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## TRACK TALK

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**THIS FRIDAY — JUNE 28 — DOUBLE FEATURES**



**WEEK #9 – FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

**HOWE**  
Patio &  
Windows

**DOUBLE FEATURE NIGHT**

We've got DOUBLE FEATURES for the Late Model Sportsman, the Street Stocks, the Outlaw FWDs and the Zoo Stocks. It's pure racing all night long. The Outlaw Super Late Models have the night off.



We will see you at the races!

#### DETAILS: JUNE 28 (WEEK #9)

Pits Open	3:30
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$12
Youth 6-12	\$5
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30

**WEEK #10 – THURSDAY, JULY 4**

**RED, WHITE &**

**BOOM!**

We are getting ready to welcome you to a night of thrills and spills and FIREWORKS!



## WIN AN ENCLOSED TRAILER

Techwork Trailer Sales and Team Spirit Trailers have generously donated an enclosed trailer for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to make the Zoo Kares for Kids program the success that it is. Because of Techwork's and Team Spirit's generosity, Kalamazoo Speedway is able to provide extra cheer at the holidays for 40 kids and their families. This year's trailer can be checked out near the ticket windows. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the tire barn and any night 50/50 tickets are sold at the main entrance. The drawing will be held on Super Shoe Sunday. The winner need not be present to win.



## RECAP – JUNE 21

It was the Ben Beeler Memorial Trophy Night by Send Out Cards with each feature winner receiving a commemorative trophy. Ben Beeler may have been new to stock car racing but he'd found his race home at Kalamazoo Speedway.

The **Zoo Stocks** showed up 40 strong with Grant Lofquist putting up a fast time of 16.812 which graduated him to the Outlaw FWD class. That left Chris Bradshaw with quick time honors (16.999). Rookie Matt Elsey Jr. won heat #1 green to checkered and CJ French did the same in heat #2. Aaron Anderson and Wes Allen took heat #3 to green; Anderson took the lead and kept it in a hard fought win to the finish line. Jordan Brinkert (point leader going into the night) hit the wall and lost a tire. In heat #4, Hannah Zwart had the lead a couple of times before being black flagged for a breakout violation; rookie Drew Hosner won his first race. In the 20-lap 'A' feature, Charles Anderson and Logan Hiemstra led the field to green. Green was not the dominant color in the first couple of laps; that would be yellow. Hiemstra had the early lead with Elsey Jr. and Gary Wade challenging. Elsey Jr. took the lead with 15 to go as Wade, Hiemstra, Rielly Meade and Tyler Reading battled it out behind him. Elsey Jr. ran the race like a veteran, holding off challengers until Wade finally managed to pass him with 2 laps remaining. But that wasn't the end of the 'A' feature. Wade was later disqualified for an illegal driver change and Elsey Jr. (next page left), our youngest driver this year at 14 and 4 months took home a heat and feature win.





**Matt Elsey Jr. wins his first heat race and first feature in his first year of racing; Jorden Brinkert had a tough night, falling from first place to third in the points but pulling off a win in the 'B' feature.**

Bryce Peters and Hannah Zwart led the 15-lap Zoo 'B' feature to green; both of whom were hit with breakout violations in their heat races and were hit again, Drew Hosner also joined the black flag club. Jorden Brinkert (right) won the race followed by Mason May, Wes Allen, Bill Edwards, Don Porter, Drew Hosner, Roger Zimmerman, Bill Evink, Bryce Peters and Hannah Swart all on the lead lap (#13) when the race timed out. With five races in the bag, Rielly Meade has the point lead over Ross Bergman (-49), Jorden Brinkert (-74), Jared Blanchard (-75), Logan Hiemstra (-137), Matt Elsey Jr. (-189), Renae Letts (-204), Brock Sweeter (-279), Logan Meade (-336) and Kyle Knapp (-347).

