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AUGUST 3 AT THE RACES KALAMAZOO KLASH XXVI WEEKEND AT THE RACES (Recap)





## FRIDAY AUGUST 3: STOCK FOUR NIGHT

Bring on the Zoo Stocks: It's the Burg vs Zoo Stocks Round 2 with a \$400 to win payout. Later in the program the Street Stocks shine in a \$1,000 to win 35-lap feature. There are only THREE weekly races left in the season before the September post-season begins. Stock up on racing action now to last over

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

the long off-season.

The points lead changed in two of the classes last Friday night and are tight in all classes. Be there this Friday to see what happens; it's not the same to hear about it later. The Outlaw Super Late Models have the night off in anticipation of Kalamazoo Klash XXVI on Wednesday, August 8. We will see YOU at the races!

# NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

Rain date August 9



**IT ONLY COMES ONCE A YEAR** 

**BE THERE** 





FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24** 



#### KALAMAZOO KLASH XXVI ARCA/CRA SUPER SERIES 125 LAP FEATURES

It's the Kalamazoo Speedway summer classic: the Kalamazoo Klash. Named one of the top five events in the nation and paying \$10,000 to win you'll want to be at Kalamazoo Speedway on Wednesday, August 8!

This year we're offering 250 numbered reserved seats on the large deck in Turn 3. Individual chairs (with backs and armrests) will be spaced out to make sure guests have room to breathe and walk around. Your seat will be waiting for you whether you arrive at 4 PM for qualifying or 7 PM just in time to catch the racing action. In addition to great seats, guests will enjoy complimentary bottled water, soda and snacks from 5:00 - 9:00 PM. A cash-only adult beverage station, stocked with ice cold beer, wine and hard lemonades, will be located adjacent to the deck entrance. The cost per ticket is \$45. Call the Speedway Office at (269) 692-2423 to reserve your seat(s) with either a credit or debit card.

All 43 skyboxes are sold out. At the time the newsletter went to press, reserved seating was still available.

# **STOCK FIVE NIGHT**

All Classes Race Pre-Race Autographs in the Pits Back-2-School Backpack Giveaway



### STOCK FIVE NIGHT SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT All Classes Race

100 Lap Finale for the Outlaw Super Late Models

**SCHEDULE CHANGE.** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual World Series for Compacts (a victim of the July 20 rainout) will be run on September I (joining the Call of the Wild).

**COOLERS.** The Klash is a restricted-cooler event. Only softside, 6-pack size coolers will be allowed. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

# **JULY 27 AT THE RACES**

Five classes! 117 cars! No rain! Comfortable temperatures. Pinch me! Was I dreaming?!



The **Zoo Stocks** were 30 cars strong. Dave Miller took fast time with a 17.071, later running a 16.828 in his heat race and timing out of the Zoo Stock Class; he finished up the night in the Outlaw FWD feature. With Miller going under the magic 17.00, Taylor Imus was awarded the heat race win, her first. Cody Day and Don Teadt won the other two heat races. Mason May led the first lap of the feature before Rent-a-Ride driver Zachary Postma took the lead. Postma gave someone a love tap early on and rode the inside wall later in the race without anyone missing a beat. Rielly Meade passed Postma for the

lead. Colin Bozell resolutely tried to get around Jerry Ballard while Nick Failing made the same effort to get around Bozell. At the checkered it was Meade, Ballard, Bozell, Failing and Imus (adding her first top 5 finish to her earlier heat win). Cole Roelofs won the B feature followed by Don Teadt, Don Porter, Kyra Donald and Charles Anderson. Coming into the race as the Zoo Stock point leader, Curtis Towne finished 7<sup>th</sup> and gave up the point lead to Colin Bozell by 14 points. Trailing both are Ballard (-86) in his first season of racing, Failing (-171) and Meade (-175).



