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## TRACK TALK

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**FIRST OPEN PRACTICE OF 2020 – 94 DAYS!**  
**Open Practices: Saturday, April 11 & 18**

Drivers and crew wait for the windows to open on the first day of practice in 2019.

### TOP 10: 2019 STREET STOCK

Part III of the five-part series highlights the 2019 top 10 Street Stock drivers. The class saw 56 drivers participate in point racing plus Raber's Rumble (a non-point event) drew an additional 19 drivers who didn't otherwise compete in the Streets during 2019. Drivers ran in heat races on 4 nights and raced for points 11 times over 10 weeks (two features were run on June 28). Two nights of racing were rained out and one night was cancelled due to the heat index. Drivers ranged in age from 18-50 and drove in from Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties plus Indiana (Schisler).

**Doug Gallandt** raced a few times in 2018 and didn't miss a race in 2019, coming in 10<sup>th</sup> in the standings and was one of two drivers in the class to earn Most Improved Driver. **Rookie Bug Schisler**, 18, acquitted himself well over the season, capturing 9<sup>th</sup> place. He put up several strong showings including the July 26 feature when he took the lead from Jon Beach two-thirds through the race, was spun out while in the lead, got his lead back and then weathered some hard knocks from another driver, ultimately finishing fifth. **Heath Bronkema** is no stranger to the track and made all but one race this year. He finished eighth in the final standings and was the other driver to earn Most

Improved. **Shane Miller** is also no stranger to Kalamazoo Speedway and upped his racing this year as well as sported a sharp new car design. **Rookie Colin Bozell**, 24, earned Rookie of the Year honors having joined the Streets after winning the Zoo Stock season championship in 2018, his first season at Kalamazoo Speedway. He tried out a Street Stock at the end of 2019 and said he felt comfortable with the move. Bozell came in sixth in the final standings.

**Greg Brown**, the 2018 season champion, had a discouraging year plagued with car issues. He settled for winning heat races as his stamp on the season; that and racing to a seventh place finish on Season Championship night after running half the feature having sprouted wings on the front and side of his car (right). Despite everything, he showed up every week and ran like the champion he is, finishing the season in the top five. **Barry Jenkins** captured fourth place in the final standings. He may not have hit the top 5 frequently but was a solid top 10 finisher. He ran a few races in a Late Model Sportsman in the early part of the season. **Zack Cook** won 4 races and finished in the top 10 in every race. He entered the Klash and showed promise in the Outlaw Super Late Models by coming in second in the 'B' feature in his first start in a Super Late. He ran a point race on August 16, his second time in a Super Late, and won the race. **Kyle Ribble** had a string of fast times to start the season (the first 6 races plus Raber's Rumble). He made it to Victory Lane once and was a contender for the checkered flag each week. He shared the point lead with Zack Cook by the second week of the season and kept the lead until **Brandon Zachary** caught and tied him for the lead on July 26. Zachary took sole possession the following week and kept it until the end of the season. Zachary had a notch in each of the major race categories, taking one fast time, winning one heat, winning 3 features in a row and placing in the Top 5 for each race he ran. This is his first Kalamazoo Speedway championship.



Week in and week out the Street Stocks put on quite the show with their signature nose-to-tail and side-by-side racing.

FAST TIME	1
HEAT WIN	1
FEATURE WIN	3
TOP 5	11
TOP 10	11
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	1509

**BRANDON ZACHARY**  
**SEASON CHAMPION**  
**2019 STREET STOCK**

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FAST TIME	6
HEAT WIN	2
FEATURE WIN	1
TOP 5	8
TOP 10	9
POINT RACES	10 OF 11
POINTS	1314

**KYLE RIBBLE**  
**RUNNER UP**  
**2019 STREET STOCK**





FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	2
FEATURE WIN	4
TOP 5	7
TOP 10	10
POINT RACES	10 OF 11
POINTS	1304



**ZACK COOK**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**  
**2019 STREET STOCK**







FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
FEATURE WIN	—
TOP 5	1
TOP 10	8
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	1169

**BARRY JENKINS**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
**2019 STREET STOCK**


FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	3
FEATURE WIN	—
TOP 5	3
TOP 10	8
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	1142

**GREG BROWN**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
**2019 STREET STOCK**


FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
FEATURE WIN	1
TOP 5	2
TOP 10	6
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	1139

**COLIN BOZELL**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
**2019 STREET STOCK**  
**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**





FAST TIME	1
HEAT WIN	—
FEATURE WIN	—
TOP 5	6
TOP 10	7
POINT RACES	10 OF 11
POINTS	1093

**SHANE MILLER**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE**  
**2019 STREET STOCK**







**HEATH BRONKEMA**  
8<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
2019 STREET STOCK  
MOST IMPROVED DRIVER

FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
FEATURE WIN	—
TOP 5	1
TOP 10	5
POINT RACES	10 OF 11
POINTS	903

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**BUG SCHISLER**  
9<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
2019 STREET STOCK

FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
LAST CHANCE	1
TOP 5	1
TOP 10	3
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	891

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**DOUG GALLANDT**  
10<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
2019 STREET STOCK  
MOST IMPROVED DRIVER

FAST TIME	—
HEAT WIN	—
FEATURE WIN	—
TOP 5	—
TOP 10	5
POINT RACES	11 OF 11
POINTS	867


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There were two drivers who didn't make the top 10 but were Race Warriors (raced in each race the Street Stock class ran): Placing 13<sup>th</sup> was Jerry Ballard (the 2018 third place finisher in the Zoo Stocks) and Taylor Sexton, 18, placing 16<sup>th</sup> in her second year of racing in this highly competitive division. Matt Elsey Sr. also raced each week, just not all in the same class. (Elsey placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the Zoo Stocks and was highlighted in the November 2019 newsletter).



**JERRY BALLARD**  
13<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
2019 STREET STOCK  
RACE WARRIOR: 11 FOR 11 POINT RACES

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**TAYLOR SEXTON**  
16<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
2019 STREET STOCK  
RACE WARRIOR: 11 FOR 11 POINT RACES

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