



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK July 5, 2017



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Back in action, it's the Outlaw Super Late Models, Super Stocks, Pro Stocks, Outlaw Cyber Stocks and the Flip Flop Cyber Stocks/Rent-a-Rides. With none of the divisions having a runaway leader, you'll not want to miss any of this week's action. In the **Pro Stocks**, only two points separate point leader Zack Cook from Greg Brown with Keith Wilfong (-20) right there. Eight points separate the **Flip Flop Cyber Stocks** point leader Tony LoBretto from Nick Failing; Valerie Bozell is back by only 17. On June 23, Kasten Insulation, Blasting & Coatings came within seconds of having to pay their \$500 bonus. Will this be the week a Rent-a-Ride driver takes the checkered flag and the cash? The spread between Mark Shook and Todd Harrington is 41 points in the **Outlaw Super Late Models** with Tom Thomas 65 back. In the **Outlaw Cyber Stocks**, Larry Richardson has a lead of 82 over Jeremy Young with Nick Layman at 94 back. Still without a feature win, Buddy Head has the points lead in the **Super Stocks** over Nick Pressler (-69) and Cory Pressler (-73).



This week is the return of last year's successful **Motorcycle Night**. Motorcycle drivers get in free, are encouraged to park in the display area and parade around the track during intermission.

Before the races begin we'll be hosting the first-ever **Scooter Races** for kids. Parents, pack up the kids and their scooters and come on out to the track.



Admission for July 7: Adults \$12; 13-15 \$8; 6-12 \$2; 5 and under FREE

UPCOMING #FASTFRIDAYS (and other days!)

All 5 divisions see action on **Friday, July 14** plus it's the return of the classic cars. Drivers of the classics get in free and everyone looks forward to checking out the cars up close in the display area and watching all the classics on parade during intermission.



Thursday, July 20 brings out the Super Sprints when the King of the Wing Super Sprints presented by Royal Purple and 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: **RED, WHITE &**

BOOM!

A full house came out to take in the 4th of July Destruction: The Red, White and Boom! advantage of the (free) bus rides and monster truck rides offered before the program got underway.

version of the Night of Hundreds of folks took



Our own Jack Goodrich offered the invocation and Zaynee Hobdy sang the National Anthem (check it out on YouTube, compliments of KB [the Poster Guy]). The ATR Motorsports Promotions monster trucks revved up to greet the crowd and get things started. Kyle Sliger Stunts and Grand Rapids Finest Stunt Team made a grand entrance from the upper pits and the four motorcycle stunt drivers put on two great shows over the course of the night and props to their announcer for describing the stunts and who was performing them.



The spectator drags fielded a dozen brave entries. Timothy Burns took the best two out of three in the finale. On his way to the championship Burns smoked Corey Vansparrenntak (attempting to defend his May 12 championship) in Round #2

The new Hot Tub Drag Races proved a fun face off of four cars per heat dashing to the checkered flag. Of course it wasn't that simple with all those giant tires and hot tubs in the way. The winner of each heat advanced to the finals. The drags were not only a crowd pleaser but were popular with the drivers as well with 5 heats needed to set the 5-driver final. The Thunder Drags were a play on the Hot Tub Drags, only backwards (and we're pretty sure not one of those cars had a rearview camera).



The monster trucks came out a couple of times to flatten the cars (now) destined for the scrap yard. And it was Kalamazoo Speedway to the rescue when one of the monsters got hung up on top of the crushed cars and needed a lift down.

The family section clear and convincingly won the loudest section of the night designation though not larger in numbers, they not only "won" their "heats" over the other sections, but won when pitted against all the other sections combined. Others fans preferred a more aerobic pastime and formed a conga line (pictured).



The mini-enduro ran 40 laps with 30 cars with Alan Thornton taking the checkered flag followed by Brock Sweeter.

The trailer races were quite possibly the best ever with a full field of vehicles and wild racing mayhem. A boat decided it would rather be an airplane and flew into the infield fence and, unfortunately, didn't stop there. The wall will need some restoration and 180 feet of fence and supports will need replacing. Ouch!



The bus races closed out the racing/mayhem portion of the program and then the OTHER fireworks started. As KB said on the Speedway Facebook page "thank you Gary Howe". The display was spectacular as always and the customary flash of fire that ends the display is going to be talked about for a while. Anyone feeling a little night chill sitting in the stands (or in a skybox for that matter) was plenty warm when the flash sent a heat wave clear out to the parking lot!



Our professional photographer took a long weekend so we're a little short on event photos, but we do have photos of the morning after. What a mess! Plus there were enough boats scattered around the track to launch a flotilla.



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