



TRACK TALK

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Drivers! Our fans (and yours) deserve to see a complete list of drivers racing in any of our events; this is particularly true for the biggest race of the season. No one wants to look in the printed race program and see that their favorite driver isn't listed. If you are planning to compete and have not already done so, please submit your entry to Kalamazoo Speedway. It takes only seconds to call, text or email us with your name, class, car # and hometown. If you would like Jason Seltzer to be able to announce your sponsor, let us know this as well. Please submit entries no later than 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 17. Thank you for your cooperation. (269) 355-4628 or barbara@kalamazoospeedway.com.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 🚩 KALAMAZOO KLASH XXIX

RACE DAY INFORMATION KALAMAZOO KLASH XXIX AUGUST 18, 2021	
Ticket Windows Open	11:00 AM
Pit Passes (12 years and up)	\$35
Junior Pit Passes (11 and under)	\$20
Adult Reserved Deck Seating	\$35
Youth Reserved Deck Seating (6-12)	\$15
Adult General Admission	\$25
Youth General Admission (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & Under (all seats)	FREE
Pits Open	11:00 AM
Mandatory Drivers' Meeting	1:30 PM
Hot Laps	2:00 PM
Qualifying	4:30 PM
Awards	6:30 PM
Racing Starts	7:00 PM

It's Kalamazoo Speedway's biggest race event of the 2021 season. The \$10,000 to win Kalamazoo Klash XXIX. We're expecting upwards of 25 Outlaw Super Late Model drivers for the 125-lap Klash and upwards of 30 Template Late Model drivers to compete in the 75-lap feature (\$5,000 to win).

Tickets (reserved or general admission) may be purchased by phone through Monday (269.355.4628).

Pit pass and grandstand punch cards are good for this event. Any remaining 2020 tickets may be used. Unless specifically issued for the Klash, comp tickets may not be used on August 18.

Madhouse restarts will be used for the main features.

Kalamazoo Klash Honor Roll

Year	Fast Time	Winner	2 nd Place
1993(I)	Bob Holley (12.994)	Andy Bozell	Mike Vansparrentak
1994 (II)	M. Vansparrentak (13.281)	Andy Bozell	Dave Sensiba
1995 (III)	Gary Howe (12.925)	Brian Cloud	Johnny Benson Jr.
1996 (IV)	Todd Wilcox (12.940)	Bob Holley	Gary Terry
1997 (V)	Rich Jackson (12.680)	Andy Bozell	Ken Scheffler
1998 (VI)	Marty Crawford, Jr. (12.538)	Mike Vansparrentak	Andy Bozell
1999 (VII)	Ken Scheffler (12.511)	Chris Orr	Bob Holley
2000 (VIII)	Joe Bush (12.602)	Todd Currier	Butch Miller
2001 (IX)	Alan Marcott (12.547)	Ken Scheffler	Tom Thomas
2002 (X)	Kurt Spalding (12.611)	Chris Orr	Andy Bozell
2003 (XI)	Brian Campbell (12.678)	Tom Thomas	Fred Campbell
2004 (XII)	Brian Campbell (12.884)	Fred Campbell	Andy Bozell
2005 (XIII)	Fred Campbell (13.129)	Lee Anderson	Fred Campbell
2006 (XIV)	Terry Senneker Jr. (12.401)	Johnny Benson Jr.	Tom Thomas
2007 (XV)	Steve Needles (13.119)	Andy Bozell	Joe Bush
2008 (XVI)	Steve Needles (12.682)	Terry Senneker Jr.	Joe Bush
2009 (XVII)	Steve Needles (12.646)	Steve Needles	Tom Thomas
2010 (XVIII)	Johnny Benson (12.615)	Rick Sexton	Phil Bozell
2011 (XIX)	Trent Hellenga (12.229)	Phil Bozell	Steve Needles
2012 (XX)	Tyler Roahrig (12.101)	Terry Senneker Jr.	Tyler Roahrig
2013 (XXI)	Tyler Roahrig (11.841)	Terry Senneker Jr.	Tyler Roahrig
2014 (XXII)	Terry Senneker Jr. (11.759)	Terry Senneker Jr.	Brian Bergakker
2015 (XXIII)	Terry Senneker Jr. (11.970)	Jeff Ganus	Brian Bergakker
2016 (XXIV)	Terry Senneker Jr. (12.059)	Terry Senneker Jr.	Tyler Roahrig
2017 (XXV)	Kyle Busch (12.220)	Tyler Roahrig	Kyle Busch
2018 (XXVI)	Steve Needles (12.991)	Tyler Roahrig	Brian Bergakker
2019 (XXVII)	Andy Bozell (12.889)	Tyler Roahrig	Adam Terry
2020 (XXVIII)	Steve Needles (12.846)	Steve Needles	Tyler Roahrig

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27 AUTO VALUE WINGED SUPER SPRINTS



The Auto Value Winged Super Sprints return to the Speedway on August 27. Joining the Sprints will be the Outlaw Super Late Models, Template Late Models, Street Stock and Zoo Stock for one more run for points before Season Championship Night on Friday, September 3.

