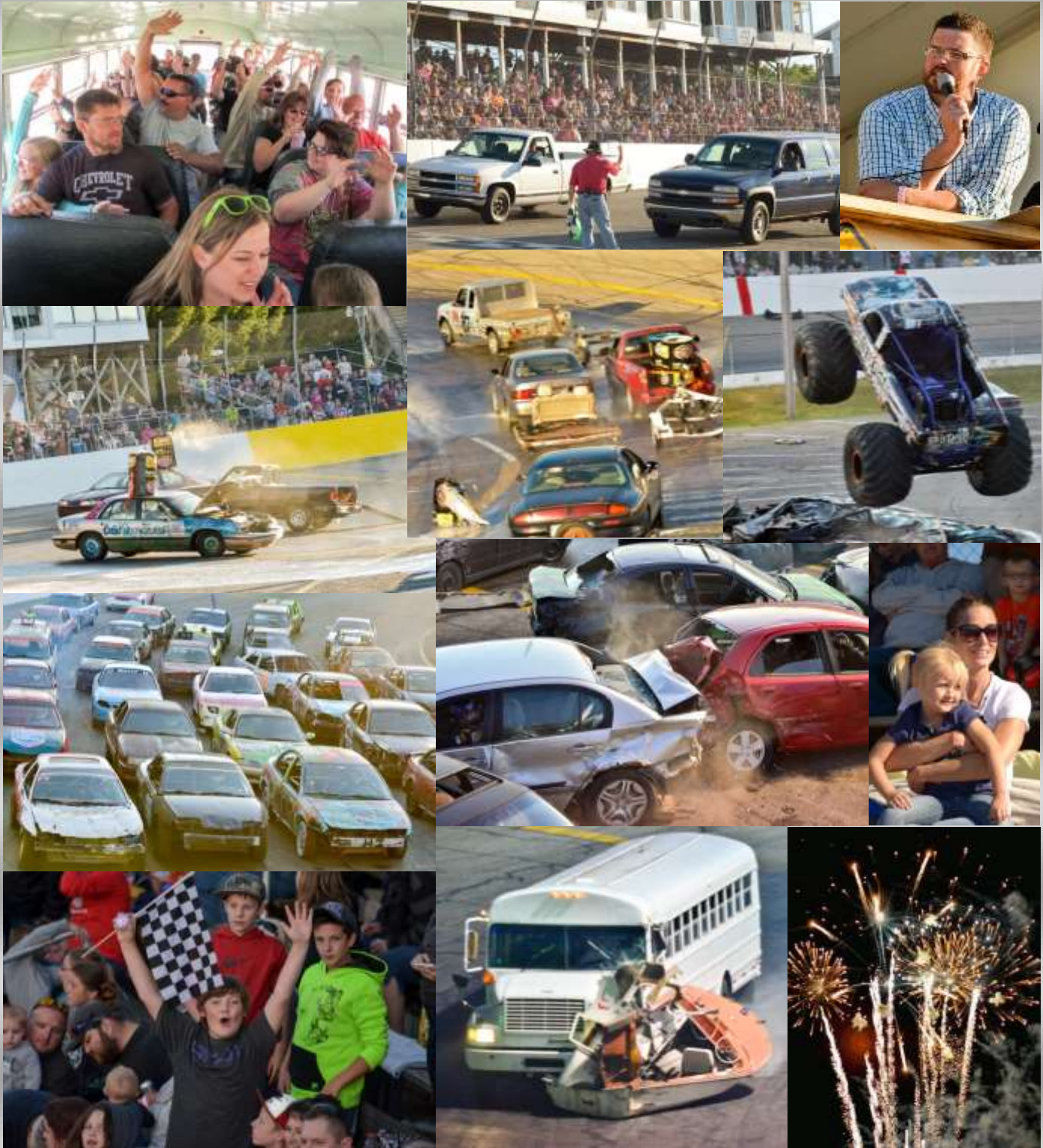
The program starts at 7:30 sharp. Don't be caught in a long line of latecomers! Come early! Grab dinner or a snack. Some ice cream or something to drink. Check out what's hot at the gift shop. There's plenty to do and you'll be assured of not missing a moment of the fun.

Small personal coolers only (maximum 14"). We want everyone to have a seat!

Check out the next page to see photos from last year's mid-season fun event.

Admission for July 1: Adults \$20; 13-15 \$10; 6-12 \$5; 5 and under FREE





Top Row (Left to Right): Families taking a ride on the buses before the start of the program; SUV/Truck Spectator Drag Races; Jason Seltzer, announcer, adds his special brand of entertainment
Row 2: Water Barrel Race; Trailer Races; Monster Trucks
Row 3: Mini-enduro cars line up; Demolition Derby, fans enjoying the action
Row 4: Fast, family fun; Bus Races (bus vs boat, bus wins); FIREWORKS!

UPCOMING #FASTFRIDAYS (and other days!)



Six days after the Red, White & BOOM celebration isn't very long to get the track cleaned up so we can return to the weekly race schedule on **Friday, July 7**. No small task given the carnage evident all over the track following last year's event (pictured). Good eyes! Yep, cleanup in 2016 included a new fence.



But we'll get it done and all 5 divisions will get back to work. It's motorcycle night; motorcycle drivers get in free and take a few turns around the track during intermission. Before the races begin we'll be hosting the first-ever scooter races for kids.

On **Friday, July 14**, all 5 divisions see action plus it's the return of the classic cars.



