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# APRIL 19 🤲 OPEN TESTING

OPEN TESTING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19	
Pit Windows Open	4:00 PM
Pit Passes (13 years & up)	\$20
Junior Pit Passes (12 & under)	\$10
Pits Open	4:00 PM
Testing Starts	5:30 PM
Grandstands (open at 4:00 PM)	FREE



Open testing starts at 5:30 PM (pits open at 4:00 PM). Bring out your car for a final tune-up before the Saturday, April 22 Season Opener.

FREE grandstands! Get an early look at new car designs.

Below, Dave Leonard Jr. gives his sporty-looking Outlaw FWD car a workout at the April 8 practice. Below left, Tyler VanderHoff caught our eye with his décor on the Letts Racing Team Zoo Stock.



### APRIL 22 \*/\* SEASON OPENER

Point racing and solid purses await all four weekly classes at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Season Opener on April 22.

Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock (\$500 to win, \$100 to start "A" feature, \$100 to win "B" feature) (Howe Patio & Windows purse sponsor)

O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD (\$1000 to win, \$300 to start)

Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock (\$2,000 to win, \$175 to start)

Hutcherson Construction Late Models (formerly Template Late Models) (class and purse) \$2,000 to win, \$250 to start.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22	
Pits Open	1:00 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	1:00 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	6:00 PM

#### Thank you to our April 22 sponsors!!











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April 22 also marks the second annual Dare to Be Different Autism Awareness Race featuring the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD class. Kenny Wright, a familiar face at the track, pilots the #54 in the class and has worked tirelessly to bring this race together. Let's give him a shout out for his efforts in promoting Autism Awareness.



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### APRIL 28 M INTIMIDATOR 100

FRIDAY, APRIL 28	
Pits Open	2:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	<b>\$</b> 35
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	2:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$20
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

Kalamazoo Speedway settles into its Friday night schedule with the  $23^{rd}$  running of the Intimidator 100, conveniently occurring in '23. Don't miss the first race of the season for the Outlaw Super Late Models competing for a \$5,000 to win purse. Joining the Outlaws on the program are the Street Stock (\$1,000 to win), Outlaw FWD (\$500 to win) and the Zoo Stock (a surprise \$400 to win). Performance Plus Auto & Fabrication and Honor Credit Union join the class sponsors this week in boosting the purses for the Street Stock and Outlaw FWD, respectively. Randy's Trucking stepped up to beef up the Zoo Stock purse. Thank you ALL!!







# **SOUVENIR SHOP**

Marty and Ellen Jones have been fixtures at the track offering clothing and souvenirs at the Speedway gift shop. Many of you know that Marty Jones owned the track prior to Gary Howe purchasing it in 2001 and that Marty and his son Bobby developed the Kalamazoo Klash. Over the off-season, Marty and Ellen decided it was time to retire. This year, Matt and Christina Elsey will be operating the shop (plus racing!).

Let's give the Elseys (at right) a Kalamazoo Speedway welcome.



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### APRIL 15 🤲 TAX DAY KRASH & BASH RECAP

An enthusiastic crowd showed up to catch the fun, family Krash & Bash on Saturday, April 15. Paul Jakubik and Chad VandenBerg, drivers at the Speedway and of Checkers, Wreckers and More fame lent Jason Seltzer a hand in the announcer's stand; VandenBerg has also taken on managing the Mini-Wedge series this year. Everyone had a great time and the fun will continue at the Red, White and Boom Night of Destruction on June 24 and the Legendary Night of Destruction on September 16 (reserved seating on the deck for the 16th may be booked now).

James Snell took home the \$1,000 purse for the inaugural Tough Truck Contest; Rielly Meade won the Road Rage Drags, and Frank Riggby took home the top prize in the Spectator Drags, Nick Stremme took home the \$1,000 purse in the Enduro followed by Rielly Meade, John Felter, Racin' Mason Dixon and Corey Kitter in the 41 car field. Chris Primley won the \$1,000 top prize in the trailer race with Kreg Warner finishing in the runner-up position, followed by Billy Lee, Rusty Noyes and Nick Russ. The pair of Colin Bozell and Desmond Watkins won the stacker car races.

Thank you to Matthew Elsey Jr. for lending a hand to track photographer Barb and adding his shots to the photo medley.

The #23 hit the front stretch ramp and flew through the air, but what goes up must come down. We'd identify the driver but according to the roster, there was no #23 in the Tough Truck contest. But, he (or she) was impressive. Our fans are the BEST! Frank Riggby on the Spectator Drags.



Look fast at the top left photo! The driver is using a tractor tire as a hoola hoop! More of our GREAT fans! Though Bubba Darrow and Tyler Morgan came in last in the Stacker Car Races, they came in first in enthusiasm. Andy Jack interviews Enduro winner Nick Stremme. The Enduro race is pictured in the lower left and Racin' Mason Dixon is in hot pursuit of a competitor.

Thank you to all the drivers who came out to offer their talents to make the Tax Day Krash & Bash a big hit.





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