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## TRACK TALK

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### FRIDAY, AUGUST 16: WEEKLY RACING (All classes compete)

There are a lot of reasons to make sure you don't miss the races this Friday night. It's Season Championship Night—the last regular season races of the year. We've seen competitive and great racing all season long and the point races are the closest they've been in years. The racing will be intense with 4 of the 5 championships being too close to call. Buddy Head has locked up his seventh consecutive **Late Model Sportsman** championship (eighth overall). It'll be the battle of drivers named Chris (Shannon and Garrett) for second and third in that class. Except for defending champion Todd Harrington in the Outlaw Super Late Models, it would be the first track championship for any the remaining drivers with a shot at winning their class championship.



Jorden Brinkert reclaimed the point lead last week in the **Zoo Stocks** over Rielly Meade (-6) with Logan Hiemstra (-7), rookie and our youngest driver this year, Matt Elsey Jr. (-20) and another rookie, Jared Blanchard (-56) not far behind. One bobble and a championship could slip away.

In the **Outlaw FWD** it's a race between Adam Van Avery and Pete Doxey (-27). Corey Woods (-118) who held the point lead for almost half of the season hit a late season rough patch giving up the lead to Van Avery who had led every week that Woods hadn't. Pete Doxey had his own troubles last week and started the season with a handicap having missed opening night.

In the **Street Stocks** it's a race between Brandon Zachary and Kyle Ribble (-67). Defending champion Zack Cook led the point race after the first week. Cook and Ribble were tied in the second week before Ribble took sole possession of the lead in week three. Ribble led until July 26 when he was sharing the lead again (what are the odds); this time with Brandon Zachary, who has led since.

The Hoosier 100 season finale for the **Outlaw Super Late Models** will determine the track champion. Doug True has the point lead with Adam Terry (-13), Rick Senneker (-14), Todd Harrington (-33) and Andrew Brest (-39) within striking distance. Craig Everage (-71) and Matt Frazier (-118) have mathematical chances to win but would need a lot of help from the drivers ahead of them. Billy Shannon is 150 back.

We will see you at the races!

RACE DAY INFORMATION	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Pit Passes (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$15
Youth 6-12	\$8
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 – CALL OF THE WILD XIII

Throw away the rule book! Not only will the top five cars in qualifying be able to go for the track speed record, but there will be plenty of racing action for the rear and front wheel drive cars. Joining the program, the Midwest Compacts will hold their World Championships. For more information about the Call of the Wild see page 7.



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

Do we need to explain? Crashes. Explosions. Novelty races. Mayhem. Monster Trucks. Scarecrow. Fireworks.



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – SUPER SHOE WEEKEND STARTS

It's Super Shoe Weekend. Three days of racing. Camping. The ultimate year-end party.



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – AWARDS BANQUET (WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY) (details to follow)



## RECAP: AUGUST 16 RACING

The weather forecast kept everyone on their toes with its shape shifting. It's going to rain. No, now the radar is moving the system north. No wait, there's another system and it's coming our way. Thank goodness a new economy sized bottle of antacids was on hand. The forecast didn't put folks off and 130 cars showed up to race.

Keith Dixon (16.763) drove away with fast time in the **Zoo Stocks** after the three drivers ahead of him were disqualified for going faster than the 16.750 time allowed. Nick Failing (16.602), James Moore (16.612) and Tyler McGhan (16.659) graduated to the Outlaw FWD. This was Failing's second graduation, having returned when the Zoo Stock "fast time" was adjusted in early July. In a surprising turn of events, point leader Rielly Meade put up a qualifying time that put him in the 15-lap 'B' feature (and left the night without the point lead). Drew Hosner ran a strong race but in the end it was Meade taking the checkered flag. Meade (top right) tried to assure Beckett that his season championship hopes weren't eliminated by not racing in the 'B' feature. Thirteen cars ran in the 'B' feature with 7 finishing on the lead lap: Meade, Hosner followed by Dennis Mudd, Roger Zimmerman, Bill Evink, Eric Mepyans and Chet Terry.