Thursday, July 20 brings out the Super Sprints when the King of the Wing Super Sprints, sponsored by Auto Value take to the oval along with the Outlaw Super Late Models and the Super Stocks. AND, we're not done for the week. **Friday July 21** is the GT Products Pro Stock Bash along with Round #2 of the Outlaw FWD Burg vs Zoo "DOT" Tire Spectacular and the Midwest Compact Touring Series.

LOOKING BACK: JUNE 23 AT THE RACES

The **Flip Flop Cyber Stocks** had a strong field of 21 cars qualifying and 18 competing in the 15-lap feature. To keep everyone honest, the feature ran the "wrong" way for the second time this season. Suspension set-up is a no no in this introductory division and by randomly reversing the field on occasion, drivers stretching that rule do so at their peril. A complete restart was necessary after one of the Rent-a-Ride drivers spun out. But that was it for cautions and the packed field raced hard and well. The feature was dominated by first time Rent-A-Ride driver Randy Bosse who started in the front row, grew quite attached to that position and was a lap and a quarter from winning the race when Tony LoBretto saw the window he needed to charge to the front and maneuver through lapped traffic to take the checked flag. At stake for Bosse was the \$500 offered by Kasten Insulation Blasting & Coatings to any first-time Rent-a-Ride driver who wins the "A" Feature and the crowd was ready for someone to earn it. Longtime groomsman and never the groom LoBretto (pictured with grandson, Thor) moved up from a 16th starting position for his crowd pleasing win. Bosse held on to second followed by Kevin Sweat, John Munro (also a Rent-a-Ride driver) and Nick Failing. With the win, LoBretto moved into the points lead over Failing (-8), Bozell (-17 and finishing 10th), Grant Lofquist (-94) and Sweat (-111). Valerie Bozell, track record holder, broke the record again with a time of 17.065. Sweat and Brandon French won the heat races.



The **Outlaw Cyber Stocks** sported 13 drivers in their caution free 20-lap feature. Rookie driver Taylor Sexton (a graduate of Little Kalamazoo Speedway) started out in front and led the first 7 laps until passed by Paul Bittle. Sexton went on to finish 7th. Bittle was fast qualifier at 15.178 which was



enough for him to break the track record for the second time in as many weeks. Bittle went on to win the race after lapping nearly half the field followed by Pete Doxey, Andrew Losey, Jeremy Young and two time feature winner Larry Richardson. Sexton and Nick Layman won the heat races. Richardson has the point lead over Layman (-82), Sean Elkins (-130) and Doug Nelson (-171). Bittle is 13th in the points having first raced in the non-points race on June 2, and points racing June 9 (when he broke the track record during the feature) and again this past week.

The **Perfit Vintage Modified Super Series** was one of the modified series to race at Kalamazoo Speedway during the night. They brought a strong field of 19 unique cars to entertain fans with racing as well as providing a look at vintage car bodies. Their 20-lap feature went from green to checkered with plenty of passing. Bob Martin (pictured) picked up the win followed by Tom Boorsma, Todd Wilcox, Jeremy Hamilton and Jordan Hunderman, a former Speedway regular, rounding out the top five.



The highly competitive **Pro Stocks** sported a field of 16 cars for their 30-lap feature. Before completing the first lap, rookie Heath Bronkema's #79 went hard into the wall and was done for the night. Brian Echinaw spun out with 16 laps to go and again late in the race making the final laps a nail biter. Josh Zordan has come into his own lately and held off the pack for 10 laps at the start of the race, finishing a respectable 6th against fierce competition. Greg Brown made his way through traffic after starting 15th to pick up his first win of the season. Brown (pictured with wife Ashley and Baby Girl Brown) was hauling and made

it to the 5th position 12 laps into the race. Kyle Ribble finished second (having started 11th) followed by three time feature winner Keith Wilfong, Zach Cook and Barry Jenkins. Brown had fast time (14.850) and won his heat race; Ribble won the other heat. Cook holds a slim lead in the points race over Brown (-2), Wilfong (-20), Ribble (-70) and Jenkins (-83).

The **Super Stocks** rolled off 14 cars featuring both rookie and veteran drivers. In the early laps it was Nick Pressler and Keegan Dykstra running away from the field. A caution charged to Dykstra put him at the tail of the field yet heads up driving got him a 5th place finish. Cory Pressler overtook brother, Nick



Pressler for the win. Nick Pressler finished second followed by defending champion Buddy Head, Josh Trammell and Dykstra. Dykstra and Adam VanAvery won the heats. Buddy Head continues to hold the points lead over Nick Pressler (-69), Cory Pressler (-73), Dykstra (-87) and Eric McGlothlen (-107).

The **NSTA Top Speed Modified Tour** sponsored by Turn One High Performance Steering Systems boasted a packed field of 22. Familiar veterans Doug True, Brent Hook and Mike “Bubba” Brooks were part of the field. A few too many rain drops came out of nowhere with 4 laps to go and the Turn One 50 was called a wrap. Travis Eddy was leading the race when the short-lived drops fell and was awarded the victory. Danny Jackson was the runner-up ahead of Loren Short, Bob Sible Jr. and Mark Bott.



RUSTY WALLACE RACING EXPERIENCE

Rained out last year, this year the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience ran a successful driving experience for a sold out group of fans. Speedway officials had to lend a hand to fix a glitch with the hauler but after that it was smooth sailing and everyone seemed to be having a great time. We, modestly, still think our Rent-a-Ride program beats it! We have to give them props for a pretty awesome hauler and rolling gift shop!



THE PLACE TO BE FOR FAST, CLEAN, FAMILY FUN!