



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK July 19, 2017

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THURSDAY, JULY 20

- King of the Wing National Sprintcar Series
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For the first time ever, the **King of the Wing National Sprintcar Series** will be visiting Kalamazoo Speedway. And these aren't

just ANY 800 horsepower 3.5 G winged super sprints. Presented by Royal Purple and sponsored by Auto Value Parts Stores, these wings are a national touring series that are making a three-stop visit to the Midwest with Kalamazoo Speedway kicking things off. This is the only pavement Sprint Car Series that features competitors from across the United States and Canada. California's Gordon Rodgers and Mike

Anderson from Idaho are making the cross-country trek, but British Columbia, Canada's Jason Conn is expected to make the longest haul, 2,500 miles. Conn is the defending Midwest champion and will be here to defend his title. Whoever takes the checkered flag at Kalamazoo Speedway will leave as the Midwest points leader as the Series travels to the Toledo Speedway for the next race in the Midwest swing. The Midwest drivers will travel west later in the season where they'll lose their hometown advantage. Don't miss the chance to catch this premier racing series.



Joining the King of the Wing Series will be our own **Outlaw Super Late Models** and **Super Stocks** racing for those all-important Season Championship points.



Jason Conn (left), defending Midwest King of the Wing National Sprintcar Series champion, and his crew. These sprints can reach 165 MPH. See them and our own Outlaw Super Late Models and Super Stocks on **Thursday, July 20.**



Fast nose to tail & side by side racing at the GT Products Pro Stock Bash plus Round #2 of the Burg Stocks vs Zoo Cybers and the Midwest Compact Touring Series. **Friday, July 21** – \$8 Adults!



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

FRIDAY, JULY 21

- 🏁 GT Products Pro Stock Bash
- 🏁 Midwest Compact Touring Series
- 🏁 Round #2 – Burg Stocks vs Zoo Cybers

Our own **Pro Stocks**, racing for championship points, will headline the Friday night lineup. The Pro Stocks bring fast, intense racing week in and week out. The Pros are American made, rear-wheel drive with a stock frame and a relatively stock suspension. Powered by 350 or 400 cubic inch Chevrolet engines, you'll see a lot of horse power riding on a smaller tire. Expect lap times in the 14-15 second range (90-97 MPH) as the Pro Stocks trade paint, run nose to tail and run three-wide around the high banks of the Speedway. Only 82 points separate the top 4 positions with Zack Cook holding a slim four point lead over Greg Brown.



Round #2 of the **Burg Stocks vs Zoo Cybers "DOT" Tire Spectacular** and the **Midwest Compact Touring Series** boasting teams from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio, round out the night.



Admission for July 21: Adults \$8; 13-15 \$5; 6-12 \$2; 5 and under FREE

UPCOMING #FASTFRIDAYS (and other days!)

Friday, July 28: All divisions are racing! Whether it's racing for the love of racing, trying to secure a share of the points fund that goes to the top 10 in each division, winning just ONE feature in 2017 or going for the Season Championship, the Outlaw Super Late Models, Super Stocks, Pro Stocks, Outlaw Cyber Stocks and the Flip Flop Cyber Stocks/Rent-a-Rides will be racing on Friday night. Come on out and support your favorite drivers. It's the **Orrin B. Hayes "Outlaw CJ" Jeep Night** so we'll have Jeeps taking a few laps around the track during intermission. Jeep drivers get in free! Plus it's **Teen Night** (13-15 year olds get in for 2 bucks).

Friday, August 4: All divisions are racing! There are only two nights of divisional racing left before Season Championship Night on Friday, August 25. Don't miss a single night – It's a long winter of no racing! All five divisions race plus spread the word it's the return of the truck and SUV **Spectator Drags!** Let's have a full field of 16.



And then....it's the Klash. **Kalamazoo Klash XXV** featuring Kyle Busch, sponsored by Toyota. Practice is free to the public and runs from 5:30 – 8:30 PM on **Tuesday, August 8**. Pit passes are \$20 for Tuesday. A two day pass is \$55; skip the lines when you arrive on Wednesday!

Wednesday, August 9 is race day. Racing starts at 7:00 PM and hot laps begin at 1:30. There are a few tickets left for the Exclusive Trackside Experience with Kyle Busch for August 9. Tickets are \$100 each and include seating on the party deck for the race (no taping blankets!), a private autograph session with Kyle Busch, dinner and a limited edition T-Shirt.



