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# TRACK TALK

September 5, 2022

# SEPTEMBER 10, 2022 \* SUPER SHOE TUNE UP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	
Pits Open	1:00 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$30
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	1:00 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:00 PM

Two classes: rear wheel drive and front wheel drive. The front wheel drives will be divided as they have been all year: FWD and Zoo Stock. Outlaw FWD are on Hoosier 790s; Zoo Stock run DOT tires. Add some boards or skip 'em. Peel off your roof. Go fast. Super Shoe rules apply.

Coolers are allowed when they are 14" or smaller, no glass! No blankets may be left for the Night of Destruction.



RWD \$300 fast time bonus
FWD \$100 fast time bonus

#### ONE DAY EVENT GUARANTEED PAYOUT NO ENTRY FEE

RWD A Feature \$1,200 to win. 700 - 600 - 500 - 450 - 400 - 325 - 300 - 250 to start

RWD B Feature \$700 to win. 400 - 300 - 250 - 200 - 180 - 170 - 160 - 150 to start

RWD C Feature \$500 to win. 250 - 200 - 175 - 150 - 140 - 130 - 120 - 110 - 100 to start

Outlaw FWD \$500 to win. 250 - 200 - 150 - 140 - 130 - 120 - 110 - 100 to start

**Zoo A Feature \$450 to win. 200 - 125 - 120 - 110 - 100 - 95 - 90 - 85 - 80 to start** 

**Zoo B Feature \$200 to win.** 100 - 95 - 90 - 85 - 80 - 75 - 70 - 65 - 60 to start

**Zoo C Feature \$150 to win.** 90 - 80 - 70 - 65 - 60 - 55 - 50 to start

## SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 \*\*/\* THE LEGENDARY NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	
Pits Open	1:00 PM
Participant Pit Pass	\$30
Tickets Windows Open	10:00 AM
Adult Grandstand	\$20
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:00 PM

#### PLEASE NOTE:

There are no advance sales for this event.

It's September. It's time for the Legendary Night of Destruction. We open with the Spectator Drags followed by drifting stunts. Then it's on to why the night is called a Night of Destruction. Monster Trucks, two simultaneous Demolition Derbies (so everyone can see), Scarecrow, mini-Enduro races, Stacker Car races, Trailer races and a rollover contest plus we top it off with some fireworks.

Before the event starts they'll be monster truck rides (beginning at 4:00) for folks who want to try that out. Join us for free bus rides around the track and a chance to see the stacker cars and monster trucks up close plus talk to Scarecrow (4:30 - 6:30).

Coolers are allowed in the grandstands when they are 14" or smaller, no glass! Please do not place coolers on the bleachers where someone can sit unless you plan to buy it a ticket. Blankets may be placed following the purchase of your ticket.



#### **SEPTEMBER 9** A DRIFTING

AutoMODIFIED will be holding a testing (practice) session on September 9. The public is invited (tickets are \$10). Cars will be on the track from 3:00 - 8:00 PM. Nightmare Racing brought a couple of cars out to the track to heat things up for the races on August 12. Most fans were unfamiliar with drifting prior to the exhibition but were cheering long before the exhibition was completed.

### OCTOBER MAUNT PARK

Voted one of the Top 10 Halloween Attractions in Michigan, the Haunt Park returns to Kalamazoo Speedway October 7th and runs through Halloween Night.

Four features:

Psycho Ward **Nightmares** The Mansion & Zombie Revenge



# OCTOBER 22. 2022 AWARDS PARTY

Tickets are now on sale for the 2022 Awards Party. Mark your calendars if you haven't already done so! The 2022 Awards Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. Food, fun and dancing under the big top (with heat if it's chilly) at Kalamazoo Speedway. \$30 for adults/\$10 for kids under 12.

# **SEPTEMBER 2, 2022** \*\* RACING RECAP

Not only has the calendar changed to September, but the regular season is now a wrap. Let's give one last shout out to our weekly class sponsors, plus event sponsors Auto Value Parts Store and Honor Credit Union, for making the weekly race season a success.















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Victory Lane welcomed first time and returning heat and feature winners plus the season champions in all but the Outlaw Super Late Models had their moments on the track to celebrate their achievements.

Curtis Towne led the 35-car field of Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock by qualifying with a time of 16.800. James Moore (his first win ever), Gunner Gale (his second), David Smith (his fourth) and John Rupe (his second) won the heat races. Ed Clawson, in his first trip to the Speedway this season, won the 'B' feature. Jeff Bozell took the lead relatively early in the 'A' feature in a competitive but caution plagued race that took out Logan Meade, the point leader, in an early crash. Jeff Bozell crossed the finish line first, Cody Warren was the runner-up followed by Rielly Meade, Austin McKee and Kodee Thompson rounding out the top five. Cory Kruzel, Curtis Towne, Eric Rabb, Terry Kline and Christina Rantz round out the top 10. Despite departing the feature after just four laps, the stars were aligned for Logan Meade and Meade is the 2022 season champion, his first. Christina Rantz was the runner-up in the Zoo Stock final standings.



Auto Parts Outlaw FWDs with a time of 15.143. Defending champion Will Slaughter and Zach Moon won the heat races setting up the feature race that would determine the champion. Nick Layman took the early lead with Will Slaughter passing him with 17 laps remaining of the 25-lap feature. Matthew Elsey Jr., down 12 points going into the feature, won the feature after passing Slaughter with 7 laps remaining. Will Slaughter raced to a second place finish and clinched the

season championship by eight points over Elsey Jr. Nick Layman finished the feature third followed by Rodney Russell II and Joe Carlin. (Photos on next page)



Heat winners (top left) Will Slaughter. (bottom left) Zach Moon and feature winner, left, Matthew Elsey Jr.

Ricky LaDuke, making a solid run for his first championship, picked up where he left off last week and was again fast qualifier (14.948) in the Techworks Street Stock in the 19 car field. Blake Hybels (his second in a row) and James Roden won the heat races. Blake Hybels led the feature for the first 24 laps before Jeremy Young took the

lead. A caution late in the race ultimately set up the outcome of the race. At the finish line it was Ricky LaDuke becoming the only driver of the night to win his feature and take home the season championship. Jeremy Young was the runner-up in the feature and the point battle, followed by Kyle Ribble, Matt Weenink and Danny Oxford rounding out the 30-lap feature. Blake Hybels led off the second half of the top 10 followed by Heath Bronkema, DJ Oxford, Brian Slaton and Keith Wilfong.

Blake Hybels (far right) and Steve Roden (far right bottom) won the heats.

Ricky LaDuke (right) won the feature.



In the Hutcherson Construction Template Late Models, car number 21 was on the top of the scoring tower following qualifying; Billy Shannon having taken quick time (13.763). Brandon Lyons and Matt Sullivan won the heat races. Matt Sullivan took an early lead with

Jared Blanchard taking command of the race with five laps down. Sullivan wrested the lead from him mid race but that was short-lived. Blanchard held off the veteran drivers to win the feature, his first in a Template, followed by a hard-charging Dylan Stovall, Brandon Lyons, Kenny Head and Billy Shannon. Billy Shannon won the season championship, his second, the first coming in 1995. Kenny Head was the runnerup in the final point standings. (Photos next page.)



Brandon Lyons (far left) and Matt Sullivan (bottom) won the heats.

Jared Blanchard (left) won the feature.

#### The 2022 Season Champions:



Clockwise: Logan Meade (Zoo Stock); Will Slaughter (Outlaw FWD), Billy Shannon (Template Late Models), Todd Harrington (Outlaw Super Late Models), Ricky LaDuke (Street Stock)

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