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SCHEDULES

The Howe Patio & Window's sponsored Mini-Wedges will not be racing on Tuesday, August 17. Look for an updated schedule in the next edition of Track Talk.

Reminder! Friday, August 20 is an off night for Kalamazoo Speedway due to the Wednesday, August 18 running of the Kalamazoo Klash.

RACE RECAP 🏁🏁 AUGUST 13, 2021



Car City sponsored the August 13 night of racing and provided the pace car for the dozen heats that were needed for the more than 100 competitors across the four classes of cars.



Tyler McGhan scored his fifth fast time of the season with a lap time of 16.775 seconds; a time that flirted with the fastest lap speed allowed in this class (16.750). Extra purse money was provided by Nix Trucking and forty-six Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock showed up to compete in the Nix Trucking Zoo Stock Bash.

Heat races were won by Larry Bryie, Drew Hosner, Chase Johnson, Zach Slaton and Summer Velasquez. This was Hosner's third heat win and Slaton's second. Chase Johnson (middle left) added a victory in the 15-lap 'B' feature to his heat win while Larry Bryie (top left) added a 15-lap 'C' feature win to his heat race victory. Tom Smith (bottom left) added an 'A' feature win to his previous 'B' feature and heat race wins. Summer Velasquez, making the most of her first start of the season, led for the early laps of the 20-lap 'A' feature, held tough and ultimately finished in fourth place. Matt Elsey quickly moved into second place and then drove into the lead where he remained for a substantial portion of the race. Tom Smith got very loose midway through the race but recovered without bringing out a caution and with five laps remaining began seriously challenging Elsey for the lead. With under three laps to go, he was successful in taking the lead and the checkered flag. Matt Elsey finished in the second place followed by Drew Hosner, Summer Velasquez and Charles Anderson. Chris Elwell led the second half of the order followed by Matthew Elsey Jr., Ryan Osborne, Aaron Anderson and Logan Meade. Tyler McGhan maintains his point lead over Matthew Elsey Jr. (-54).

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Dave Leonard Jr. continued his dominance in the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWDs** by putting up (another) fast time (15.196), his sixth in a row and eighth overall. Leonard Jr. is no stranger to claiming fast time and then going on to win the feature, which he did again, his sixth feature win of the season. Jordan Brinkert led the first of the 20 laps with Nick Layman assuming the lead for several laps before Will Slaughter took the lead and initially outpaced the rest of the field. Powerhouses Leonard Jr. and Pete Doxey were on the move and positioned themselves in the second and third positions behind Slaughter. Doxey's rebuilt #28 wasn't able to make headway into catching Slaughter or Leonard Jr.



Slaughter's lead shrunk with each completed lap as Leonard Jr. drew nearer. Lapped traffic provided a madhouse restart of sorts and Leonard Jr. (above) was able to take the lead with under a handful of laps remaining. Will Slaughter finished second followed by Pete Doxey, Nick Layman, Nick Failing, Jordan Brinkert, Dale Leonard, John Munro, Kenny Wright and Drew Losey. Slaughter maintained his point lead; Leonard Jr. moved into second place trailing by 75 points.



In the **SS Auto Pro's of Grand Rapids Street Stock**, Brock Ganus drove to his first fast time of the season (14.990). Matt Weenink, point leader going into tonight, Brian Slaton and MaKenna Long won the heat races. Colin Bozell, 2018 Zoo Stock champion, in one of his few starts at Kalamazoo Speedway this season, won the 30-lap feature over 24 other competitors. Joe Gonzales led for the early laps of the race with Danny Oxford driving into the lead before the 20 to go mark. Colin Bozell (left) was in the fifth position early and had been steadily moving toward the lead. With 15 laps remaining, he had his sights on Oxford and overtook him with 11 remaining. At the finish line it was Bozell

followed by Danny Oxford, Ricky LaDuke, Keith Wilfong, Shane Miller, Greg Brown, Alex Sexton, Brandon Zachary, DJ Oxford and Matt Weenink. Greg Brown (2018 track champion), trailing Weenink by 7 points coming into the evening, now sits on top of the leader board with Weenink trailing by 12.

Nick Pressler claimed his third fast time of the season (13.693) in the **Hutcherson Construction Template Late Models**. Shawn Grace (in his first start this season), Lane Head (also in his first start this season) and Jerry Jansen won the heat races. In the 35-lap caution plagued feature, Matt Maurer claimed his first win this season with a clean and powerful run. It was a bad night for cars with a 99 on the door with both Jerry Jansen and A.J. Foote leaving the race after impact in two separate incidents. With 10 laps in, Scott Hantz, making his first appearance in a weekly class, led followed by Brandon Lyons, and Buddy Head. Five laps later Hantz spun and Head was at the tail of the field. Lyons got the jump on Hantz in the Madhouse restart only to be thwarted by another caution. Meanwhile, Matt Maurer (above) had been edging up through the top 5 and took the lead with 16 laps showing on the Board. Lyons and Chris Shannon gave him a run, but it was Maurer's night. While Nick Pressler continues his point lead, Chris Shannon has now positioned himself only 10 points out.



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