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IT'S THE LEGENDARY NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION (7:30 PM SHARP!) – SEPTEMBER 16



Saturday, September 16 is the Legendary Night of Destruction. We'll be using the upcoming OFF WEEK (September 9) to get things set up. Then be there early on September 16 to score your favorite seat. Come early to catch a ride on a Monster Truck or take the kids on a bus ride around the track. Check out the concessions and the gift shop. Then at 7:30 sharp the main event starts. Fan favorites like the

SUV/Truck Spectator Drags. Motorcycle Stunts. Monster Trucks. Novelty Races. Trailer races. Bus Races. And capping off the night? FIREWORKS.

**NIGHT OF
DESTRUCTION**
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017



To assure seating for everyone, this is a no-cooler event. Thank you for your understanding.

Admission for September 16: Adults \$20; 13-15 \$10; 6-12 \$5; 5 and under FREE

Tickets are on sale now at Howe Patio & Windows (150 10th Street, Plainwell) 8:30 – 4:30 M - F

SUPER SHOE CLOSES OUT THE 2017 SEASON



SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2017



Sunday, September 24. At 2:00 PM sharp the rifle will sound and the 2017 Shotgun Footrace to select campsites for Super Shoe will start. No early staking! Don't think you can run fast enough to get YOUR spot? Bring in a ringer!

Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1. It's the Super Shoe Nationals.
(Rain dates of October 7 & 8)



LAST WEEK AT THE RACES: SEPTEMBER 2

Andy Bozell ran a 10.005 in practice and then sat pat telling us he had confidence to spare. Over 100 cars were ready to race. Jack Goodrich offered the invocation and Zayne Hobdy offered a stirring rendition of the National Anthem, preceded by the playing of "O Canada". And then, as it were, we were off to the races.



Outlaw FWD – FWD and 8” tires maximum. Simple!

Fifty-three drivers participated in qualifying with 3 features planned. The C feature, slated to run as the last race of the night, was a washout when unexpected rain made an appearance.

The 10 fastest qualifiers follow. Todd Metz Jr. took home the \$150 fast time bonus.

Todd Metz Jr.	14.759	Jeff Sayles	15.204	Jacob Alexander	15.263
Craig Frase	15.417	Paul Bittle	15.425	Phil Malouf	15.472
Jeremy Young	15.487	Mike Long	15.690	Ryan Hufford	15.719
Ryan Osborne	15.775				

The **“B” feature** started the night off with 18 cars and ran caution free for its 20-lap feature. Don Hulett (pictured) and Steve VanVleet traded the lead before Hulett took the lead for the checkered. Matt Elsey, the only driver running a V-8 car later in the program, ran a strong race, coming in third, followed by Jon Yale and Kevin Collins.



The **“A” feature** hosted 18 cars with and without boards and the top 5 was a mirror of that same mix. A complete restart was needed for the 25-lap feature after a dust-up occurred on the first lap. Another caution came out when Ryan Hufford lost a tire and then hit the inside retaining wall. With 10 to go, Metz Jr. (pictured) was clear and convincingly in his lead. Phil Malouf, driving a car without boards, was also clear and convincing in his run and claimed the runner-up spot. Jeff Sayles was third followed by Jacob Alexander and Paul Bittle.



Because the drivers in the **“C” feature** didn't get to compete, we're listing all the drivers (in alphabetical order) slated to start. An equal share of the total purse went to each driver.

Daniel Abercrombie, Brandon Butcher, AJ Canfield, Bill Evink, Calvin Foote, Brandon French, Tim Gale, Scott Gary Sr., Jessie Hard, Wyatt Mann, Apryl Patterson, Christina Rantz, Brian Sawyer, Matt Searles, Andy Sutton, Denver Sweat and Kevin Sweat (pictured during qualifying).



Outlaw V-8s – 100” minimum wheelbase & any 10” tire (for the race)

Fifty cars ran in qualifying with the top 5 participating in the RACEceiver Challenge competing to run the fastest lap with an additional \$500 bonus to the driver who could break the world record. Like the FWD drivers, the qualifiers were divided into three features. Early arriving rain spoiled the second half of the “A” feature (the Call of the Wild) and the race was called with 27 laps remaining.

The 10 fastest qualifiers follow; the top 5 vying for bonus money in the RACEceiver Challenge.

Andy Bozell	10.005	Jeff Ganus	11.177	Marv Burroughs	12.370
Dustin Lundgren	12.473	Josh Trammell	13.129	Corey Ryman	13.162
Tim Craig	13.170	Cory Pressler	13.171	Nick Pressler	13.218
Billy Tomlinson	13.396				

Fifteen drivers competed in the 30-lap **“C” feature**. With 5 laps in, Scott Gary was in the lead, having started in the 9th position. By lap 20 it was Matt Elsey followed by Lance Gary; Scott Gary having slipped to fourth. With 10 laps remaining point, Scott Gary had resumed the lead with Todd Hall making a race of it. A late race caution was thrown when a disabled car couldn't quite make it into the pits. Scott Gary took the checkered flag followed by Hall, Dan Uminn, Curtis Towne and Jeremiah Yale.



Sixteen drivers competed in the 40-lap **“B” feature**. Kalamazoo Speedway's Keith Wilfong made a run of it, leading for part of the race before finishing a respectable 5th. Ryan Dick made his way through the pack, ultimately finishing in second place. Nick Stremme won the race, followed by Dick, Tristan Crago, Ron Landis and Wilfong.

The 50-lap **“Call of the Wild”** started the 15 fastest drivers from qualifying. Andy Bozell started at the back of the pack and was leading by lap 43. Multiple cautions marred the race before an unexpected (mercy) shower ended the race with 27 laps remaining. Despite being just shy of the halfway point, the race was deemed official with Bozell taking the win. He was followed by Dustin Lundgren, Marv Burroughs, Cory Pressler and Tim Craig.



Challenge

Andy Bozell ran the fastest lap (9.515) leaving his 2016 record intact (9.465). The RACEceiver Challenge proved to be more than just a challenge to break the world record. Mike Shewchuk's engine wasn't completed in time and he was unable to defend his 2016 Call of the Wild feature win or make an attempt to better his 2015 world record time. Josh Trammel was making his warm-up lap during the Challenge (18.558) and even the most novice of fans could tell something was not right with his car. He departed to the pits and was not able to run in the feature. Jeff Ganus' #5 looked good in qualifying but sounded ominous during his first run at the record. His fastest lap was 10.484 before heading to the pits to



make adjustments. Upon his return, he was promptly done for the night when the engine let go. Bozell was having none of these issues and leisurely ran a 28 second lap to warm up, followed by an 11.906 before hitting his stride in his third lap clocking a 9.716 which was immediately followed by what turned out to be the fastest lap of the night: 9.515. Dustin Lundgren's best lap was 12.458 in his #12. Marv Burroughs coaxed a 11.668 out of his #1. Bozell came back out with 2 new tires but wasn't able to coax a better speed out of the car.

Thanks to **Kyra Donald Racing** for shooting off a few fireworks throughout the evening!



L to R: A crew member readies Andy Bozell's #70; Jeff Ganus runs his #5; Josh Trammell's #82; Marv Burroughs is ready to try for the record in the #1; Dustin Lundgren makes an adjustment to his #12

