



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK September 20, 2017



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THIS SUNDAY – SHOTGUN FOOTRACE TO CLAIM CAMPSITES FOR SUPER SHOE

Sunday, September 24. It's time to select prime real estate for your Super Shoe campsite. The rifle will sound at 2:00 PM to start the Shotgun Footrace and those fleet of foot (and not so fleet of foot) can charge to your desired site(s). Once there, stake out your claim. No early staking is allowed so save your energy for the footrace. Campers and trailers may be placed at the campsites later that afternoon or brought to the site closer to the event. A summary of the rules is on the next page.



CAMPING OFFICE
Located at the main entrance

Summary – 2017 Camping Rules Summary (for complete details visit www.kalamazoospeedway.com)

- ☛ There is a \$50 Camping Pass/Clean-Up fee per camper or trailer.
- ☛ Campsites are approximately 20’ wide x 50’ deep. Campsites must be paid for when the site is staked.
- ☛ Haulers/trailers must be parked in the reserved pit areas or in designated areas. Anyone sleeping in their hauler may have the hauler in the campsite; a camping pass is required.
- ☛ Bring a pre-made weather proof “Homestead Sign” (name and contact #) to place in the middle of your reserved area.
- ☛ If you’re not planning to hoof it from Point A to Point B over Super Shoe weekend, remember it’s golf carts only. Park them by midnight each night. Speeding, breaking curfew or careless driving? Your cart could be impounded or you could be loading it up and removing it from the property.
- ☛ Golf Cars Plus will be onsite for cart rentals next week Thursday (5:00 – 8:00 PM) and Friday (beginning at noon). Carts are 4-seaters, have head lights and run \$175 for the weekend. A valid driver’s license and a credit card are needed to rent a cart.
- ☛ Campsites not claimed on Sunday, September 24 will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis by checking in at the camping office at the Speedway.

Be cool. Be safe. The grounds will be patrolled all weekend. Let’s have a weekend of trouble-free fun.

SUPER SHOE CLOSSES OUT THE 2017 SEASON
Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1

The 31ST Annual Super Shoe Nationals &
The 8TH Annual FWD Nationals



It’s more than racing. It’s a total experience whether you spend the weekend with us or commute! It’s the last race event of the season and it’s a long time until April 2018. Be there!

Friday:	3:00 PM – 9:55 PM	Qualifying	
Saturday:	10:45 AM – 3:40 PM	Qualifying	4:30 PM Racing
Sunday:	12:30 PM	Racing	

(Complete schedules are available at www.kalamazoospeedway.com)

**We’ll have the cars, the drivers, plenty of racing, and people to take care of you.
Now all we need is YOU.**





Clockwise (starting on the previous page): RWD vehicles; 2016 “B” Feature RWD Winner Josh Trammel, Kevin Sauer, Ryan Hufford, Richard Seiting; Gary Howe, Camille Lewis; Andy Bozell, FWD vehicles

Don't forget: The winning ticket for the 26' enclosed trailer donated by Team Sprit Custom Trailers and Techworks Trailer Sales will be drawn on Super Shoe Sunday. We thank them for their generosity! It's not too late to purchase tickets (\$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets). All proceeds go to *Zoo Kares for Kids* to create a memorable Christmas for scores of kids and their families.

AWARDS BANQUET – OCTOBER 28

Western Michigan University – Bernhard Center – 1903 West Michigan Avenue

6:00 Light Refreshments

7:00 Dinner and Awards

Drivers, crew, fans and staff are invited to celebrate the achievements of the 2017 season. Champions, as well as the 2nd – 10th place finishers, will be honored in each division.

Which drivers will receive special awards? Which staff will be recognized? And, of course, we'll take some time to recognize the sponsors who make all this possible!!

Come join us and hang out as a racing family one more time before winter hits.

Tickets (\$40 each) are now on sale. Call (269) 692-2423 or send a check to make your reservations. (321 16th Street Otsego, MI 49078)



LOOKING BACK – THE NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

Outstanding weather, a capacity crowd and plenty of thrills, spills and mayhem. Four monster trucks, 4 motorcycle stunt drivers performing acrobatics, Spectator Drags, a flagpole race with so many drivers showing up that an “A” and “B” feature were needed. Twenty-nine drivers ran in the trailer race (Jerry Pierman won)! A 45 car/50 lap enduro. AND the retaining walls weren't cracked or broken and the fences are still standing. But that doesn't mean the event was without surprises. Enduro winner, Logan Meade, did a celebratory burnout against the outside retaining wall.



The engine got caught up in the moment and burst into flames in its excitement. And then when most thought that the bus races were up, Jason Seltzer (announcer) directed everyone's attention to the infield for a surprise feature: the Scarecrow. Oops, sorry....wrong graphic! Seltzer explained the car was going to go up in flames. With the driver inside. Raise your hand if you read the last sentence twice. The audience counted down from 10. Nothing. Was this a little Speedway humor? Take II. A countdown from 5. And to quote Jerry Lee Lewis, “Goodness gracious great balls of fire”.

And that was no optical illusion. You could feel the heat and we're pretty sure ours wasn't the only structure that swayed like there was an earthquake. And then the driver was out of the car; the back of his firesuit on fire. Did you stay home because you thought you'd seen it all before?



The bus races and fireworks wrapped up the night. (Photos of the event were not available by press deadlines).

Cleanup started before 8 on Sunday morning. Through sheer hard work, the track was back in order by 5:00 but for the need of a good hard rain to clean all the liquid slop off the racing surface. Big and tiny pieces of debris were all in one of the four industrial sized dumpsters. Metal was set aside for recycling and/or reuse if it was still functional. John Edmond's #82 minivan deserves an honorable mention. It came in 16th in the Enduro despite Edmond running for 15 laps with the hood up, it may well have run in the Flagpole race, came in 3rd in the trailer race and went down fighting (and was close to being the last van standing) in the demolition derby. One van was still chiming on Sunday morning to let us know that someone left the key in the ignition. The monster truck haulers spent the night in the infield and took off early Sunday morning. Amongst all the carnage the next morning, we found a couple of flowers to make some of us smile.





FAST FAMILY FUN!