



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK June 7, 2017

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Rookie Andrew Brest (top) took 9th place in the Lane Automotive 75. Tyler Heeney raced his way into the main event through the Last Chance Race, finished an impressive 11th plus won the Hard Charger Award.

IN THE MAKE READY CHUTE – June 9

FRIDAY, JUNE 9. The pits open at 4:00 and racing follows at 7:30 PM.

- 🍷 **All 5 Divisions are Racing**
- 🍷 **Pre-Race Autographs**
- 🍷 **Scooter Giveaways**
- 🍷 **Classic Car Night**

All five NASCAR Whelen All-American Series divisions are racing! Two rainouts plus the Super Sprints headlining the races last week means it's been a LONG time since all divisions raced! Don't miss it.



Specials for the night include a meet & mingle autograph session from 6:30 – 7:15 PM in the infield pit area and scooter giveaways for kids 11 years old and under. Make your way to the Speedway pace car during the autograph session to learn how to enter the giveaway



Plus, it's Classic Car night at the Zoo! The driver of the classic car gets in free. Fans can check out the great classics in the Victory Lane area and everyone will be able to see all the classics during the parade around the track during intermission.



Admission for June 9: Adults \$12, 13-15 \$8, 6-12 \$2 and 5 and under FREE

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

UPCOMING #FASTFRIDAYS (and other days!)

WEDNESDAY, 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 without charge. Tyler Roahrig won the inaugural Gary Terry "Follow Your Dreams" 125.



The 125 lap race for the **Outlaw Super Late Models** is a tribute to the life and passion of Gary Terry, who died in a tragic accident while providing instruction to a driver at the Richard Petty Driving Experience at Walt Disney World in Florida; pursuing his racing dreams while helping others fulfill theirs.



While Terry raced at other tracks, the Kalamazoo Speedway was his home track, says Gary Howe, track owner and promoter. "He was a fantastic person," Howe continued, "He was one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet. He loved life, he loved talking to people, joking, kidding around. He was one of those guys you want to be a part of your track. He was not just a good, fast, or hard racer, but a good man, part of a great family and a positive ambassador for the sport."

Veteran Monster Energy driver David Stremme will be piloting Terry's No. 3 car in the race, as he did last year. This will be the only pavement race Stremme will participate in this season, doing so only to honor his former competitor and long-time friend. Ashley Stremme, the reigning Mrs. USA, with roots in the racing world will serve as Grand Marshall.



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). Mike "Bubba" Brooks took the checkered flag in the "A" feature of the 2016 Pro/Street Stock Rumble.



On **Friday, June 23** we'll be back in action 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. June 23 is 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 that brings us to the 4th of July weekend. Celebrate part of your holiday with us on **Saturday, July 1**. We will have a colossal 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 (no not on the ones pictured!) before the evening festivities get under way.

LOOKING BACK – June 2 (Outlaw Night of Speed)



The Auto Value Bumper to Bumper **Winged Super Sprints** opened their season at the Zoo on Friday night.



Ryan Litt (pictured waiting to qualify) picked up the victory, narrowly edging out Aaron Pierce. Fast qualifier Bobby Santos (10.457) finished third ahead of Ryan Gillenwater and Jason Blonde. Blonde and Litt collected the heat race victories. Tyler Roahrig had a rough night of it with the #64 struggling. He was fastest during the first practice, followed by issues in the final practice and qualifying. He finishing second in his heat race but wasn't able to race in the feature.

Mark Shook, defending **Outlaw Super Late Model** track champion, picked up his first win of the 2017 season by winning the Lane Automotive "Tri-Segment" 75. Segment one (25 laps) was won by Jeff Ganus. Shook won Segments 2 and 3. Segment 2 was punctuated by a series of cautions with Shook dusting the field upon taking the green flags time and again. Tyler Heeney won the \$200 hard charger award for passing the most cars in all three segments combined. Jeff Ganus, making his first appearance of the season, finished an impressive second ahead of 2011 champion Phil Bozell, fast qualifier Terry Senneker (12.846) and Tom Thomas. Rookie Andrew Brest had a strong showing and finished 9th. Matt Frazier won the Last Chance race, finishing the main event in 17th place with Heeney, Kevin Sauer and Andrew DeVreese also advancing and later finishing 11th, 12th and 22nd, respectively. Shook's victory gives him a 31 point advantage over Thomas in the battle for the championship with Todd Harrington (-46), Adam Terry (-105), Frazier (-107), Rick Senneker (-133) and Doug True (-139) rounding out the top five.



Jacob Alexander won the "A" feature in Round #1 of the **Burg Stocks vs. Zoo Stocks**. Alexander set quick time (15.892), started dead last and drove his way through the entire field to pick up the victory. In the photo (left), Alexander accepts the \$100 bonus from Galesburg Promoter, Jim Woodin, for any Burg Stock driver who won the "A" feature. Paul Bittle finished second beating out Tyler McGhan, Will Slaughter and Eryn Hartv. Duane Green, McGhan, Matt Elsey and Rich Velasquez won the heat races.

Christina Rantz (pictured with driver/boyfriend Matt Elsey) experienced success in last year's Super Shoe Nationals and won the "B" feature, narrowly beating out Kyra Donald who ran her best race to date. Donald recently turned 18 and just graduated from high school; a win in the feature would have been a trifecta of milestones for Donald this week.



VISITING THE MIDWAY



Have you checked out the **Zoo Grill**? The line was long with people waiting to check it out and people who have visited before and came back for more. Certified Chef MJ (in the black t-shirt with Matt Moon) cooks up your orders fresh while you watch using marinades he created and makes from scratch. To date, the Steak-on-a-Stick is the best seller with the High-Side Hustler and Burnout Burgers quickly closing the gap. If the buzz gets any better we'll be taking dinner reservations!

Kevin, known as KB, really enjoys making the **Vintage Visions Custom Racing Posters**. He charges \$40 for a custom personalized 12" x 18" metal poster (your picture and what you want it to say or he can put something together for you). Posters may be done in color or you can choose a black and white vintage look for older photos or to create a truly vintage look. And better yet, posters may be of any theme, not just racing. Discounts are available when ordering more than one sign. Custom work has a 1-2 week turnaround time.

Stock posters are \$30 each (pictured). Many posters and buttons are available at Marty Jones' Gift Shop on the Kalamazoo Speedway midway. The posters make a great personal gift and a nice thank you to sponsors.



For special orders, contact Kevin at dragrace58@rocketmail.com or by calling 269-806-6191.

RENT-A-RIDES



Thinking of a unique gift for someone else or maybe yourself? A **Rent-a-Ride** makes a memorable gift! Reserve now as they will sell out. We provide the car, a midweek orientation/practice session, all in-car safety equipment and a crew/safety chief. On race day, you'll qualify the car, run in a heat race and then finish out the night racing in the 15-lap feature race with cars comparably equipped. And that's not all! Kasten Insulation Blasting and Coatings has put up \$500 to any first time Rent-a-Ride driver who can win the "A" feature. True enthusiasts, the races are NASCAR sanctioned events, so you'll earn bona fide points! Get going on those bragging rights!

Nate Veldt (left) waits for the call to run his heat race on June 2.



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