The **Outlaw FWD** class sported 17 drivers with Gabe Carr posting a 15.101 for the fastest lap of the night; that's his fourth of the year. Carr went on to win heat #1 with a gutsy move going from third to the lead in turn 2. Makena Snyder got out to an early lead in heat #2 and maintained the lead until Wayne "Moose" Stack passed her on the white flag lap. In the 25-lap feature, Valerie Bozell and Snyder led the field to green. In a replay of the heat race, Wayne Stack pulled into the lead with 19 to go. The feature saw its share of cautions and with 10 to go the 25 minute time limit had been reached [one minute per lap]) meaning the next flag would determine the finish order. The cars made it the full 25 laps and saw Gabe Carr take the lead; point leader Corey Wood's #57 turn into a smoke bomb and lapped traffic play havoc with Carr going for his first feature win of the season and Pete Doxey trying for his second. At the line it Doxey, Carr and Adam Van Avery (who despite what the scoreboard was indicating, had a strong race), Ben Wilcox, Drew Losey, Wayne Stack, Kyle Jansen, Andrew Peters, John Munro and Makena Synder. VanAvery tops the leaderboard with Corey Woods (-9) dropping back to the second spot, followed by Pete Doxey (-76), Drew Losey (-76), Gabe Carr (-80), John Munro (-113), Camille Lewis (-131), John Carr (-155), Nick Layman (-189) and Valerie Bozell (-213).



**Pete Doxey wins his second feature of the year boosting him from 7<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in points, pictured in Victory Lane with his dad, and top notch mechanic, Dorian. The Outlaw FWDs take the green flag during the feature.**

Keeping his streak intact in the **Street Stocks**, Kyle Ribble captured quick time (14.798); the fastest of the 29 Street Stocks that showed up to race and the only driver to capture quick time in this class thus far this season. It was Mike Brooks and Kyle Ribble battling for the heat #1 win with Ribble prevailing. Heat #2 saw the nose to tail and door to door racing that characterizes Street Stock racing. When the dust settled it was Greg Brown taking the checkered flag in a well-driven race. Heat #3 featured nine drivers with 3 of them having a #22 on their door. And it wasn't the 22's night. All three were involved in a red flag tangle with Brad Hall and Travis Rozner retiring for the night. Jerry Ballard used the stop to make repairs. When the race went back to green Jerry Zachary had a good run before Zack Cook took over the lead for the win. The 15-lap Last Chance race started the crumpled car of Ballard and rookie Bug Schisler taking the field to green. The rookie put up a fight against veteran Matt Elsey and got the win. Also advancing were Matt Elsey, Ricky LaDuke and Ballard. Danny Oxford and John Chapman led the field to the green flag in the 30-lap feature. Oxford took the early lead. With 24 to go, Colin Bozell had taken the lead and remained in the lead for the rest of the race. Bozell had a substantial lead at one point only to be run down by a very driven Shane Miller. Mike Brooks and Tom Rutherford were battling for position while Brandon Zachary was doing his best to get around Miller. Kyle Ribble was on the move and passed Brooks as time was running out, managing a top 5 finish. In the final reckoning it was Bozell, Miller, Zachary, Rutherford, Ribble, Brooks, Bob Miller, Zack Cook, Barry Jenkins and Greg Brown. Ballard's #22 finished on the lead lap in 15<sup>th</sup>. Kyle Ribble retains the point lead followed by Brandon Zachary (-18), Zack Cook (-28), Colin Bozell (-113), Shane Miller(-125), Barry Jenkins (-147), Greg Brown (-174), Heath Bronkema (-274), Bug Schisler (-246) and Jerry Zachary (-271).



**Jerry Ballard's car suffered major damage in the heat race but Ballard pulled it together to advance out of the Last Chance Race and finish on the lead lap of the feature. Colin Bozell gets his first win in the Street Stock class, pictured with son Colin Jay.**

