



## FRIDAY, JUNE 18 & JUNE 25 WEEKLY RACING

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<b>Pits Open</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Adult Pit Pass (12 and older)</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Youth Pit Pass</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Adult Grandstand</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Youth Grandstand 6-12</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Kids 5 &amp; Under</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Racing Starts</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>

On June 18 Kalamazoo Speedway continues its weekly race program with the Outlaw Super Late Models, Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock.

For the June 25 weekly race program it's the Outlaw Super Late Models, Template Late Models, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock. Sponsor Car City ("We Say Yes") will be on the midway; be sure to check them out.

Mark your calendars now and we will see you at the races! It's a great way to spend a summer evening!

## TONY POSTMA – NEW KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY FLAGMAN



Make sure to give a warm welcome to Tony Postma, Kalamazoo Speedway's head flagman. Postma is also the head flagman at Berlin Raceway and we're glad he was willing to pull double duty when Ray Diehlman's employer wasn't able to offer Diehlman the flexible hours needed to be at the Speedway on Fridays. Says track owner, Gary Howe, "Tony is an asset to the roster of Kalamazoo Speedway employees and we're glad he could join us."

Postma will work with Buster Martin, long-time Assistant Flagman.

## RECAP – JUNE 4, 2021 (KALAMAZOO KLASH & RABER'S RUMBLE)



The Friday before last it was not outside the realm of possibility that snow would fall and last Friday it was in the 80's! Is this Michigan or what?? But what's a Kalamazoo Klash without a little heat?

We managed to have enough tires (for now) but we have no magic wand to speed along car parts for drivers who are parked because of the unavailability of parts to get their cars back on the track. Billy Shannon and Jeff Ganus, for instance, missed the Klash because of this COVID-related issue. That said, 40 Street Stock and 20 Outlaw Super Late Models created a hive of activity in the infield.

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Not since 2018 when it took 4 weeks to finish the final 78 laps of the Intimidator 100 has it taken us so long to run a race. But run it was. The 2020 Kalamazoo Klash is now in the history books and Steve Needles will have his name engraved twice for 2020 on the permanent Klash trophy: once for fast-time (12.846) and once for the Kalamazoo Klash XXVIII victory.

Needles claimed his second Klash victory (the first in 2009) denying Tyler Roahrig a record fourth consecutive Klash win. Needles also has a second-place finish to his credit (2011). With earning fast-time this past Friday night, Needles (left with track owner, Gary Howe) has claimed five fast-times in the 28-year running of the Klash; more than any other driver. Going into Friday night's Klash, Needles was tied with Terry Senneker, Jr. with four fast-times. Senneker, Jr. has five Klash victories, the most of any driver.



Following driver introductions, engines fired and Shawn Amor (left) and Monte Tolan took the field to green. Amor took the early lead and held it for the first quarter of the 100-lap Klash before departing the race with mechanical issues. Monte Tolan picked up the lead until caution hit with 64 laps remaining. Doug True (bottom left) used the caution to take the lead on the restart. With 60 laps remaining, it was True followed by Phil Bozell, Steve Needles, Monte Tolan and Tyler Roahrig. Needles set about chipping into True's sizable lead and with about 37 laps remaining Needles passed True for the lead. Caution flew with 35 laps remaining and both Needles and Roahrig made the most of the restart outpacing the rest of the field with Needles commanding the clear lead. Roahrig gained some ground and no one wants to have Roahrig on their tail as the laps wind down in a big race, but it was Needles' night and he crossed the line with 0.453 seconds to spare over Roahrig. Phil Bozell was third followed by Doug True and Brian Bergakker rounding out the top five. The second half of the order began with Andy Bozell in sixth place followed by Monte Tolan, Andrew Brest, Mark Shook and Adam Terry.



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Top: Andy Bozell, Shawn Amor, Brandon Lyons, Tyler Roahrig, Mark Shook, Adam Terry, Andrew Brest, Todd Harrington, Kevin Stewart & Gary Howe. Bottom: Phil Bozell, Monte Tolan, Doug True, Brian Bergakker, Steve Needles, Zack Cook and Matt Frazier. Not pictured: Marty Crawford, Kyle Crump, JR Roahrig and Kenny Whitman who all had mechanical issues during the preliminaries and missed the race.



The Outlaw Super Late Models line up for the Klash



Steve Needles edges past Doug True on the backstretch

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Steve Needles, winner of Kalamazoo Klash XXVIII, in Victory Lane.

Defending Street Stock Champion Brandon Zachary (right) claimed fast-time (14.860) over 40 fellow competitors vying for the 2021 Raber's Street Stock Rumble title. The scheduled 20-lap Last Chance Race was changed to a 30-lap feature when the Last Chance race ended up being the size of a regular feature. Despite the green flag waving, the yellow quickly followed a couple of times before the first lap was completed. Bobby Schisler led the first three laps. The field went three-wide at the end of the third lap with Budd Hybels coming out the leader. Kenny Head took a turn at the lead before Greg Brown got around Head. While Brown was busy holding off a persistent Kenny Head, Gabe Carr was moving up through the field. A caution with 13 to go gave Head the edge on the restart over Brown; however, contact between the two put both out of contention. Budd Hybels resumed the lead with Carr and newcomer Roy Barroquillo swarming him. Gabe Carr came out ahead there and earned the checkered flag in his first appearance at Kalamazoo Speedway this year. Budd Hybels was second followed by Bobby Schisler, Roy Barroquillo and Joe Muldoon. Aaron Newman finished sixth, followed by Taylor Imus in her first race at the Zoo this year, MaKenna Long, Madison Snyder, and Kenny Head (down 7 laps). Carr (right with Gary Howe) chose to take the Last Chance winnings of \$500 rather than take a lesser amount and transfer to the Rumble.



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The Street Stock get ready to rumble.

Announcer Jason Seltzer introduced each driver before giving the command to start engines for Raber's Street Stock Rumble. Like the Last Chance race, the Rumble started out with a first lap caution. Shane Miller and Curtis Towne led early before Bob Miller took the lead with 45 laps remaining of the 50-lap Rumble. Miller held the lead getting pressure from Matt Weenink and Bubba Brooks. Matt Weenink moved to the lead off a caution midway through the race. Bubba Brooks passed him under green. Brandon Zachary was making his move and had moved into the fourth position with Brock Ganus having found a spot in the top five after being sent to the tail earlier. Shawn Amor (winner of the Street Stock feature on opening night) was on the move as well. In the end it was Bubba Brooks, Shawn Amor, Matt Weenink, Brandon Zachary and Bob Miller finishing in the top five. Curtis Towne came in sixth followed by Brock Ganus, Barry Jenkins, Bob Stremme and Taylor Sexton who had her share of troubles over the course of the night but drove like a champ and finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place on the lead lap.



Bubba Brooks, winner of Raber's Street Stock Rumble, in Victory Lane.



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