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TOP 10: 2019 ZOO STOCK



Provided by Gary Howe

Ordinarily we'd use this space to share a few photos from the festivities celebrating the achievements of our drivers in 2019, but the photographer who takes the newsletter pictures wasn't in attendance and we haven't been able to access other pictures. So we'll be improvising and publishing the posters that were given out (along with the usual hardware) to each Top 10 driver. As space permits we'll also include those not in the top 10 but who made it to every race in their class! We were able to get our hands on one photo from the Caribbean-themed award's night—Gary Howe and Cade West. West was one of the winners in the costume contest.

We'll start with the Top 10 in the Zoo Stock and we'll continue over the next several months until we get through the remaining 4 classes.

One driver short of 100 earned points in the Zoo Stocks in 2019. Eight drivers got caught up in the Zoo Stock speed limit and were promoted to the Outlaw FWDs. Mid-season the limit was changed and drivers could return to the Zoos if they desired. This gave Nick Failing the opportunity to graduate to the Outlaw FWDs a second time in one season. Grant Lofquist pulled off an 8th place finish despite his graduation and made the most of his Zoo Stock reinstatement by winning the feature the night of his return.

Dillon Rose rose (ha!) to the top 10 in quick form joining the season on June 21 and by August 2 he was in the 10th position in points, ultimately finishing 9th. Logan Hiemstra went home with 3rd place in the final standings and sporting a Most Improved Driver designation. Jared Blanchard in his first year of racing at Kalamazoo Speedway made an impression over the course of the season and also took home Most Improved Driver. Jorden Brinkert raced at Super Shoe in 2018 then ran his first full season at the Zoo this year taking Rookie of the Year honors. Brinkert led the point standings 4 times over the course of the season and held it going into championship night. Rookie Matt Elsey Jr. was the youngest driver at the Speedway this season; he won't be 15 until next year. He finished second in the 'B' feature on opening night and got the hang of racing quickly. Elsey Jr. was in 4th place (-20) going into championship night with a chance at the championship. He was 10 points down after qualifying. And then he exceeded the speed limit in the feature and finished 5th for the season. His dad joined him in the top 10 by finishing 10th. Rielly Meade held the point lead 4 times over the course of the season but didn't have the lead going into championship night. He captured the title despite being relegated to running in the 'B' feature one week, and like 3 of his colleagues, won the 'B'. His brother, Logan, finished 7th in the final standings, with a win on championship night in his first top 5 finish of the season.

RIELLY MEADE
SEASON CHAMPION
2019 ZOO STOCK

FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	1
'A' FEATURE WIN	1
'B' FEATURE WIN	1
TOP 5	4
TOP 10	10
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	1205

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FAST TIME	1
HEAT WIN	—
'A' FEATURE WIN	2
'B' FEATURE WIN	1
TOP 5	6
TOP 10	6
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS (-4)	1201

JORDEN BRINKERT
RUNNER UP
2019 ZOO STOCK
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR




43

FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
FEATURE WIN	—
TOP 5	7
TOP 10	9
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS (-29)	1176

LOGAN HIEMSTRA
3RD PLACE
2019 ZOO STOCK
MOST IMPROVED DRIVER




28

FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
FEATURE WIN	—
TOP 5	3
TOP 10	6
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS (-54)	1151

JARED BLANCHARD
4TH PLACE
2019 ZOO STOCK
MOST IMPROVED DRIVER




27

FAST TIME	1
HEAT WIN	1
FEATURE WIN	2
TOP 5	4
TOP 10	5
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS (-94)	1111

MATT ELSEY JR.
5TH PLACE
2019 ZOO STOCK




19

FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
'A' FEATURE WIN	1
'B' FEATURE WIN	1
TOP 5	4
TOP 10	6
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	975

ROSS BERGMAN
6TH PLACE
2019 ZOO STOCK




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FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
'A' FEATURE WIN	1
TOP 5	1
TOP 10	6
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	932