Matt Elsey won the 20-lap 'A' feature in a hard fought race against rookie Bryce Peters. Josh Nyberg took the early lead before Elsey passed him a few laps into the race. Peters moved up from a 10<sup>th</sup> starting position into the second spot with 13 to go. A couple of cautions at the midway point had cars every which way and Matt Elsey Jr. with front end damage; he returned to the race after a trip to the pits but finished a disappointing 17<sup>th</sup>. Peters was able to pull ahead of Elsey several times and they were side by side and banging at the finish line when the white flag flew. At the finish line that counted it was Elsey by a car length. Elsey's first order of business in Victory Lane was making sure his son was OK. Then on to the celebration (pictured with Elsey Jr., friend Tommy and Christina Rantz). Following Elsey and Peters over the finish line were Keith Dixon, Logan Hiemstra, Jared Blanchard, Logan Meade, Kenny Head II, Maggie Zwart Campbell, Grand Lofquist and Dillon Rose.

The 'C' feature was rained out and will not be made up.



The **Outlaw FWD** cars took to the track for their 25-lap feature but the sprinkles arrived before a lap could be completed. The race will be made up at the start of the race program on August 23. Gabe Carr (15.097) took fast time of the 18 cars that hoped to race their full program.

Mike Brooks was the fast qualifier (14.735) in the **Street Stocks**. More than a full field of Street Stocks qualified forcing a Last Chance Race for nine of the drivers; Bob Metheny, Greg Brown, Danny Oxford and Taylor Imus advanced to the 30-lap feature. Bug Schisler and Colin Bozell led the field to green. Bozell took the early lead and it was soon three wide as he was sandwiched by Jerry Pierman and Shane Miller, both Miller and Pierman moved ahead of him and then rounded the track door to door. At the halfway point the first caution flew and Bozell was towed off the track. We remained mired with 8 laps remaining for several cautions and yet another caution shortly thereafter. When the race went back to green Pierman and Miller were back at their duel. Mike Brooks, Brandon Zachary and Barry Jenkins each made their attempts to advance but it was Pierman, Brooks, Miller, Zachary and Jenkins at the finish line. Zack Cook ran sixth followed by Josh Zordan, Ricky LaDuke, Bug Schisler and Heath Bronkema.



Twenty-three drivers qualified with Andy Bozell capturing fast time (13.767). Nick Pressler and Ryan Minton led the field to green for the 35-lap feature; Pressler taking the early lead. Dykstra took the lead with 29 remaining. Matt Maurer, Pressler, Chris Garrett, Kenny Head and Buddy Head were all following and waiting for the moment to make their move to take the lead. Chris Garrett had the best shot to wrest the lead from Dykstra and came close a couple of times, but it was Dykstra's night, a long time coming since his Outlaw FWD championship year in 2015. Garrett came in second followed by Matt Maurer, Buddy Head, Andy Bozell, Kenny Head, Brandon Lyons, John Long, Nick Pressler and Ryan Stutz.



Nineteen **Outlaw Super Late Models** qualified and ran in the 40-lap feature. Todd Harrington claimed fast time with a 13.057. Zack Cook was driving the #44 of Todd Burlingham as he did in the Klash. Cook started on the pole with Cory Pressler on the outside. As a testament to Cook's driving prowess, he seemed right at home in the car despite this being only his third outing in an Outlaw Super Late Model. Pressler took the early lead before Cook assumed it with about 5 laps in. As the field shook out, Kevin Sauer moved into second place with Adam Terry behind him. At one point Cook had a multi-car lead but the rest of the field erased this. Sauer got around Cook for one



lap late in the race but Cook powered around him in the next lap to retake the lead. Terry used lapped traffic to move into second place with Sauer slipping to third. With 5 to go, Terry passed Cook but a caution came out and wiped that out. When the race returned to green, Sauer was back in second, followed by Terry, Rick Senneker and Mark Shook in the top five. In the final dash to the finish, Sauer got loose; Terry took advantage of that and Senneker powered his way into third. Terry tried to power around Cook but Cook held on by 0.097 seconds at the line. Following Cook and Terry it was Senneker, Sauer, Shook, John Long, Marty Crawford, Andrew Brest, Todd Harrington and Doug True. Cook did double duty and had to hop into his Street Stock which ran right after the Outlaw Super Late Models so he missed his trip to Victory Lane. (Photo taken at the Klash)

