



## WHAT ARE MADHOUSE RESTARTS?

For July 30, every restart in every feature will be madhouse style. Want to avoid them? Run caution free for the feature. But here's how they work, just in case.

After a caution, the field will line up single file (just like usual except for the Outlaw Super Late Models).

Once the field is set, officials will radio (RACEceivers!) all drivers alerting them to choose their lane.

Once the field is on the approach to the finish line, starting with the first car in line and then following in order, each driver must choose either the inside lane (that would be to the left of the cone) or outside lane (that would be to the right of the cone). No waffling. If you knock over the cone, you will find yourself behind the last lead lap car in the longest line for the restart.

Make sure you wait for the car in front of you to choose their lane before you choose yours. After you've crossed the line, pull up next to the first car without a car to its left (or right). You must stay in that row for the restart or be penalized a lap.

In the event there is a caution before a full lap is completed on the restart, drivers will be lined up single file in the order they were on the last completed lap and try it again.

If a driver is not on the lead lap, the driver will restart at the tail of the longest line, not doing so will result in a one lap penalty.

## RACECEIVERS ARE MANDATORY



Just a reminder that it's been a longstanding rule at Kalamazoo Speedway that RACEceivers are mandatory. Track personnel use this to communicate with drivers, help drivers find Victory Lane if they've not been before, get lined up on restarts, provide instructions, etc. RACEceivers may be purchased at Lane Automotive (99.95 for just the unit/battery or \$124.90 for the unit/battery, clip, headphones, etc.). The track has a limited supply of RACEceivers in the tower for purchase (\$125) if a driver is in a pinch. Please plan ahead if you need one.



### II. [GENERAL] RACE RULES

- A. Noise Abatement. There is a 100 decibel noise limit on all cars. NO EXCEPTIONS. All cars in all classes will have working mufflers.
- B. RACEceivers. **Required for all cars in the five weekly classes. Any car found racing without a RACEceiver will be black flagged and will be done competing in that event.**

## RACE RECAP – JULY 23, 2021

The forecasted “random pop-up rain shower” found and doused us as cars were rolling into pit row. The sun was out and the pavement was dry almost immediately after the brief shower stopped and the rest of the night rolled off dry but for the humidity.

Tyler McGhan was the top qualifier (16.853) for the second week in a row and fourth time this season in the **Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock** class. Four drivers emerged from the 41 Zoo Stock to take the heat wins; Matthew Eley Jr. being the only winner who'd seen a Kalamazoo Speedway Victory Lane before. Chris Elwell, Tom Smith and Jimmy Downs all made their first trips to the winner's circle. Tom Smith visited twice when he followed up his heat win with a victory in the 'B' feature. Rounding out the top five were Collin Whitfield (who gave Smith quite the run), Stephan Emmans, Travis Petto and John Rupe.

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Chris Elwell led the first handful of laps in the 20-lap 'A' Zoo Stock feature. Aaron Anderson took over the lead, briefly giving it back to Elwell after a multi-car melee in Turn 1 that retired Matthew Elsey Jr. from the race. When back to green, Anderson was putting daylight between he and Elwell while Ira Hosner and Logan Meade were making a run to the front. Elwell was still running in second with five laps to go when his golden night ended. Anderson held off his challengers and jubilantly won (his second feature win this season) with Ira Hosner and Logan Meade making him earn it. Following Meade in fourth place was Will Slaughter and Rielly Meade making up the top five. Jared Blanchard was at the top of the second half of the order followed by Tyler McGhan, Matt Elsey, Drew Hosner and Bryson Hosner. Tyler McGhan regained the point lead over Matthew Elsey Jr. (-44) and Logan Meade moved into the third spot (-129).



Tom Smith (Zoo Stock 'B' feature winner)



Aaron Anderson (Zoo Stock feature winner)



Dave Leonard Jr. (left) maintained his grip on speed in the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD** class by qualifying the fastest in the field (15.076). He's qualified at the top of his class every week he's raced. On Friday night he made it a perfect night of competition points qualifying first, winning his heat race and then going on to win the 25-lap feature, his fourth feature win this season. Tyler McGhan, again running in both front wheel drive classes, won the other heat. Starting dead last, Leonard Jr., flew to the top position in a matter of laps. Logan Hiemstra moved into the second spot after battling with John Munro for a few laps. Kenny Wright had

an unfortunate night with his hood latch letting loose during his heat race then bringing out a caution in the feature when the car apparently lost power. Dave Leonard Jr. won his fourth feature of the season followed by Logan Hiemstra in his best race of the season, Nick Failing, Nick Layman and John Munro rounding out the top five. Camille Lewis came in sixth followed by Will Slaughter, Jordan Brinkert, Drew Losey and Gordon Hopson. Will Slaughter remains the point leader; Drew Losey trails by 60 points and Leonard Jr. made up 31 points to trail Slaughter by 86.

Defending champion Brandon Zachary drove to his fifth fast time (14.728) in the **SS Auto Pro's of Grand Rapids Street Stock**. Nick Emmans and Matt Weenink won their first heat races of the season and DJ Oxford pulled into Victory Lane with his second heat win of the season. Budd Hybels, also a first-time winner, won the feature amidst persistent and tough competition for all 30 laps from Taylor Sexton. Although both Hybels and Sexton started the race in the front row, remaining there in this tough class was no breeze. The race saw plenty of the nose to tail and door to door racing that is characteristic of the class. Following Budd Hybels and Taylor Sexton across the line were Alex Sexton, Brandon Zachary and Cameron Schlabach. Greg Brown came in sixth followed by Matt Weenink, Danny Oxford, Keith Wilfong and Jeremy Young. Matt Weenink continues as the point leader; Greg Brown (finishing 6<sup>th</sup>) made up 3 points this week to trail by 17 points.



Nick Pressler drove to his second fast time of the season in the **Hutcherson Construction Template Late Models** with a time of 13.554, the fastest qualifying time of any Template driver this season. Kenny Head won his second heat race in a row with first-time winner David Guarino winning the second heat. The feature had plenty of lead changes and movement in almost every other position. David Guarino started in the front row and led the first lap until Jerry Jansen, also starting in the front row, assumed the lead. Donnie Brest wrested the lead from Jansen with 27 laps to go. Brandon Lyons shot into the lead with Cory Pressler challenging. Nick

Pressler had moved into sixth place 10 laps into the race and had bettered his position to third with 20 laps remaining. Eric McGlothlen was marching through the field and was running in second place when his car and night went up in smoke. In the end, it was Nick Pressler making it two in a row followed by Brandon Lyons, Buddy Head, Chris Shannon and Dylan Stovall. The second half of the order started with Kenny Head, followed by Bill Tomlinson, Jerry Jansen, Denver Sweat and Eric McGlothlen. With the win, Pressler put a few more points between himself and defending champion Chris Shannon (-23).



The Engine Pro VROA Vintage Modifieds visited the Zoo giving the fans a blast from the past. "Racing into the Future with Cars from the Past" as the Vintage Racing Organization of America puts it.

A familiar name from the past, Dave Sensiba, was fast qualifier at 14.921. Wayne Stack, an alum of the Speedway, and Jeff Holden won the heat races. Bob Martin (left) won the 25-lap feature.



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The Michigan Army National Guard was on the midway Friday night along with one of their vehicles. Kids got to climb in it and the Guard had a few giveaways at their table.

Below, the night sky on July 23.



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