

TRACK TALK

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PRACTICE OPTIONS AT THE ZOO

This year Kalamazoo Speedway is offering a third option for getting in some practice time on the track.

First up, we're holding 2 open practice sessions in April. For the price of a \$20 pit pass, drivers can tune up their cars as part of a group of other cars in the same class. There is no charge for persons who want to watch from the grandstands. Cars will hit the track Saturday, April 8 starting at 1:00 PM (pits open at 11:00 AM) and again on Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 PM (pits open at 4:30 PM). Practice sessions run for four hours on weekends and three hours on weekdays.

There will be a closed practice available on Wednesday, July 5 for drivers running in the July 8 Raber's Street Stock Rumble, the Late Model race and/or Kalamazoo Klash XXXI for the Outlaw Super Late Models. Pits open at 4:00 PM for this session and the session itself starts at 5:30 PM.

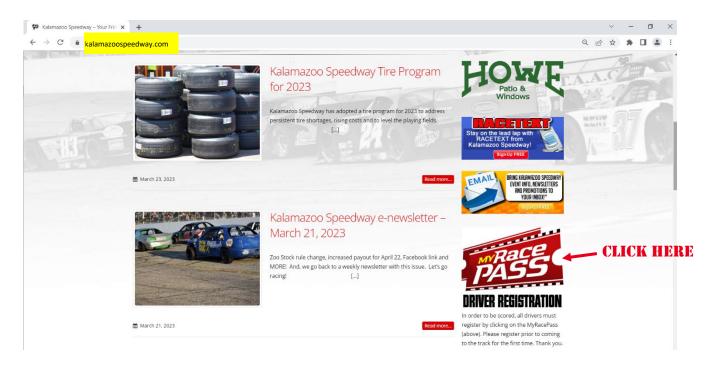
New to the Zoo this year are Saturday group practice rentals. These sessions will run from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM on May 6, May 13, June 10, July 22 and August 19. A minimum of five cars must be signed up in order for the practice to be held; a maximum of 15 cars may participate. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance; the fee is \$200 per car. Only one car will be allowed on the track at a time. There are no refunds except for inclement weather or the session being cancelled due to lack participation. For more details, see the Driver Info tab on the Speedway website under Track Rentals.

The final testing option is the traditional track rental which runs \$400 for up to 3 cars with an additional cars running \$150 per car up to a total of 6 cars. Rentals run from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM or 1:00 - 5:00 PM. If both sessions are filled on a particular day, the afternoon session will run from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. A full day rental runs 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM for \$600 for up to 3 cars with each additional car running \$150 up to the maximum 6 per session.

Please contact 269.355.4628 to set up group or traditional track rentals.

MYRACEPASS DRIVER REGISTRATION FOR 2023

Drivers who plan to compete in any Zoo Stock, Outlaw FWD, Street Stock, Late Model, Crown Vic, Modified or Outlaw Super Late Model race in 2023 MUST log in to their MyRacePass account or create an account to complete all sections of the Driver Registration Form. We appreciate all drivers completing this information in advance of coming to the track the first time. Please note that no payout will be issued unless this is complete. To assist drivers in completing the registration form, MyRacePass may be accessed from the Kalamazoo Speedway homepage. Click as indicated below.



TIRE PROGRAM FOR 2023

Kalamazoo Speedway has a new tire program for 2023. Unfortunately, the tire shortage that plagued the sport last year will stay with us for 2023 and is predicted to extend into 2024 as well. The cost of tires has continued to increase which puts a strain on many of our race teams. The tire program is designed to help lower costs for race teams and level the playing field within classes.

All of the specialty races (the four Outlaw Super Late Model and the four Modified races) will be tire impound races. Teams will buy their four tires at the track on race day.

For the Late Model class, a driver may purchase 6 new tires on April 22 (the first night the class races). In week two, teams will be able to purchase up to two new tires, the same in week three, week four, etc. All tires will be recorded into Kalamazoo Speedway's Online Tire Management Program (TMP) for each individual driver. Swapping tires with other drivers or teams is prohibited. Teams may ONLY use tires logged into the driver's TMP account anytime the car is on the track.

For the Street Stock and the Outlaw FWD, the rules are identical to those listed for the Late Model class but only one tire may be purchased in subsequent weeks.

For drivers (LM, SS, FWD) who make their first appearance at the Speedway after the first week of competition, that driver will only be allowed to purchase two (2) new tires. The new driver can log in up to four used tires creating an initial group of six (6) tires. After the initial week, the tire rotation will be the same as for the rest of the drivers. A used tire will have 25-30 laps of racing or practice on it, and cannot have been soaked or altered.

NO soaking or tire tampering allowed at Kalamazoo Speedway.

For the complete document and penalties for non-compliance, please see Tire Program 2023 under the Rules page under the Driver Info tab on the website.

KALAMAZOO MINI WEDGE SERIES

Check out the future drivers in our sport! The Kalamazoo Speedway Mini Wedge Series is back for another season at the Zoo.

The cost per event is just \$30 for the driver; everyone else is FREE. Chad VandenBerg is heading up the series this year and is hoping to lower the cost. Practice sessions run \$20 per driver.

Check out the series' Facebook page: Kalamazoo Speedway Mini Wedge Series.

Volunteers to assist with the series are being sought. If interested, please contact Chad at chadvandenberg32@gmail.com.

The schedule (next page) and the Series rules will be posted on the Kalamazoo Speedway website shortly. The series is hoping to add a few more events.

Come out and support our youthful drivers!







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