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CROWN VICS JOIN THE KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY LINEUP

Kalamazoo Speedway is adding another guest series to its 2023 lineup. Racing on three nights (May 26, July 14 and August 5) the Crown Vics are coming! (Payout for the three races follows.) Let's roll out a big Kalamazoo Speedway welcome to the drivers and families who race the Crown Vics. AND, if 16 Crown Vic drivers sign up to run at Super Shoe by September 8, the Crown Vics will have their own class at Super Shoe. Crown Vic rules for the regular season will be published by February 24. For more information about Super Shoe class changes, keep reading!

A Feature payout: \$400 - 250- 200 - 150 - 140 - 130 - 125 - 120 - 115 - 110 - 105 - 100 to start

TOUGH TRUCK CONTESTS - SEE THEM APRIL 15, 2023



The Tough Truck & SUV contests are coming to three events in 2023.

First up, the Stock Truck class will show off their stuff at the April 15 Tax Day Krash & Bash. One at a time, drivers compete for time around a course littered with obstacle ramps. A Modified Truck Class will join the Stock class for the June 24 and September 16 Nights of Destruction.

General and the Stock Truck class rules will be posted for this contest on the Speedway website no later than February 22.

10 or more entrants.

\$500 - 300 - 200 - 150 - 100 - 50 - 50 - 50 - 50 - 50

20 or more drivers (April 15). \$800 - 500 - 250 - 200 - 150 - 75 - 75 - 75 - 75 - 75

MODIFIED RULES POSTED

The Modifieds will be racing at Kalamazoo Speedway on May 19, June 16, July 14 and August 25. All but the July 14 race are \$2,500 to win; the July 14 race is a smooth \$5,000 to win. Rules are posted under the Driver Tab (rules page) on the Kalamazoo Speedway website.

Like the Crown Vics, if 16 Modified drivers sign up to run at Super Shoe by September 8, the Modifieds will also have their own class at Super Shoe.

Keep reading for MORE Super Shoe changes!

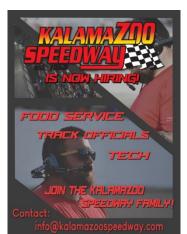


SUPER SHOE XXXVI ADDS DIVISIONS!

The Super Shoe Nationals will still be the same year-end race party that has rocked the Midwest for the last 35 years, but race classes have evolved over time and we've listened to drivers' feedback. In that spirit, we think it's time to make some adjustments to the FWD/RWD divisions at Super Shoe. So! Two classes have doubled to four. AND it could be as many as six if the minimum Crown Vic and Modified teams (minimum 16 each) register by the September 8 deadline.

- Rear Wheel Drive Class. The same rules & procedures as it's been for 35 years.
- Rear Wheel Drive /Stock Frame Class. The same open rules as we've always had, but this class will require a stock frame with a steering box in the stock location (a separate RWD class catering to the ever-popular Street Stock class).
- **Dutlaw FWD Class.** The same open rules & procedures we've had with the racing tires.
- DOT FWD Class. The same open rules, but no race tires. DOT tires with a minimum tread wear rating of 300 will be the difference from the Outlaw FWD class (think Zoo Stocks, Port Stocks, Burg Stocks, etc.)

KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY IS HIRING FOR THE 2023 SEASON



We've filled many of the open positions at Kalamazoo Speedway for the 2023 season but it takes a small town to run the place during the season! We're still seeking energetic people who are reliable and interested in working at Kalamazoo Speedway for the season.

Drop an email to info@kalamazoospeedway.com; we'll get back with you,

Thank you!

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PIT STALLS AND SKYBOX PAYMENT DEADLINES



March 1 is the deadline to pay for reserved pit staffls for 2023. To pay by phone with a credit card, call 269.355.4628. Drop or mail a check (please don't mail cash) to 150 10th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080. There are a few spots left and run \$100 per pit stall. E-mail gary@kalamazoospeedway.com to make one of the few remaning spots yours.

Seasonal skyboxes remain available for rental. Payment should be received by March 15 for seasonal boxes being held. Please use the number above to pay by credit card or the address above to drop off a check or cash.

Weekly rentals will not begin until April.

RESERVED SEATING

Kalamazoo Speedway has rolled out reserved seating for two 2023 events. Reserved seating may be purchased now and will remain open until all reserved seating has been sold. Tickets are only available by phone. (269.355.4628) Advanced ticket sales for other events or general admission for the Klash and Night of Destruction are not available at this time.

	KALAMAZOO KLASH Saturday, July 8 Small Deck	NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION Saturday, September 16 Large Deck
Adults (13+)	\$40	\$30
Youth (6-12)	\$20	\$15
5 & under	\$5	\$5

2022 TOP TEN ** TEMPLATE LATE MODELS

It's Part Four of the five-part series celebrating the top 10 drivers from each 2022 weekly class. Again, our congratulations and thanks to all the Template Late Model drivers who raced at Kalamazoo Speedway in 2022. And this is a good time to remind everyone that the class is now called Late Models.

TEM	PLATE	LATE N	IODELS 🕸 11	point r	aces; h	eats	run on	8 nigh	ts
Rank	Car #	Race #	Name	Points	Fast Time	Heat	Feature	Top 5	Top 10
10	7	7	Taylor Sexton	600					4
9	68	8	David Guarino	655					4
8	4	8	Lon Putnam	768		1			4
7	46	6	Buddy Head	796			1	3	6
6	28	8	Jaren Blanchard	919			1	1	6
5	53	9	Nathan Koester	971				1	6
4	24	7	Dylan Stovall	971				7	7
3	9	8	Lucas Krick	1067		3	1	6	6
2	26	9	Kenny Head	1285	2		4	8	8
1	21	9	Billy Shannon	1322	7			9	9

(Template Late Models Top 10 continues on the next page.)



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From left to right: Kenny Head, Nathan Koester, Jared Blanchard, Lon Putnam, David Guarino and Taylor Sexton. Below: Billy Shannon (2022 Template Late Model Track Champion)



Number of drivers in the class who earned points in 2022: 40

Continuing the 2022 Top 10 family connections, it's brothers Buddy Head and Kenny Head

Billy Shannon captured the new track record for the Templates on July 1, earned fast time at the Klash and is the 2022 Super Shoe Nationals champion. Shannon was the 1995 track champion in this class.

Buddy Head won the Street Stock feature on April 23 and is an 8 time championship in this class (7 consecutive).

Kenny Head has 4 championships in the class.

Lucas Krick earned fast time for the Grand Slam Finale (a non-point) event; while 16 year old Nathan Koester won the Finale. Krick is a two-time champion: Templates (2004) and Streets (2003)

Danny Oxford won a heat race at the Super Shoe Tune Up (also a non-point race).

Rookie of the Year: Nathan Koester





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