



TRACK TALK

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MAY 7 RACING AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

WEEKLY RACING FRIDAY, MAY 7	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Pit Passes	\$30
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand 6-12	\$5
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

The 2021 season is underway and next up is Kalamazoo Speedway's regular weekly racing. Racing for points will be the Template Late Models, Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock. The Outlaw Super Late Models have the night off after running the Intimidator 100 on April 30.

Grandstand tickets will be sold at the ticket windows beginning at 3:30 PM.

The Mini-Wedges return; come on out and see the next generation of racers.



PETS AND THE SPEEDWAY


Our longstanding policy on pets at the races must change due to new insurance regulations. Effective with the May 7, 2021 races, no pets will be allowed in the grandstand or pit areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

TRANSPONDERS

1. Transponders are now picked up when you pick up your pit pass.
2. With an off-season that spanned two years, it appears a refresher on mounting transponders is in order.
 - a. Transponders must be mounted in a transponder pouch – no plastic brackets.
 - b. Transponders must be mounted vertically (the hole is on top).
 - c. Do not mount your transponder horizontally.
 - d. Transponders must be mounted in the rear section of the car close to the center line of the rear tires.
 1. RWD Cars. Transponders are mounted on the rear end housing.
 2. FWD Cars. There can be no pipes or brackets of any kind below the transponder.
3. Transponders must be returned at the payout window in order for payout to be issued.



DRIVER REGISTRATION

 Drivers, please register through MyRacePass before coming to the track for the first time or complete the registration process if you started but didn't finish (or if someone helpfully registered for you and spelled your name wrong or entered other suspect information). Registration must be completed prior to picking up your transponder. If it isn't completed, you will be asked to step aside, pull out your smart phone and register before receiving your transponder. Registration is used for scoring, tax purposes and for getting your name correct in Speedway publications.



On the right side of the Kalamazoo Speedway homepage (www.kalamazooSpeedway.com) is an icon for MyRacePass. Click on the icon and follow the simple instructions. Thank you.

JULY 3, 2020 TICKETS FOR USE IN 2021

If you purchased a ticket for the 2020 season opener, did not request a refund and haven't picked up your replacement tickets, please pick them up at the track as soon as possible. Tickets will be located at the WILL CALL marked window on race days. If you picked up your 2020 tickets, please bring the tickets with you when you pick up the replacements. Tickets with the July 3, 2020 date are void; you must exchange them. You may call or text 269.355.4628 if you have questions.



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RECAP – APRIL 30, 2021 SEASON OPENER

The official 2021 Season Opener might have been impacted by COVID regulations and the cold weather but in spite of these speed bumps 127 cars raced at the fastest 3/8 mile oval track in the world on April 30 and our great fans wrapped in winter coats, hats and blankets came out to watch them. We all waited a long time for this race (2 years!) and nothing was going to dim the moment.

Qualifying set the feature line-ups. In the Zoo Stock, Dillon Rose, Colin Bozell and Brandon French were disqualified for dipping under the fastest time (16.750) allowed in the entry level Zoo Stock class. That gave Jake Doxey fast time in the Zoos with a 16.797. Dave Leonard Jr. hit the fastest time in the Outlaw FWD clocking in with 15.226. Austin Maynard punched in with a time of 13.791 in the Template Late Models. Plymouth, Indiana had two drivers in the field and both took fast time in their respective classes and went on to win their feature race: Shawn Amor (14.789) in the Street Stock (he also ran in the Intimidator 100) and Tyler Roahrig (12.889) in the Outlaw Super Late Models.

Twenty-one cars lined up for the 20-lap Zoo Stock 'A' feature and ran a competitive race. Aaron Anderson, starting in the 6th position, held the lead for the most laps before Jordan Brinkert, starting 15th, took the lead. Matt Elsey Jr., starting in the 16th position made a run for the lead as well. At the checkered it was an elated Jordan Brinkert (right), Aaron Anderson, Matt Elsey Jr, Charles Anderson and Tyler McGhan in the top five. Jared Blanchard, Ryan Osborne, defending champion Rielly Meade, Matthew Brauer and Jake Doxey rounded out the top 10 in the class.



