

# TRACK TALK

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## AUGUST 5, 2022 WEEKLY RACING CRAZY 8's

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



The Template Late Models, Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and Zoo win. The inversion will be 8 plus the roll of one dice. Australian

Stock will all be racing for \$800 to win. The inversion will be 8 plus the roll of one dice. Australian Pursuits (8 laps for all classes) will replace the heat races. Qualify in the top 8 of your class and get a

Mega Millions Lottery ticket. Start in 8th place in the 'A' feature and win, it's an \$88 bonus in your payout check. Oh – and be the 88th qualifier across all classes and there's an \$88 bonus waiting for you. AND, following the August 5 racing, the field will be set for the Hutcherson Grand Slam Finale on August 12. The Michiana Vintage Racers join the August 5 program. It's Autograph and Backpack Giveaway Night (6:30 PM). Drivers, we'd be grateful for donations to help us meet our goal of 150 backpacks/school supplies. Kids 12 and under are FREE for the night. Some lucky fan will win a complimentary skybox for August 19, save your grandstand ticket when you arrive. We will see YOU at the races.



**REMINDER:** The Mayhem of Monsters cancelled their August 6 monster truck show.





## AUGUST 12, 2022 🤲 ALL CLASSES RACE 🤲 GRAND SLAM FINALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12	
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

Coolers are allowed if they are 14" or smaller, no glass! Coupons and punch cards are valid for this race as well as for the August 5 program.

We'll be starting the night off with a drifting exhibition by the AutoMODIFIEDS Group. Then, all five classes race. That's the Outlaw Super Late Models, the Template Late Models, the Street Stock, the Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock. After a summer of qualifying opportunities, the Hutcherson Grand Slam Finale runs on August 12 with the field of 12 drivers who have qualified. The Grand Slam Finale is not a point race; Template drivers not making the field have a BYE. All other classes will be racing for points.



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#### **TECH CORNER**

For Outlaw Super Late Models, Template Late Models and Street Stock features with 11 or fewer cars, the field will be fully inverted. For 12 or more cars, the inversion will be determined with a roll of the dice.

Drivers who choose to start at the tail of the field will no longer be exempt from breaking out.

### **LOST & FOUND**

No items remain to be reunited with their owners. Items previously listed have been destroyed or donated.

#### **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 29, 2022 RACING RECAP**



Over 100 cars came to race at Kalamazoo Speedway on July 29. The Speedway welcomed back Lounsbury Excavating to the hospitality deck. The Michigan Auto Racing Fan Club was onsite meeting with fans and presented Carlos Pizarro (center with MARFC President, John Jackson [left] and Member David Howe) with a go-bag to honor his contributions to the sport. Conklin Oil was on the midway. All four classes paid \$1,000 to win plus IAC-Mendon sponsored the \$200 to win Zoo Stock 'B' feature. Looking

Good Maintenance and Reconditioning sweetened the purse for the Zoo Stock (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> places) and 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> places for the rest of the classes. For those watching the progress of the elevator, the final pieces of installation are underway.

A field of 41 Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock came out to race on Friday night. Tyler McGhan and Jimmy Hammann put up identical qualifying times (16.759); both flirting with the 16.750 speed limit set for the class. Tyler McGhan went on to clock a 16.680 during the feature and 'graduated' to the Outlaw FWD in doing so. Scott Monroe (#44), Marq Eaton (#12), Brandon Tichelaar (#37), and John Rupe (#23) won the heat races. Chris Pryor picked up his first racing win in the 15-lap 'C' feature. Jeff Bozell won the 15-lap 'B' feature despite being sent to the tail of the field. Summer Velasquez took the early lead in the 20-lap 'A' feature with Dave Miller moving to the head of the pack within a few laps. Scott Monroe put up a tough challenge and led a few of the remaining 15 laps. In the end it was Dave Miller taking home the \$1,000 purse followed by Scott Monroe, Aaron Anderson, Christina Rantz and Summer Velasquez. Pete Doxey headed the second half of the top 10, with Rielly Meade, Terry Kline, Charles Anderson and Keegan Letts following him over the finish line. Ryan Diamond tops the point standings over Logan Meade (-95), both of whom were forced to an early departure from the race in separate incidents.



Matthew Elsey, Jr., sporting a cast, took fast-time in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD (15.183). Ben Wilcox (skipping Victory Lane) and Nick Layman (next page left) won the heat races. The initial laps of the 25-lap feature were an intense rush to the lead. Ben Wilcox, starting 12th, moved into the lead with 18 laps remaining with Will Slaughter, starting even deeper in the field, chasing him and outpacing the field. Matthew Elsey Jr., joined the lead mix but Ben

Wilcox (next page right) held off all challengers to take the checkered flag. Will Slaughter was the runnerup, followed by Matthew Elsey Jr., Dave Leonard, Jr. and Chris Harman rounding out the top five. Jake Doxey finished 6th followed by Nick Layman, Matt Elsey, Pete Doxey and Gordon Hopson. Will Slaughter retains the point lead over Elsey Jr. (-26).



The Techworks Street Stock put up a field of 29 forcing a last chance race. Ricky LaDuke was the top qualifier (14.751). Jeremy Young, (#24), Bobby Oxford (#41) and Brian Slater took the heat races. Colin Bozell (bottom right) won the Last Chance Race with Curtis Towne, DJ Oxford and Thomas Sprague also advancing to the feature. Alex Sexton led the 30-lap feature until a mid-race caution when Zach Westdorp took the lead. Both Brock Ganus and Keith Wilfong made it a race but it was Westdorp's (next page left) night. Brock Ganus was the runner-up, followed by Alex Sexton, Keith Wilfong and Andrew Rutherford. Danny Oxford led off the second half of the top 10 followed by Buddy Head, Ricky LaDuke, Heath Bronkema and Matt Weenink. Jeremy Young finished in 11th place. Ricky LaDuke extended his point lead over Young to 37.





quick-time Shannon took **Hutcherson Construction Template Late** Models (13.573). Billy Yates (bottom left) and Jeff Ganus (skipping Victory Lane) won the heat races. Jeff Ganus (bottom right) was leading the race last week when his car failed him and he had to pull out. This week was a different story and he jumped out to a quick lead in the 35-lap feature and never gave it up. Dylan Stovall, in a strong showing, followed him over the line along with Lucas Krick, Billy Shannon and Kenny Head completing the top five. Buddy Head, Jared Blanchard, Marty Crawford, Taylor Sexton and Nathan Koester rounded out the top 10. Billy Shannon extended his point lead over Kenny Head to 48.





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