



TRACK TALK

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Kalamazoo Speedway is excited to announce a partnership with Randy's Towing (Recovery & Service) for the 2020 season and beyond. Like Kalamazoo Speedway, Randy's Towing (located in Niles) is family owned and operated. Randy Ritchey and his family are longtime fans of Kalamazoo Speedway and have watched the action from their skybox along the front stretch for years. After years of being fans, Ritchey decided to take the next step and become an active partner. That's good news for Kalamazoo Speedway, drivers and fans.

So what exactly does this mean for 2020? It means the 2020 Event Schedule will run as published. It means the same staff that everyone is accustomed to seeing will still be working. It means Gary Howe will still be pacing up in the Scoring Tower and Shawn McLaughlin will still be telling drivers what to do. It means Tom Wright will be checking cars in tech and offering a handshake. It means Ryan Warning will be up in the announcer's stand along with Jason Seltzer. It means the published rules are still in effect and tire soaking will still not be tolerated at Kalamazoo Speedway.

The partnership does impact purses for a few races. The Season Opener **Intimidator 100**, for instance, is now a \$5,000 to win race. The **Kalamazoo Klash** winner will take home \$15,000. All classes will see extra payout in the form of '**Randy's Towing Bucks**' on select races over the course of the 2020 season. Randy's Towing will be sponsoring three **fireworks** shows this year, including one on a weekly race night.

Weekly payouts for all five classes have increased:

-  **Outlaw Super Late Models.** \$1200 – 700 – 600 – 500 – 400 – 350 – 325 – 300 – 275 to start
-  **Template Late Models.** \$700 – 450 – 350 – 275 – 225 – 220 – 215 – 210 – 200 – 190 to start
-  **Street Stock.** \$500 – 300 – 225 – 175 – 160 – 150 – 140 – 135 – 130 to start
-  **Outlaw FWD.** \$225 – 125 – 95 – 90 – 85 – 80 – 75 to start
-  **Zoo Stock.** \$130 – 90 – 80 – 70 – 65 – 60 – 55 to start

The newly announced partnership with Randy's Towing will allow many improvements to the venue over the next three years including work on the grandstands' PA system, additional restrooms, more special events, more concession choices and even seeing the old girl finally get a new coat of asphalt!!

We've been thinking about the 2020 season and it's time you start thinking about the 2020 season as well. Please keep in mind the pits were packed last year and there were only 7 open skyboxes in 2019.

🚩 **Reserved Pit Spots** are \$100 in both the main and upper pit areas. There will be plenty of free paved spots (all with electric); however, if you want the same spot(s) every week, you may want to consider a reserved spot. Call Kenny now at the Speedway office at (269) 692-2423 to reserve and pay for your spot(s).

🚩 **Skybox** invoices will be mailed out this week. Anyone who had a skybox in 2019 has until January 31 to reserve last year's skybox. **Early chatter makes us think that we will be close to having all skyboxes sold for the season.** If you want a skybox for the season, contact Gary now at gary@kalamazoospeedway.com or call the Speedway office at (269) 692-2423.

🚩 **Kalamazoo Speedway is still one of the hottest weekly short tracks in the Midwest.** Contact Gary to discuss any track sponsorship opportunities, track signage or company outings on one of the two party decks. (gary@kalamazoospeedway.com or the Speedway office at (269) 692-2423.



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