Running as the last race of the night, the 15-lap Zoo Stock 'B' feature pitted 14 drivers against one another for their run for the checkered flag as the temperature dipped into the 30's. The Hosner brothers and three generations of Evink/Letts ran in this clean and competitive race. Terry Kline (in the #27 memorable for its blue glow) moved from the 4th position to lead the first lap. Drew Hosner took the lead 3 laps into the race and didn't give it up. Renae Letts gave it a go to pass Hosner but finished second followed by Mark Gunthorpe, Dennis Mudd and Sheldon Lindlag. Bryson Hosner finished in sixth followed by Chad Wright, Carlos Pizarro, Bill Evink and Keegan Letts. Sixteen-year-old Drew Hosner (below) had the dubious honor of being the first car to be towed off the track in a 2021 race (COVID Crusher) but redeemed himself in fine form in his second attempt.



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Defending champion Pete Doxey (right) started in the 17th position in the 20-strong field of the 25-lap Outlaw FWD feature. Doxey powered to the front in short order after a first lap caution. Doxey wasn't the fastest car on the track but he made the most of what he had. Likely Doxey and Colin Bozell would have made a great duel for the checkered but Bozell was black flagged for a breakout violation. Doxey was followed across the finish line by Ben Wilcox, Dave Leonard Sr, Will Slaughter and Nick Failing. The second half of the order included Tyler McGhan, Nick Layman, Colin Bozell, John Munro and Brandon French.



There were 31 entries in the Street Stock so the evening started out with a 15-lap Last Chance race for 15 of the drivers. The race started with the yellow flag being thrown before proceeding to its conclusion. Budd Hybels (below left) won the race with Keith Wilfong, Danny Brown and DJ Oxford all advancing to the 'A' feature.

The Street Stock 30-lap 'A' feature sported a field of 20. Brandon Zachary led the first lap and coming 3-wide out of turn 4 with two laps in, Greg Brown, Ricky LaDuke and Heath Bronkema tangled up on the front stretch to bring out the yellow flag. Zachary led until nine laps remaining when the #3 of Shawn Amor (below right) was able to pass him after an intense race for the lead. Zachary successfully held off Steve Smith who also gave him a run for the money. Amor won the race with Zachary in second followed by Steve Smith, Mike Brooks and Shane Miller. In the second half of the top 10, it was Josh Zordan, Matt Weenink, Matt Corliss, Heath Bronkema and Barry Jenkins.



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The 35-lap feature for the Template Late Models started off with a caution before a lap was completed and was punctuated by several additional cautions as the race progressed. Chris Shannon was the dominant car leading for much of the race. It wouldn't be a Template race without defending champion Buddy Head making a charge through the field; however, Nick Pressler determinedly held him off in the race for second place. The top five were Shannon, Pressler and Head followed by Bill Tomlinson and Austin Maynard. Dylan Stovall came in sixth followed by Denver Sweat, Keegan Dykstra, Makena Snyder and 2017 Outlaw FWD champion Larry Richardson, making his debut at the Zoo in his Template Late Model.



The much-anticipated Intimidator 100 for the Outlaw Super Late Models boasted a full field of 24 cars. With an inversion of 13, Matt Frazier and defending champion Adam Terry started from the front row after qualifying in the middle of the pack. Adam Terry made the most of his position and led for close to 90% of the race holding off challengers before Tyler Roahrig, the defending Kalamazoo Klash champion, was able to pass him and run away from the field. Jostling for position occurred throughout the race. In the end it was Roahrig, Terry, Phil Bozell, Todd Harrington, Steve Needles, Brian Bergakker, Mark Shook, Shawn Amor, Jaden Cretacci and Monte Tolan.



Fast Family Fun for 71 Years

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