



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK May 2, 2018

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MAY 4 — STREET STOCKS
DOUBLE FEATURE NIGHT

May Madness!

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STOCK FOUR NIGHT

Street Stocks: TWO features

Late Model Sportsman: \$1,200 to Win

Outlaw FWDs: 25 Lap Feature

Zoo vs Burg Stocks: \$400 to Win

RAIN SHORTENED SEASON OPENER LEADS TO MAY MADNESS AT THE ZOO

Thank you to all the fans and drivers for breaking the all-time record for cars in attendance at a season opener; no small task given the brisk temperatures and rain in the forecast. The rain arrived earlier than expected (22 laps into the Intimidator 100) with only qualifying, the GT Products Intimidator 100 Last Chance Race, the A Feature of the Midwest Compact Touring Series/Outlaw FWDs and the A Feature of the Zoo Stocks being completed. We all (staff, fans, drivers) looked forward to the opener and rather than call it a scratch, we are making up the races and then some. Get ready for May Madness at the Zoo!

To express our gratitude to all of you, we'll be adding the rained out events to our regular race programs over the next three weeks. And that's not all, by presenting your grandstand ticket from Opening Night you'll receive \$3 off an adult ticket for May 4, May 11 or May 18 (that's \$9 for a night at the races). Kids are the usual \$5 for May 4 and May 18; youth 12 and under are FREE on May 11. See below for the May Madness at the Zoo schedule.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

STOCK FOUR NIGHT

Double feature night for the Street Stocks

\$1,200 to Win Late Model Sportsman

Outlaw FWDs

\$400 to Win Round I of the Zoo Stocks vs Burg Stocks

FRIDAY, MAY 11 STOCK FIVE NIGHT

Complete the remaining 78 laps of the GT Products Intimidator 100 Late Model Sportsman, Street Stocks, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stocks run their regular weekly races

ANOTHER Outlaw Super Late Model feature

Over 230 laps of features with over half being run by the Super Lates Kids 12 years old and younger get in FREE

FRIDAY, MAY 18 STOCK FIVE NIGHT

All Classes Race

Double feature night for the Late Model Sportsman

FRIDAY, MAY 25 STOCK FOUR NIGHT

NHRA Night featuring Terry McMillen

Lane Automotive 75 for the Outlaw Super Late Models


Street Stocks and Outlaw FWDs race

Double feature night for the Zoo Stocks

(Adults \$15; Kids 6-12 \$8; 5 & under FREE)

Details: Pits Open 3:00 PM
 Pit Passes \$30
 Racing Starts 7:30 PM

OPENING NIGHT RECAP**Top 10 in Qualifying**

LATE MODELS	SPORTSMAN	STREET STOCKS	OUTLAW FWD 	ZOO STOCKS
Tyler Roahrig 00:12.670	Buddy Head 00:13.644	Kyle Ribble 00:14.615	Paul Bittle 00:15.098	Colin Bozell 00:17.161
Phil Bozell 00:12.740	Keegan Dykstra 00:13.648	Zack Cook 00:14.671	Todd Metz Jr. 00:15.284	Cam Barthel 00:17.516
Todd Harrington 00:12.789	Chris Shannon 00:13.704	Danny Oxford 00:14.803	Jacob Alexander 00:15.419	Taylor Imus 00:17.657
Brian Bergakker 00:12.815	Nick Pressler 00:13.734	Shane Miller 00:14.836	Adam Krzykowski 00:15.460	Nick Failing 00:17.657
Andy Bozell 00:12.817	AJ Foote 00:13.752	Keith Wilfong 00:14.843	Phil Malouf 00:15.554	Curtis Towne 00:17.759
Steve Needles 00:12.827	Phil Bozell 00:13.783	Greg Brown 00:14.875	Drew Losey 00:15.625	Rielly Meade 00:17.815
Mark Shook 00:12.843	Kenny Head 00:13.849	Barry Jenkins 00:14.951	Dale Leonard 00:15.710	Grant Lofquist 00:17.823
Justin Claucherty 00:12.844	Jordan Hunderman 00:13.976	John Chapman 00:15.092	Brock Sweeter 00:15.734	Andy Sutton 00:17.893
Jeff Ganus 00:12.854	Ryan Minton 00:14.000	Kevin Sweat 00:15.144	Wayne Stack 00:15.807	Phil Novotny 00:17.906
Terry Senneker 00:12.867	Frank Steger 00:14.017	Bob Miller 00:15.148	Ricky LaDuke 00:15.834	CJ French 00:17.922

 the Outlaw FWDs were joined by the Midwest Compact Touring Series for Opening Night

