



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK May 30, 2018

Friday, June 1

**Auto Value
Winged Super Sprints**

STOCK FOUR NIGHT

Regular Program for Late Model
Sportsman, Street Stocks, Outlaw FWD
and Zoo Stocks

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FRIDAY JUNE 1: AUTO VALUE WINGED SUPER SPRINTS & STOCK FOUR NIGHT

The super-fast Auto Value Winged Super Sprints make their sole 2018 trip to Kalamazoo Speedway this Friday and the Auto Value staff will be 100 strong on the party deck to take in the show. Friday is also a Stock Four night with a regular program (qualifying, heats, features) for the Late Model Sportsman, Street Stocks, Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stocks.



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| Details: | Pits Open | 3:00 PM |
| | Pit Passes | \$30 |
| | Adults | \$18 |
| | Youth 6-12 | \$10 |
| | Kids 5 & Under | FREE |
| | Racing Starts | 7:30 PM |

NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 OFF NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 STOCK FIVE NIGHT

All five classes race.

Late Model Sportsman Make-Up Feature from Opening Night.

We're (almost) back to normal: qualifying, heats and features!!!

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 STOCK FIVE NIGHT

Howe Patio Double Feature Night.

All five classes race.

Classic Car Night.

MAY 25 RECAP

It was hot. It was dry. Fans were in the grandstands, 118 cars were in the pits (with only four classes competing) AND THE INTIMIDATOR 100 WAS COMPLETED AFTER FOUR TRIES! Jack Goodrich started us off with the invocation and singing of the National Anthem, asking everyone to join in. Thanks to all the fans and drivers who did. Buster Martin assumed the head flagman spot for the night ably assisted by Kenny Head (the Late Model Sportsman class that Head competes in had the night off). We liked the pairing and the extra flare Head put on the flag.



The remaining 78 laps of the **GT Products Intimidator 100** led off the night. Jeff Ganus (who was leading the race when the rain arrived night on April 27) and Andy Bozell led the 18 cars around the track for what must have been Kalamazoo Speedway's longest "restart" ever. Due to scheduling conflicts Terry Senneker (2nd place when the race was called) and Tyler Roahrig (6th place) were not able to make the restart. Despite the intervening weeks, Ganus (at left) owned the lead once the race was underway. While cautions condensed the field a few times, Ganus shot out to the lead each time. For much of the race Andy Bozell and Phil Bozell were in the top five. With 5 laps to go Andy Bozell was able to close the gap coming out of turn 2 but Ganus had the edge down the backstretch going into turn 3. At the finish line it was Ganus, Andy

Bozell, Brian Bergakker, Phil Bozell (who restarted at the tail of the lead lap with 34 laps remaining) and Brandon Lyons. Lyons made his way into the race by way of the Intimidator 100 Last Chance race.

Thirty-nine **Zoo Stocks** came out to show their stuff and a "C" feature was quickly added to the race program. Jerry Ballard took quick time (17.318). Sixteen cars competed in the "**A**" feature. Taylor Imus and NHRA crew member Cody Yeager (Lakewood, CO) in a Rent-a-Ride led the pack when the green waved. The lead changed off several times from Imus on the first lap to



Michael Rozner, Ira Hosner, Ed Clawson and Colin Bozell in subsequent laps. In the end it was Ed Clawson (previous page right) getting around Logan Hiemstra (2nd place) and Colin Bozell (3rd place) for the win. Curtis Towne and Brian Sawyer rounded out the top five.



The **Zoo Stock "B" feature** pitted 11 drivers against one another including 3 of the 5 NHRA Rent-a-Ride drivers. Austin Holbert (Placerville, CA) drove his rental to a first place finish followed by Keith Watson, Mark Stewart (Phoenix, AZ [also in a rental]), Buster Martin Jr and Grand Marshal and NHRA drag race winner Terry McMillen. McMillen was hoping to earn his first circle track win but will have to wait awhile longer. Pictured on the left are McMillen and one of the kids in the scooter races holding his trophy. Eleven drivers also competed in the **"C" feature** with Davey Emery (Goshen, IN [in a



rental]) prevailing. Tod Watson, Don Porter, Keegan Letts and Travis Petto rounded out the top 5.