There were 16 **Late Model Sportsman** on hand to race on Friday night. Chris Shannon was fast qualifier (13.877) for the first time this season. In heat #1, Lane Head jumped out to an early lead from the second row and logged all 8 laps in the top spot. In heat #2, Buddy Head moved from dead last to the front to make it a family affair. Jerry Jansen and Jesse VanAvery led the 35-lap feature to the green. VanAvery took the early lead. While 22's were the rage in the Street Stocks, 32 was the preferred number in the Sportsman with Chris Shannon, Chris Garrett and TC Burgess all sporting that number. Following a caution at about the half way point, it was Shannon, VanAvery and Garrett followed by Keegan Dykstra and Buddy Head. Dykstra kept Buddy at bay and VanAvery and Garrett played cat and mouse before VanAvery nailed second at the finish. Shannon takes his first feature of the season, followed by VanAvery, Garrett, Dykstra, Buddy Head, Lane Head, Ryan Stutz, Dylan Stovall, Bill Tomlinson and Bob Bliss. Buddy Head is still atop the point board followed by Chris Shannon (-112), Chris Garrett (-134), Keegan Dykstra (-231), Dylan Stovall (-247), Jeff Bozell (-257), Keith Wilfong (-323), Ryan Stutz (-339), Kenny Head (-351) and Lane Head (-362).





Chris Shannon joins Jason Seltzer in the announcer's perch following his win and in Victory Lane with Melinda Beeler (Ben's mom) and Shannon's dad, Keith, a former racer himself.

The **Outlaw Super Late Models'** Doug True took fast time with a 13.154. Adam Terry hit a 13.170 for both of the Super Late qualifying sessions. What are the odds?? Matt Frazier started in the front row for heat #1 and never looked back. In heat #2, Chad Poorman poured it on to take the win with 2 laps to go. Matt Frazier took the early lead in the 40-lap feature and maintained the lead until late in the race. Frazier, having a stellar night, had a number of drivers set on knocking him out of the lead position. Doug True started last and was moving steadily up through the field; taking the lead from Frazier with under 2 laps to go. Rick Senneker, also having a great night, got around Frazier to take second place. At the line it was Doug True, Rick Senneker, Matt Frazier, Craig Everage, Tom Thomas, in his first appearance of the season, Andrew Brest, Rick Hahn, Chad Poorman, Dave Sensiba and Todd Harrington. Andrew Brest retains his point lead in a tight race for the championship over defending champion Todd Harrington (-23), Doug True (-35), Adam Terry (-44), Craig Everage (-62), Rick Senneker (-66), Matt Frazier (-90), Billy Shannon -166), Bill Tomlinson -218) and Jesse VanAvery (-279).



Rick Senneker in the 57 and Doug True race for position. Right, Doug True hits tech before qualifying.



## PHOTO MEDLEY



We have a number of racing families here at the Zoo and we've pictured a few here. Top left: Jeff Bozell between his son Colin and daughter Valerie. Colin started racing last year and won the Zoo Stock championship and won his first Street Stock feature last week; Valerie started racing here in the Zoo Stocks when she was 14 and won her first feature her first time out (Opening Night 2016); Jeff is racing in the Late Model Sportsman this year having accumulated a number of top 10 seasonal finishes in the Outlaw Super Late Models. And of course the three are a part of a larger Bozell racing family. Top right: Chris and Renae Letts and

Renae's dad, Bill Evink. Bill and Renae run in the Zoo Stocks. Renae has placed in the top 10 at the close of a number of seasons and is currently 7<sup>th</sup>. Chris runs in the Late Model Sportsman when he's able. In the second row, left, sisters Maggie and Hannah Zwart are racing in Zoo Stocks this year. Hannah is one of our teen drivers. On the right are cousins Zack Cook, Taylor Sexton and Nick Layman. Taylor raced at the Little Kalamazoo Speedway before racing at Kalamazoo Speedway where she now races in the Street Stocks having started out in the Outlaw FWD where she finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 2017. Nick races in the Outlaw FWD and has finished the season in the top 10 since 2016 and is currently 9<sup>th</sup>. Zack won the Street Stock championship in 2017 and has already won 2 features this year plus one of the Raber's Rumble races. In the third row, a mama bird made her nest right there on the green and the eggs have hatched. Mama bird was quite distraught with all the activity so a few people gave her a hand and built a barricade. Bottom left, it's Jack Goodrich who offers our invocation and sings our National Anthem.