One hundred and forty-six (146) cars showed up to compete at Kalamazoo Speedway for the Season Opener. That's a LOT of cars to manage on what amounts to "shake down" night for the season. A few sprinkles brought out the tarps during qualifying but no real harm was done and we were back to green quickly. Paul Bittle, who went on to win the Midwest Compact Touring Series/Outlaw FWD feature, broke the track record with a time of 15.098. Bittle breaks a record he set last year on his way to earning an 8th place finish in the final standings.



The **Last Chance Race** for the GT Products Intimidator 100 started off the 2018 season with 14 cars in jeopardy of not making the cut for main event. Jack Landis (pictured), Austin Maynard, Brandon Lyons and Andrew Brest were the top four finishers in the 20 lap dash for a place in the Intimidator 100. When the feature was called due to rain, Lyons was in the 10th spot, Landis in the 11th, Brest in 13th and Maynard 15th out of the 22 car field.

It took a couple of restarts to get the **Zoo Stocks'** 20 lap feature underway. The déjà vu conclusion to the race reminded us of the 2016 opener when Valerie Bozell took the checkered flag in her first race (anywhere) at the age of 14. Colin Bozell, 23, driving his sister's old car took the checkered flag in this year's season opener, also as a novice. Many will remember Valerie Bozell's charge to victory utilizing creative cornering; Colin Bozell avoided those nail biting turns while showing he was clearly the fastest car in the class. While last year's season champion will be racing in the Street Stocks, his presence was still felt. Don Porter owns Tony LoBretto's Zoo Stock (now the white 06) and Nick Failing was driving LoBretto's back-up car (Failing's #4 was not race worthy for the night). Taylor Imus, a graduate of the Little Kalamazoo Speedway, made her racing debut qualifying 3rd fastest but experiencing a couple of spins during the race. A good start though for a talented young women and we expect she'll do well over the course of the season. Nick Failing finished second followed by Billy Edwards, Curtis Towne, CJ French, Jerry Ballard (a Rent-a-Ride driver last year), Grant Lofquist, Mason May, Rielly Meade and Logan Hiemstra.



The \$1,000 to win **Midwest Compact Touring Series/Outlaw FWD's** 30 lap feature wasn't a green to checkered race either. Paul Bittle (left prior to qualifying) took the lead 10 laps in and didn't look back. With 8 laps remaining Ryan Hufford went hard into the back wall and was done for the night. Jacob Alexander finished second followed by Phil Malouf, Brock Sweeter, Wayne Stack, Dave Leonard, Wes Annes, Makenna Snyder, Ricky LaDuke and Matt Dawe.

Bill Tomlinson goes through tech (right). Tyler Roahrig, the defending **Intimidator 100** champion, had fast time and the inversion put powerhouse drivers Jeff Ganus and Terry Senneker in the front row to start the race. Ganus charged to the lead as if this was the Call of the Wild. Billy Shannon left the race after spinning and hitting the wall. At 10 laps in, it was Ganus, Senneker, Mark Shook, Justin Claucherty and Andy Bozell. Roahrig was in 10th place biding his time. The race got stalled at 20 laps in with a couple of cautions sending Claucherty to the pits on a wrecker. Mark Shook was



hooked to a wrecker a couple of laps later after catching oil on the backstretch. During the cleanup the rain arrived and the race was called with 78 laps remaining. Billy Shannon and Adam Terry had departed the race with only 2 laps completed. Seventeen drivers were on the lead lap when the race was called; Mark Shook dodging a bullet. The race will be completed on May 11.

Jeff Ganus
Terry Senneker
Andy Bozell
Phil Bozell
Mark Shook
Todd Harrington
Tyler Roahrig
Craig Everage
TK Whitman
Brandon Lyons



Jack Landis
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Andrew Brest
Steve Needles
Austin Maynard
Rick Senneker
Kevin Sauer
Justin Claucherty
Doug True
Matt Frazier