LOOKING BACK: July 14, 2017

The **Flip Flop Cyber Stocks'** Josh Nyberg (pictured in Victory Lane) posted a fast time that came within 0.009 of breaking Valerie Bozell's track record. For the last couple of weeks, Nyberg has been back in the driver's seat of the car he sold to Tony LoBretto. Heat races were won by Brandon Smith (making his first appearance at the Speedway) and LoBretto. The pace car led the 19 car field (one Rent-a-Ride) out on the track for the 15-lap feature and then cut through the infield to reverse the field in the now familiar surprise "flip flop" to keep everyone honest in terms of car set-up. It took a complete restart to get things going and a caution 5 laps later had Nyberg (who started 19th) in sixth place and he wasn't about to stay there. The Flip Flops may not be the premier division, but Nyberg and Kevin Sweat put on a feisty race following the final caution in the race. With Sweat in the lead, Nyberg tried the high side, the low side and then repeated his attempts as the laps counted down. Sweat (starting 15th) put up a fight but ultimately was passed and finished second. Sweat was followed by Denver Sweat, Brock Sweeter and Nick Failing. In addition to the directional flip flopping, the points reversed themselves. LoBretto regained the lead, followed by Failing (-5), Bozell (-30) and Kevin Sweat (-117).



For the second week in a row the **Outlaw Cyber Stocks** have been a feisty group as soon as flagman Rick Beebe waves the green for the 20-lap feature. This week a caution flag chilled things off early in



the race with Ryan Hufford leaving the track courtesy of Brock Towing. Nick Layman had the early lead before last place starter Paul Bittle (fast time 15.386) blew by him before the race was half over. Bittle (pictured with the Bittle brigade) in the 7 and its twin, the 57 driven by Corey Woods, finished first and second. Layman finished in third place followed by Pete Doxey and Andrew Losey. Rookie Taylor Sexton and Ryan Hufford won the

heat races. Several new drivers joined the group; welcome Danny Payne, Scott Hopsen and Makena Snyder who has been patiently sitting out the season waiting to be legal (14 years old) so she could race. Larry Richardson remains the point leader followed by Layman (-71) and Jeremy Young (-84).

Greg Brown started the **Pro Stocks** out with fast time (14.724). John Russell in his #11 truck and teenager Josh Zordan won the heat races. The Pro Stocks rolled out 19 cars for their 30-lap feature and, as expected, put on a "don't miss" race. Side by side, nose to tail racing caused several cautions collecting Russell, Keith Wilfong, Brad Hall, Barry Jenkins and others over the course of the race. Zordan jumped out to an early lead before being passed by Zack Cook who started 12th. Cook held the lead until late in the race when Brown (starting 15th) made the pass he was looking for, winning his second feature of the season. Cook finished second and made a point of coming out to Victory Lane to congratulate Brown (pictured with wife Ashley and daughter). Kyle Ribble and veteran drivers Greg Haynes and John Chapman rounded out the top five. Cook, remains the points leader over Brown (-4), Kyle Ribble (-61) and Wilfong (-82).



Buddy Head (pictured with his happy group) found victory lane last week and decided it felt pretty good after going winless up until that point in 2017, so he did it again with an unorthodox route. After setting fast time of 13.619, he missed the heat race and dashed to the pits during the pace laps for the **Super Stock** 30-lap feature. Meanwhile, on the track, the green flag waved and a tangle of cars brought out a caution before a lap was completed. After coming to the pits, three of the cars were able to continue, including Lane Head who returned with his #15 looking like it was trying out to be a modified (making him one of three who donned that look during the night). Eric McGlothlen left on the track on the back of a wrecker. Whatever Buddy Head was able to do to his car during the extended caution restored the #46 to the form it showed during qualifying and once the race was under green again, he flew through the field. Brothers Cory and Nick Pressler put on their own race battling for second and third place with Nick prevailing. Adam VanAvery finished fourth and Kenny Head rounded out the top five. Cory Pressler and Kenny Head won the heat races. Buddy Head has a comfortable points lead over Keegan Dykstra (-117) and Cory Pressler (-132).



The **Outlaw Super Late Models** started their 40-lap feature 17 cars strong. In his first start of the



2017 season Marty Crawford jumped out to an early lead and stayed there for close to half the race. Defending champion Mark Shook pulled ahead on lap 21. There are always races within a race and Friday night it was Adam Terry and Todd Harrington weaving their ways through the field. Harrington's primary car decided abruptly to take the night off

during qualifying and Harrington engaged in his own private feature, racing home for his back-up car. Shook went on to win the feature, Terry made a last lap pass on Crawford, followed by Jeff Bozell in fourth place and Harrington pulled off a fifth place finish to remain (-72) in the running for the season championship. Mark Shook pulled off a trifecta with fast time (12.920), a heat win plus the feature. We had a little rhyming action going with Jack Cook winning the second heat race.



July 14 was Classic Car Night several pictured above during the on-track parade during intermission.



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