Pete Doxey won his third feature of the year after putting up quick time (15.253) over the 24 racers in the **Outlaw FWD** class. Brock Sweeter, Ben Wilcox and Camille Lewis won the heat races. Brock Sweeter quickly worked his way to the front from the 9<sup>th</sup> starting position. Half-way through the race Jason Essex and Pete Doxey, both starting at the rear of the field, were swarming Sweeter from both sides. Sweeter relinquished the lead to Essex and Doxey passed Essex with four to go. Doxey took the checkered flag followed by Essex, Jeremy Young, Ricky LaDuke and Doug Smith. Doxey is

pictured with best bud, Ray, and his dad, Dorian; dad is the "garage" behind Doxey's success on the track. Jordan Hunderman, taking out his son's car for a shakedown run, won the B feature followed by Joe McDonald, Doug Nelson, Matt Searles and Ryan Diamond. With the win, Doxey moves to third in the points, an impressive feat given his out-of-state job doesn't free him up until the end of May. It's Essex ahead of LaDuke (-51), Doxey (-133), Kyle Jansen (-156) and Nick Layman (-191).



A packed field of 23 **Street Stocks** ran in the 30lap feature. Kyle Ribble posted fast time with a 14.564. Heat races went to Danny Oxford and Travis Hall. The feature started off with a caution for fluid on the race track. Kevin Sweat and Dave Simpson led the field in the second attempt to get the race underway. Sweat took the early lead and held off his competitors for 6 laps, finally giving way to Josh Zordan. Jordan, in his first trip to the Zoo since May 4, looked strong in holding off the field. Zack Cook starting in the 9<sup>th</sup> position found himself in the middle of three wide racing and lost several positions. Andy Rutherford (preceding page) was trailing Zordan. Keith Wilfong, Greg Brown and Kyle Ribble had all positioned themselves to make a run on the leaders. The red flag came out when Dave Simpson and Brad Hall tangled on the front stretch sending Hall into the wall. Car on fire, Hall was up and out of the car unharmed within seconds. Danny Oxford exited the race under red when his car went up in smoke. It took three attempts to get the field back to green with Zordan still in the lead. Drivers jockeyed for position with barely room to move. Rutherford took the lead with 5 laps to go and Ribble edged Brown for second place in the closing laps. At the line it was Rutherford with his first win of the season, Ribble, Brown, Zordan and Wilfong. Brown extended his point lead to 55 over Wilfong. Last year's season champion, Zack Cook is down 65 with Ribble (-117) and Shane Miller (-151) rounding out the top five.

The Late Model Sportsman got off to a rough start when John Long, Louis Miller, Bill Tomlinson, and Kenny Head were involved in a pile up on the 1<sup>st</sup> lap of the 30-lap feature. Miller and Long were done for the night. Unrelated but simultaneously, the axle on the #88 of AJ Foote broke and Foote was done for the night. Curtis Holt had the early lead and gave it up to Denver Sweat who held the lead for a few laps before Buddy Head moved into the lead. Keegan Dykstra made a bold move on the outside to better his position and moved into the 5<sup>th</sup> spot. At the halfway mark, Buddy Head still held the lead followed by Sweat, Lane Head, Dykstra and Austin Maynard.



Kenny Head had come from the tail of the field to claim 7<sup>th</sup>. While duos Lane Head/Maynard and Sweat/Dykstra duked it out for position, Buddy was pulling away from the rest of the field. With 12 to go, Sweat spun and was relegated to the tail of the field. At the finish the Head family was well-represented in the top five with Buddy (pictured with new grandson Carson) taking the checkered followed by Lane Head, Dykstra, Maynard and Kenny Head. Tomlinson recovered from the earlier crash and finished 8<sup>th</sup>. Buddy Head and Jerry Jansen won the heat races. Buddy Head had quick time of 13.696. Kenny Head went into the night 11 points ahead of Buddy Head and left 19 behind him. AJ Foote (-94), Dykstra (-124) and Lane Head (-220) round out the top 5 in points.



Taking an unfortunate page from the Late Model Sportsman, the Outlaw Super Late Models also needed a complete restart after one car got into another sending Rick Senneker hard into the outside retaining wall abruptly finishing his night. Also spinning or hitting the wall were Rick Hahn Jr, Matt Frazier, Bill Tomlinson, Monte Tolan and Carl Burlingham. Once the red flag was removed, the race went back to green with Nick Pressler retaining the lead he'd had since the beginning of the race. By 30 to go, John Long (left) had taken the lead and never gave it up. Doug True moved into second place and held that

position before Adam Terry took the spot with nine to go. Mark Shook moved steadily through the field and finished fourth followed by point leader Todd Harrington. Harrington retains the point lead over Shook (-11), True (-30), Terry (-75) and Matt Frazier (-140). John Long has had quite the season at the Speedway, racing infrequently but putting up a win in each of the nights he's raced.