Thirty **Outlaw FWDs** showed up to race leading to the addition of a "B" feature. Rick LaDuke had fast time of 15.543 with Pete Doxey putting up a 15.551. We mention this as this was Doxey's first Speedway appearance this year. Doxey teaches in Colorado and spends his summers here as a track regular after the school year finishes; like literally he was in Colorado on Thursday and here in the seat of his yellow 28 on Friday. And he won coming from the 15th starting



position. Nick Layman and John Munro exchanged the lead

while Doxey was making his way through the field. A "did you see that!?" goes out to Dave Leonard, Sr. for stellar handling of his car in the closing seconds of the race. Doug Smith, Munro, Drew Losey and Wayne Stack rounded out the top five. Jeremy Young (left) took the checkered flag for the **"B" feature** followed by Kenny Wright, Camille Lewis, Kevin Kruk and Colin Whitfield. Whitfield and 6th place finisher Gabe Carr get a

big Speedway shout-out for running their first races in this class after starting their seasons in the Zoo Stocks.



When it was time for the **Street Stocks** to race, the crowd was ready for the 21 rowdy drivers going nose to tail and side by side. Kyle Ribble took fast time with a 14.645. Two laps into the race it was John Chapman in the lead and Bob Miller challenging; at the same time it was Kyle Ribble in the wall and Bobby Oxford into him. Still, Ribble pulled out a 14th place finish and Oxford a 17th. Nick Walthorn was into the wall a few laps later. Danny Oxford claimed the lead with about 12 laps completed. It was the night of the wall and

John Michael Ray also found it with 16 laps remaining. With Oxford enjoying a very comfortable lead, Chapman, Rob Hardy, Brad VanAvery and Shane Miller (previous page right) were battling for position. Hardy went hard into the inside retaining wall with 7 laps to go. Shane Miller took advantage of the restart and wrested the lead from Oxford. The race finished with Shane Miller taking the checkered followed by Danny Oxford, Keith Wilfong (who literally flew into 3rd place), Brad VanAvery and Greg Brown (who'd been stealthily moving through the field throughout the race).



The Outlaw Super Late Model's **Last Chance Race** for the Lane Automotive 75 set up 10 drivers to make the top 4 or go home. Andrew Brest (left) pulled out to an early lead with Jeff Bozell trailing. Rick Hahn Jr was running in the 3rd spot when he went hard into the wall losing a tire in the process. In the end, it was Brest, Bozell, Chris Garrett and Matt Corliss advancing.

The **Lane Automotive 75** drivers took center stage with 22 cars. Brian Bergakker captured fast time earlier in the day posting a 12.961. At the green it was Matt Frazier jumping out to the lead with Rick Senneker and Adam Terry behind him. We saw a few eyes scan back into the field to catch Jeff Ganus' position in the line-up (shown right going through tech). That would be 12th place. A caution at lap 19 had Andy Bozell making a quick pit stop before rejoining the field at the tail. Meanwhile Ganus was methodically reeling in his fellow competitors. With 35 laps complete it was Frazier, Terry, Ganus, Phil Bozell and Steve Needles. Frazier and Ganus duelled for the lead with Ganus ultimately prevailing. With 41 laps complete, Phil Bozell was done for the night after oil spilled on the track before the driver could be black flagged. A second caution followed for a bad restart before going back to green. Frazier held on to the second spot with only 19 laps remaining but had slipped to 4th by 15 remaining. When the final flag waved, Ganus had taken his second feature of the night followed by Brain Bergakker, Steve Needles, Todd Harrington and Andy Bozell (having worked his way back to the front from the tail of the field). Frazier held on and finished 6th.