## LEASED EVENTS



### The Rusty Wallace Driving Experience

hosted scores of men and women on Saturday, August 10. Orientation was first in the form of a sort of drivers' meeting, then drivers suited up and were placed in a race car to drive around the track. We did a double take when we spotted Val Bozell and other members of her family there. Val's pictured with Stephanie Bozell and Sue Hayes plus Jeff Bozell. Val's grandfather, Steve Delobel (below right) was trying out the driving experience.



Bozell family photo

On Saturday, August 17, it was the **Bandit Big Rig Series** making their first Michigan appearance. Fifteen drivers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Tennessee and North Carolina put on quite the show at the oval. There were plenty of events besides the evening races. The series caters to kids, the racers of the future, and we've pictured a couple of them taking part in a kid's area. There were many fine area trucks on display for the truck show; fans got to vote for their favorite. We were particularly struck by the Fallen Heroes truck (check out the screen of the firefighter on the door). The night included a trackside meet and greet plus several giveaways. And of course there was racing, and where racing goes, crashes happen. Rain threatened but the whole program was completed before it arrived.





Photos by A. Fisher



## **CALL OF THE WILD XIII**

### **CALL OF THE MID XIII**

presented by RACEceiver

**Saturday, August 31 – 7:00 PM**

## **“Run-What-Ya-Brung Outlaw Spectacular”**

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### **RACEceiver Qualifying Showdown**

The fastest 5 cars from the combined group qualifying sessions will be invited to participate in the “RACEceiver Qualifying Showdown” at approximately 8:00 PM on any tire of their choice! The session will last approximately 30 minutes to find out if any driver can answer

### **“The Call of the Wild”**

Showdown payout: **\$500-400-300-200-100!**

Receive an additional \$1,000 bonus for a new world record ~ total of a \$1,500 payout!

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### **Two Classes of Outlaws World Series of Compacts**

**Outlaw RWD Cars ~ \$1,500 to win ~ \$ time bonus**

100” min. wheelbase – any 10” **500 fast** tire to race on – make sure they fit below our flag stand!

**Outlaw FWD Cars ~ \$400 to win ~ \$150 fast time bonus**

Must be a FWD – 8” wheels max – DOT Tires – Let’s Go Racing!

**World Series of Compacts ~ \$2,000 to win ~ \$150 to start A-main**

– FWDs can race in only one of the events: DOT Event OR the World Series of Compacts –

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**Pit Gates open at 1:00 PM**

**Group Qualifying from 3:00 – 6:30 PM – Racing at 7:00 PM Sharp**

**Pits \$30 – Adult Grandstands \$15 – Kids 6-12 \$8 – Kids 5 and under FREE**

### **GUARANTEED PAYOUT – NO ENTRY FEE**

**40 Lap RWD A Feature \$1,500 to win – 800-600-500-450-400-325-300-250-240 to start**  
**30 Lap RWD B Feature \$700 to win – 350-300-250-200-180-170-160-150-140 to start**  
**20 Lap RWD C Feature \$450 to win – 250-200-175-150-140-130-120-110-100 to start**  
**25 Lap FWD A Feature \$400 to win – 200-125-120-110-100-95-90-85-80 to start**  
**20 Lap FWD B Feature \$200 to win – 100-95-90-85-80-75-70-65-60 to start**  
**15 Lap FWD C Feature \$150 to win – 75-70-65-60-55-50 to start**

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