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TRACK TALK

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From the 2019 Raber's Street Stock Rumble

TECH BULLETIN #2021-01

Tech Bulletin #2021-01 impacts the Street Stocks and only for 2021 (excepting Super Show).

The Kalamazoo Speedway Street Stock rules have mandated a minimum wheelbase of 108 inches for the last 21 years, per track owner Gary Howe. This year wheelbases of 105-107 inches will be permitted; however, the minimum weight for cars with the smaller wheelbase will be 3200 pounds with 56% left side weight. The revised rule follows.

3. FRAME. The minimum wheelbase is 108". Rear wheel drive, stock OEM frames only. No fabricated chassis of any kind. Minimum frame height off the ground will be 5" which can be checked before qualifying or any race. Stock OEM style gearbox; no rack and pinion steering components allowed.

For 2021 wheelbases of 105-107 inches will be permitted with a minimum weight of 3200 pounds (including the driver) and a maximum of 56% left side weight.

COVID CRUSHER PURSES

Tune up those Street Stock and Zoo Stock for the Covid Crusher on Saturday, April 17. With what turned into a VERY long off-season, it's time to bring it on! We are more than ready to welcome everyone back to the Speedway. Thanks to the generosity of Michiana Curb Appeal (Dan and Sabrina Helland) and SS Auto Pro's (Bob Snyder) the Street Stock will be racing for \$2,500 to win (\$220 to start) for the A Feature and \$500 to win for the B Feature. Oxford Racing has put up \$100 for the Street Stock fast time. The Zoo Stock will be racing for \$1000 to win the A Feature win and \$350 for the B Feature. And now we've got a little friendly competition off the track with Jim Brown & Associates offering some extra jingle for the highest finishing Indiana drivers in the A and B features for both classes. Not to be outdone, Chris Terry is matching that Hoosier hospitality for any driver who calls Michigan home. The highest Michigan and Indiana finisher in the Street Stock A Feature will earn \$200 extra each. Plus, there's an additional \$200 at stake if the highest placed finisher is also the race winner. The Street Stock B Feature runs with the same incentives with \$100 going to the top Michigan and Indiana finisher (\$100 additional if the top finisher is also the winner). The Zoo Stock also get a piece of this action with the A Feature drivers competing for \$100 (\$100 extra if also the winner) and the B Feature weighing in at \$50 (\$50 additional if also the winner). Pits for the Covid Crusher open at 1:00 with racing following at 6:00.

The first of two Pre-Season Open Practices is 17 days away on April 16. Pits open at 3:30 with testing beginning at 5:30. All five classes will have three sessions on the track. The second practice is scheduled for April 24. Pits open at noon with testing following at 1:00.

MINI-WEDGE SERIES





The next generation of racers is on deck and will be regularly featured at Kalamazoo Speedway this year. A few of the drivers were at the track recently to get a feel for the place. Look for the youngsters racing in a cone-marked oval set up on the front stretch in front of the make ready chute.

Pictured in the family provided photo is Gretchen Hopwood with her #7 Mini-Wedge.

PIT STALL & SKYBOX RESERVATIONS

Pit stalls in the infield and upper pits are nearly sold out. Contact gary@kalamazoospeedway.com or text (269) 720-2386 to reserve a pit stall.

Weekly skybox sales open on Thursday, April I and will be filled in the order requests are received. Contact barbara@kalamazoospeedway.com or (269) 355-4628 for seasonal or weekly rentals.



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