



TRACK TALK

November 11, 2022 – Veteran’s Day
Please remember to thank veterans for their service.

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2023 RULES 🏁🏁 www.kalamazoo.com

The 2023 rules for each weekly class are complete and are posted on the Kalamazoo Speedway website (Driver tab/Rules). Rules for the Outlaw Super Late Models are also published and will apply to the four Outlaw races in 2023.

2023 WEEKLY PAYOUT 🏁🏁 www.kalamazoo.com

The 2023 weekly payout for the (new name!) Late Models (formerly the Template Late Models), Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock has been published (Driver tab/Payout) on the Speedway website. Each class will have six (6) races with a higher purse; the dates for the races are listed on the weekly payout document. Hutcherson Construction has signed on to sponsor the purses for the six Late Model races; Performance Plus Auto Fabrication has done the same for the Street Stock six.

2023 EVENT SCHEDULE 🏁🏁 73 YEARS IN 2023!

The tentative 2023 Event Schedule is almost ready for publication. Watch for dates, events, pricing, when the pits open – the works! Four big races (and the purses to match) for the Outlaw Super Late Models, six of the races in each of the weekly classes will race for bigger purses : \$1200 to win for the Late Models; \$1000 for the Street Stock; \$500 for the Outlaw FWD and \$400 for the Zoo Stock. And the Modifieds will be racing on four nights over the course of the 2023 season. April 8 will bring a pre-season testing session. Then on April 15 it’s the Winter’s Gone Krash & Bash event with a 100-lap enduro, then it’s the Season Opener on Saturday, April 22 followed by the Intimidator 100 for the Outlaw Super Late Models on April 29. We will see YOU at the races!

2022 AWARDS PARTY

About 200 people celebrated the 2022 season on October 22 at the Lions Club in Paw Paw. We’ll be highlighting a class in each Track Talk edition over the off-season, starting with the Zoo Stock.

Congratulations to all the Top 10 drivers, Rookies of the Year and those who received a service award or Honorary Mention!



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ZOO STOCK TOP 10 🏁🏁 13 point races run; heats run on 11 nights

Rank	Car #	Race #	Driver	Points	Fast Time	Heat	'B' Feature	'A' Feature	Top 5	Top 10
10	47	10	Keith Dixon	883		1			2	4
9	41	12	Keegan Letts	962		1	1		1	6
8	44	10	Scott Monroe	963		1			3	6
7	200	12	Cody Warren	1059				1	4	6
6	48	12	Rielly Meade	1096	1	1			4	7
5	33	9	Ryan Diamond	1183	3			2	5	8
4	17	11	Aaron Anderson	1249	1	1			3	6
3	6	13	Jimmy Hammann	1296	2	2		1	3	7
2	63	13	Christina Rantz	1438		1			2	10
1	62	12	Logan Meade	1515				2	7	9

In addition to the “stats” for the Zoo Stock; there are also a few tales to tell.

“Diamond” Dave Smith didn’t make the Top 10 but he did race in each of the 13 point races in 2022, picking up almost a full handful of heat races along the way.

Jimmy Hammann burst onto the Zoo Stock scene and powered to a third place finish in his rookie year, earning him the Zoo Stock Rookie of the Year. Hammann is part of the Paul Jakubik Performance Group; PJP receiving the Good Times Award.

Christina Rantz finished the highest in the standings of any woman in 2022 and drove consistently over the course of the season to the runner-up spot.

Track Champion Logan Meade won one of his two races riding the wall over the finish line and needed a wrecker to haul him to Victory Lane, missed a race early in the season due to an unfriendly appendix and still drove to a season championship, his first.

Rielly Meade (2019 Zoo Stock champion) hauled an old car out of the weeds when old faithful was underperforming and rocketed up in the point standings. In addition to his stats in the regular season, he won the Zoo Stock feature at the Super Shoe Tune-Up. (Plus he and Kara had an ADORABLE daughter in April, Rosie.)

Ryan Diamond and Aaron Anderson both “graduated” from the Zoo’s by exceeding the speed limit (both have experience in doing so) but still claimed a top 10 finish. Diamond claimed the Zoo Stock quick time for the Super Shoe Tune-Up.

Jimmy Hammann and Cody Warren (driving the yellow Dad Wagon) claimed their first victories this year. Hammann also claimed a heat race at Andy Jach’s July 3 event. Hammann and Tyler McGhan tied for fast time one week (what are the odds for THAT happening?!)

The Zoo Stock boasted 110 drivers who earned points in 2022. Thank you to all the drivers who came out to race in the class in 2022.

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Zoo Stock Top 10 with their trophies: Christina Rantz, Jimmy Hammann; Aaron Anderson, Ryan Diamond, Rielly Meade and Cody Warren.



Center: Jimmy Hammann with his Rookie of the Year Trophy; Paul Jakubik (left) & Chad Vandenberg (right) plus Hammann celebrate their special award for the Paul Jakubik Performance Group Good Times Award.



Zoo Stock Season Champion Logan Meade with his boys and (right) Rielly Meade's daughter Rosie with mom Kara.

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2022 UPCOMING EVENTS 🚩🚩 NOVEMBER

You'd think with snow moving in this weekend that the 2022 season would be done, but no! We've got two leased events running in November.

On Saturday, November 19 AutoMODIFIED will be running its final drifting event of the season. Gates open at 11:30 AM, tech at noon and the track goes live at 1:00 PM. They'll wrap up at 7:00 PM. Grandstands are \$5. Skyboxes (8-person) are available for \$125. Call 269.841.2264 for event details. (Photo provided by AutoMODIFIED)



Then on November 26 it's the 3rd Annual Bad Santa event. Skyboxes are also available for this event. Contact 312.722.4433 for event information or to rent a skybox. Individuals who rented a seasonal skybox for 2022 and wish to use the box they rented for 2022 may call 269.355.4628 for details.



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BAD SANTA
NOV. 26TH
\$1000 To Win!
Santa's Smash Derby \$300 to win
Spectator Drags \$100

Gates open at 11am,
Racing at 2PM, Adults \$15,
Students 5-12 \$5,
Pit Passes \$30,
Enduro Entry \$50

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