LOGAN MEADE
7TH PLACE
2019 ZOO STOCK



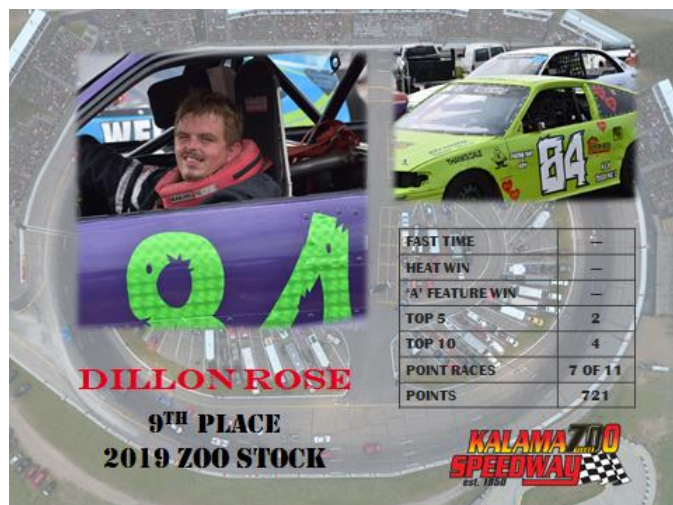


GRANT LOFQUIST

8TH PLACE
2019 ZOO STOCK

FAST TIME	2
HEAT WIN	—
'A' FEATURE WIN	1
TOP 5	3
TOP 10	4
POINT RACES	7 OF 11
POINTS	782

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DILLON ROSE

9TH PLACE
2019 ZOO STOCK

FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
'A' FEATURE WIN	—
TOP 5	2
TOP 10	4
POINT RACES	7 OF 11
POINTS	721

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MATT ELSEY

10TH PLACE
2019 ZOO STOCK

FAST TIME	1
HEAT WIN	1
'A' FEATURE WIN	1
'B' FEATURE WIN	1
TOP 5	3
TOP 10	4
POINT RACES	7 OF 11
POINTS	710

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Randy Sweet with Scott Bloomquist at the 2006 Kalamazoo Klash XIV.



RANDY SWEET

Randy Sweet passed away on Friday, November 8 at the age of 72, one week after being inducted into the Berlin Raceway Hall of Fame. In 2017, Sweet promoted the Sweet Manufacturing Outlaw Super Late Model Series to generate additional passion and drivers in the six marquee events that comprised the series. Kalamazoo Speedway hosted two of the six races. Sweet was no stranger to racing at Kalamazoo Speedway and last piloted a car at the track in 2017 driving a winged super sprint when the King of the Wing National Sprint Car series came to visit. The Call of the Wild was introduced in 2007 to challenge Randy Sweet's all time track (and world) record lap speed. The record had stood since 1982 at 10.746 seconds and his record didn't fall until 2008.

Our thoughts are with his family and his colleagues at Sweet Manufacturing.

EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2020

The 2020 schedule isn't a lock yet, but we're getting closer to a final version. Each class races at least 13 times. Fireworks will light up the skies four times this year. The immediate fan favorite Stacker cars are on the schedule several times! The Modifieds make a return as do the Bandit Big Rig Trucks. Some sadist changed the name of the Late Model Sportsman to Template Bodied Late Models; hope had blossomed that "Late Model" wouldn't appear in two class names again, but alas. Is winter over yet? We can't wait to welcome you back!

OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS (OSLM), TEMPLATE BODIED LATE MODELS (TLM), STREET STOCK (SS), OUTLAW FWD (FWD), ZOO STOCK (ZOO)

