



## JULY 1, 2022 🏁 HUTCHERSON GRAND SLAM RACE #2

FRIDAY, JULY 1	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$30
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	3:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

Kalamazoo Speedway returns to its regular race program on July 1 when the featured race of the night is the Hutcherson Grand Slam Race #2 for the \$1,000 to win purse. Kenny Head, Billy Shannon and Buddy Head were the top three finishers in Race #1 and are locked into the Grand Slam Finale of 12 drivers racing for the \$2,500 purse on August 12. Nine more drivers will join them, up to six from the remaining qualifying races with the remainder of the field being drawn from the top point holders in the Template Late Models following the close of the August 5 race. Drivers not in the field of 12 will have a bye for the August 12 race. Qualifying races are for points; the August 12 finale is not a point race. Along with the Template Late Models on July 1, the Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock will be competing.

## JULY 1, 2022 🏁 TRACK TALK TO YOUR INBOX

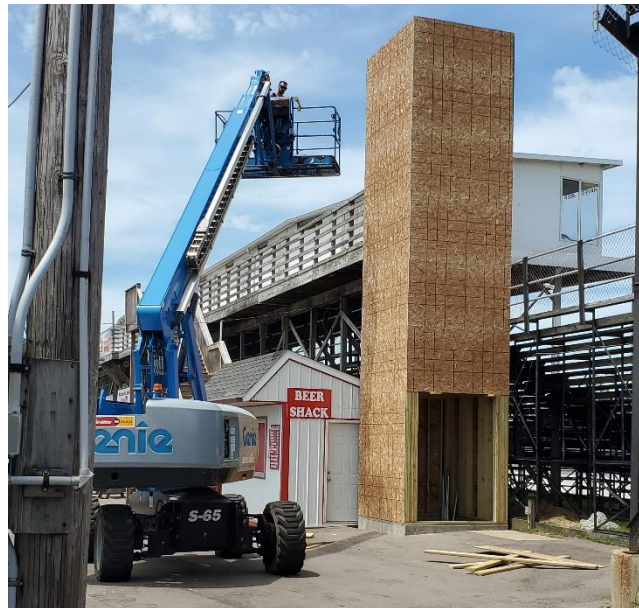
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## ELEVATOR UPDATE

We're close to having an operational elevator! The elevator shaft is almost complete, the elevator itself has been delivered and we're on track to have a working elevator by July 1. Below, Colby Geer unloads the elevator delivery truck; Tony White is in the lift.

One skybox has been set aside to accommodate groups that have a member who is unable to access a skybox without an elevator. The box will be held until the Wednesday prior to any event. (Call 269.355.4628 for assistance and information).



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## JUNE 17, 2022 🏁 RACING RECAP

It was perfect weather for Honor Credit Union's weekly racing at Kalamazoo Speedway on June 17. Their staff joined right in by greeting fans as they entered the grandstands, catching some action from the pits and presenting one of the feature winner trophies. Thank you, Honor Credit Union.



Defending champion Todd Harrington took fast time (12.507) in the Landscape Forms Outlaw Super Late Models. Former Street Stock champion Zack Cook won the heat race. In a competitive 40-lap feature where Cook and Harrington had their turn in the lead, it was Brian Bergakker taking the checked flag followed by Rick Senneker, Monte Tolan, Matt Frazier and Doug True finishing in the top five. Doug True, who'd made a play for the lead earlier, Paul Jakubik, Louis Miller, Todd Harrington, Kevin Stewart and Zack Cook rounded out the top 10. Todd Harrington is the new point leader with three drivers trailing by less than 30 points.

The Techworks Street Stock were back after taking last week off and, as usual, treated everyone to a stellar race. Ricky LaDuke continues to stand out and was fast qualifier (14.934). Makenna Long in her first appearance this year took one of the heat races; Alex Sexton took the second heat. Starting in the 10<sup>th</sup> position, Ricky LaDuke's quick time translated into a second feature win for him in this young season. Alex Sexton led for much of the race before LaDuke passed him with a couple of laps remaining in the 30-lap feature. Sexton finished second followed by Kenny Head, Keith Wilfong and Matt Weenink rounding out the top five. Kyle Ribble, Danny Oxford, Jerry Ballard, Jeremy Young and Curtis Towne made up the second half of the top 10. Jeremy Young remains the point leader with LaDuke cutting his lead to a mere 10 points.



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In the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWDs, Matthew Elsey Jr. drove to a fast time of 15.244. Elsey Jr. went on to win his heat race; John Munro won the second heat race. John Munro jumped out to the lead before Dan Rigoni, 2016 champion, passed him. Both the 27 cars (Elsey Jr. and Dave Leonard Jr.) had taking the lead in mind and Elsey Jr. did just that, then put a fair amount of empty track between himself and the rest of the field. Elsey Jr. retired with 7 laps remaining following a crash under caution that also took Will Slaughter out of the race. Dan Rigoni won the 25-lap feature. Will Slaughter, despite his early

departure, remains the point leader followed by John Munro (-45).

In the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock, Rodney Russell II qualified at the top of the leaderboard putting up a time of 16.813. Brandon French put up a time under the 16.750 limit for Zoo Stock and was graduated to the Outlaw FWDs.

Aaron Anderson, Michael Metheny and Cory Sobralski won the heat races. Eric Rabb (top right) won the 15-lap 'B' feature. In the 20-lap 'A' feature Michael Metheny had the lead initially with Keegan Letts trying to run him down. Tim Gale then made his run before Rodney Russell II made his move to capture the lead. While everyone was jockeying up front, defending champion Tyler McGhan was unobtrusively marching to the front of the pack and was the winner when Russell II was disqualified on the last lap while charging for the checkered (joining French in dipping under the 16.750). Ryan Diamond was the runner-up followed by Mike Turner, Keith Dixon and Keegan Letts. Scott Monroe, Christina Rantz, Jimmy Hammann, Logan Meade (who had to pit under caution but was able to return and finish on the lead lap), and Cody Warren wrapped up the top 10 in the field of 17. Ryan Diamond remains the point leader with Logan Meade sliding to 88 points behind.



JJ DeBault, son of one of the Honor Credit Union staff, presented Tyler McGhan with his trophy for winning the "A" Zoo Stock feature.



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