



AUGUST 5, 2022 🏁 WEEKLY RACING (BACKPACK & AUTOGRAPH NIGHT)

FRIDAY, JULY 29	
Pits Open	3:30
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$30
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	3:30
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

August? Only 2 more months of racing before the LONG off-season. Don't miss a race! In addition to the Template Late Models, Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock, the Michiana Vintage Racers are on the program for August 5. Following the Template race, the final 3 drivers to join the field of 12 for the Hutcherson Grand Slam Finale will be identified.

It's Autograph & Back-to-School night at the Zoo: 6:45 PM.

Coolers are allowed if they are 14 inches or smaller, no glass! Coupons and punch cards are valid for this race as well as the July 29 program.



LOST & FOUND

We've reunited wallets, phones and keys, but the following items have yet to be picked up. To claim, please call 269.355.4628. After 30 days we will destroy cards and donate other useable items.

Higher end Android cell phone
Two youth jackets

Gift card
One youth Minnie Mouse clog

Visa Credit Card

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EVENT PHOTOS

Photos for events on the Speedway race schedule are posted on our website. Use the Media tab on the navigation bar, then click on Photos.

JULY 22, 2022 RACING RECAP

Fans who stayed home thinking racing couldn't have gotten any better than the Kalamazoo Klash on July 16 missed some intense racing, poignant moments and several first time winners on July 22.

The **Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock** fielded 32 cars with Ryan Diamond qualifying at the top of his class (16.787). Christina Rantz (#63), David Smith (#00), Keegan Letts (#41) and Noah Thomson (#49), his first win) won the heat races. Andy Louwaert had quite the night in winning the 15-lap 'B' feature; not only was it his first win, but it was his first time racing. Cody Warren led for most of the 20-lap 'A' feature with Charles Anderson behind him and the Meade brothers trying to make a race of it. Ryan Diamond, starting last, had been moving up throughout the race and had moved into the third position with seven laps remaining; when the checkered flag flew it flew for him. Cody Warren was the runner-up, followed by Charles Anderson Jr., Logan Meade and Rielly Meade finishing in the top five. Bryce Peters led off the second half of the order followed by Christina Rantz, David Smith, Michael Metheny and Keegan Letts. Diamond maintains his point lead over nearest competitor Logan Meade (-96).



Below, it's Andy Louwaert (middle) and Joe Blood (right). Ken Papesh (left) built the #98, Blood is the car owner and co-owner of Zoo Stock sponsor Spartan Insulation. Right: Zoo Stock 'A' feature winner, Ryan Diamond.



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Will Slaughter qualified at 15.163 for the **O'Reilly Auto Part Outlaw FWD**. Matthew Elsey Jr. (#27) and Gordon Hopson (#16, another first time winner) won the heat races. You didn't have to be a fan of the front wheel drive classes to appreciate the drive and skill that went into the 25-lap feature. With 20 laps to go, the race became a duel between point leader and defending champion Will Slaughter and newcomer to this class in 2022 and formidable challenger, Matthew Elsey Jr. Racing caution free and side by side for the rest of the race, it was too close to call at the line without the scoring tower providing an assist unless you were standing right at the finish line. Slaughter and Elsey Jr., traded the lead several times in this intense and well-fought race, with Will Slaughter prevailing. Elsey Jr. was the runner up followed by Dan Rigoni, Nick Layman and John Munro rounding out the top five. Slaughter retains the point lead over Elsey Jr. (-23).



Not to be outdone, the **Techworks Street Stock** showed off their stuff with another stellar show of skilled and powerful racing. Keith Wilfong took top qualifying honors with a 14.919. Matt Weenink (skipping Victory Lane) and DJ Oxford (#22) won the heat races. The door to door, side to side racing started with the first lap in the 30-lap feature. Dyllan Uminn took the early lead; Bobby Oxford then led for a few laps before Jeremy Young took over and started pulling away. A caution with 11 laps remaining set up a duel between Young and Ricky LaDuke (multi-time winner this season). In a repeat of the Outlaw FWD race, as the laps reeled off with them side by side, it was too close to call unless you were watching the camera or parked at the line. LaDuke's #96 showed on top of the scoring tower more times than the #24 of Young and it was LaDuke in the lead when the white flag flew but Young pulled it out for the win, his first of the season. LaDuke was the runner-up, followed by DJ Oxford, Matt Weenink and Kyle Ribble. Danny Oxford started off the second half of the order followed by Keith Wilfong, Chaz Hook, Jeffery Town and Bobby Oxford. Not only was the race close, but the point standings are tight: Ricky LaDuke leads Jeremy Young by just 15.



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This was third and final qualifying race for the Hutcherson Grand Slam. Billy Shannon collected fast-time (13.630). Lucas Krick (#9) and Denver Sweat (#3) won the heat races. Early in the 35-lap feature Jeff Ganus took the lead and appeared to be headed for victory lane. In the time it took to blink, Ganus retired when his car developed a mechanical issue and Buddy Head was the new leader. Billy Shannon made a go of it, but in the end, it was Buddy Head for his first win in the Templates since 2019 when he won the season championship. Billy Shannon was the runner up followed by Lucas Krick, Dylan Stovall and Kenny

Head. A.J. Foote, Cam Schoeck, Nathan Koester, Denver Sweat and Michael Brooks were the second half of the top 10. A.J. Foote, Cam Schoeck and Nathan Koester qualified for the Grand Slam Finale. Billy Shannon has the point lead by 43 over Kenny Head.



People watching! Clockwise: Dyllan Uminn, Tim Sigourney, Jeremiah Bouma and Bobby Oxford.



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