APRIL				ADULTS	KIDS	RACING
Sat.	11	PRE-SEASON TESTING		FREE	FREE	1:00
Sat.	18	PRE-SEASON TESTING		FREE	FREE	1:00
Fri.	24	SEASON OPENER 🏆🏆 INTIMIDATOR 100	ALL FIVE CLASSES	\$15	\$5	7:30
MAY				ADULTS	KIDS	RACING
Fri.	1	BIG BUCKS NIGHT 🏆🏆 MIDWEST COMPACT SERIES	TLM, SS, ZOO	\$12	\$5	7:30
Fri.	8	WEEKLY RACING	OSLM, TLM, SS, ZOO	\$15	\$5	7:30
Fri.	15	RABER'S STREET STOCK RUMBLE	SS, FWD, ZOO	\$13	\$5	7:30
Fri.	22	KLASH TUNE UP FOR THE SUPER LATES & TLM	OSLM, TLM, FWD	\$15	\$5	7:30
Sat.	23	MODIFIED NATIONALS 🏆🏆 SS (\$1000 TO WIN) 🏆🏆 ZOO (\$500 TO WIN)	SS, ZOO	\$15	\$5	7:00
Fri.	29	LOW DOUGH NIGHT 🏆🏆 STACKER CARS 🏆🏆 VRDA VINTAGE MODIFIEDS	SS, FWD, ZOO	\$10	FREE	7:30
JUNE				ADULTS	KIDS	RACING
Wed.	3	KLASH XXVIII 🏆🏆 OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS 🏆🏆 TEMPLATE BODIED LATE MODELS		\$25	\$5	7:00
Fri.	5	OFF WEEK – NO WEEKLY RACING		**	**	**
Fri.	12	DOUBLE VISION 🏆🏆 OSLM 55 – TLM 44 – FWD 33 – ZOO 22 🏆🏆 STACKER CARS		\$15	\$5	7:30
Fri.	19	WINGED SUPER SPRINTS 🏆🏆 OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS	OSLM, SS, ZOO	\$18	\$5	7:30
Fri.	26	OFF WEEK-NO WEEKLY RACING		**	**	**
Sat.	27	RED WHITE & BOOM NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION 🏆🏆 FIREWORKS!!!!		\$20	\$10	7:30
JULY				ADULTS	KIDS	RACING
Fri.	3	WEEKLY RACING 🏆🏆 FIREWORKS!!!!	ALL FIVE CLASSES	\$15	\$5	7:30
Fri.	10	ALLSTAR 75 FOR THE OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS	OSLM, TLM, ZOO	\$15	\$5	7:30
Fri.	17	WEEKLY RACING	OSLM, TLM, SS, FWD	\$15	\$5	7:30
Sat.	18	BANDIT BIG RIG TRUCKS MAKE AN ENCORE!		**	**	**
Fri.	24	HOOSIER 60 FOR THE OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS	OSLM, SS, FWD, ZOO	\$15	\$5	7:30
Fri.	31	BIG BUCKS NIGHT	TLM, SS, FWD, ZOO	\$12	\$5	7:30
AUGUST				ADULTS	KIDS	RACING
Fri.	7	WEEKLY RACING	OSLM, SS, FWD, ZOO	\$15	\$5	7:30
Fri.	14	WEEKLY RACING 🏆🏆 IWMA TROPHY NIGHT	OSLM, TLM, SS, ZOO	\$15	\$5	7:30
Fri.	21	WEEKLY RACING 🏆🏆 STACKER CARS	TLM, SS, FWD, ZOO	\$12	\$5	7:30
Fri.	28	WEEKLY RACING	OSLM, TLM, SS, ZOO	\$15	\$5	7:30
SEPTEMBER				ADULTS	KIDS	RACING
Fri.	4	SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT	ALL FIVE CLASSES	\$15	\$5	7:30
Sat.	12	SUPER SHOE TUNE UP 🏆🏆 MIDWEST COMPACTS 🏆🏆 ALL CARS – ALL CLASSES – NO RULES		\$15	\$5	7:00
Sat.	19	NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION 🏆🏆 FIREWORKS!!!!		\$20	\$10	7:30
Sun.	27	SUPER SHOE CAMPING OFFICIALLY BEGINS				2:00
OCTOBER				ADULTS	KIDS	RACING
Fri.	2	SUPER SHOE NATIONALS XXXIV 🏆🏆 QUALIFYING & PRACTICE		FREE	FREE	3:40
Sat.	3	SUPER SHOE NATIONALS XXXIV 🏆🏆 QUALIFYING, HEATS & FEATURES		\$12	\$5	4:30
Sun.	4	SUPER SHOE NATIONALS XXXIV 🏆🏆 FEATURES – FEATURES – FEATURES		\$15	\$5	12:30

RULES FOR 2020

The 2020 Rules are coming! Look for them soon on the Kalamazoo Speedway website. Among the changes, a section on chassis has been added to all RWD classes and additional base weights to the Outlaw FWD. The Street Stock rules (body) saw the most changes. Look for 2019 tech bulletins (transponder pouches, Zoo Stock and Outlaw FWD tow hooks, tire soaking/altering penalties, driver changes, Zoo Stock lap times) to have been incorporated. Tighter definition of the Rookie of the Year has been made so that say, Tyler Roahrig, couldn't decide to run a season in the Street Stock and be Rookie of the Year.





2020 RULES

ZOO KARES FOR KIDS

This 2019 Zoo Kares for Kids Bowling Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, November 24 from 1:00 - 3:30 pm at the Continental Lanes in Kalamazoo.

For over a decade Kalamazoo Speedway has been adopting families at Christmas. This year's goal is to provide Christmas gifts for 25 children and food for 100, bringing extra cheer for Christmas.

There are all sorts of ways to participate:

-  Be a \$100 lane sponsor for the bowlers.
-  Donate a product or gift certificate for the silent auction.
-  Offer items for the raffle table.
-  Join the hundreds who will attend the event!

On behalf of the Howe family, thank you for your consideration and support! Contact Donna Howe with questions or to donate (269.692.2423 or donna@kalamazoospeedway.com.)



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