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MAY 12 🏁 FOUR WEEKLY CLASSES RACE

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Pits Open	3:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	3:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

We Will See YOU at the Races

The four weekly classes return for May 12. The Hutcherson Construction Late Models will race for a \$1200 purse, also sponsored by Hutcherson Construction. The Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock will be running for a \$2,000 to win purse (rescheduled from April 22), sponsored by Randy's Trucking. Then it's the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD racing for \$1000 to win and \$300 to start. This is the rescheduled Autism Awareness race with primary sponsor Finish Line Fabricating. And, last but not least, the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock will be racing for their postponed \$400 to win purse, also sponsored by Randy's Trucking.



MAY 19 🏁 MODIFIEDS RACE #1 OF FOUR

FRIDAY, MAY 19	
Pits Open	2:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	3:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$18
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

Mark your calendars!



The open-wheeled modifieds return to Kalamazoo Speedway in the first of their 4 appearances this season with a purse of \$2,500 to win purse. Joining the program are the Street Stock, , Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock.

It's a Big Money night for the Outlaw FWD, racing for \$500 (Honor Credit Union) to win while the Zoo Stock (Howe Patio & Windows) race for \$400.



MADHOUSE RESTARTS FOR 2023

Madhouse restarts will be used for 2023 for rear wheel drive classes plus select Outlaw FWD races. After a caution, the field will line up single file. Once the field is set, officials will radio all drivers alerting them to choose their lane. Drivers, starting with the first car in line and then following in order, must choose the inside or outside lane as they approach the start/finish line. Drivers must have committed to a lane by the time the white inverted arrow is reached. If a driver fails to commit, the driver will be moved behind the last lead lap car in the longest line for the restart. Once the commitment arrow is crossed, drivers will pull up to the first car without a car to its left or right. Drivers must stay in that row for the double file restart or be penalized a lap. In the event there is a caution before a full lap is completed on the restart, drivers will be lined up single file in the order they were on the last completed lap and try it again. If a driver is not on the lead lap, the driver will restart at the tail of the longest line; not doing so will result in a one lap penalty.



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SPINEE/SPINNER

New to Kalamazoo Speedway this year, cars racing that bring out a yellow or red flag will be placed to the rear of the field. For instance, if Car A makes contact with Car B and Car B spins, both cars will go to the tail of the field in the order in which they completed the last lap. If Car A takes responsibility for the contact that caused Car B to spin, only Car A will go to the tail. Drivers will have two laps under caution to tap out (arm out the window and tapping the roof of the car while passing under the flag stand). If Car A goes to the pits following contact, track officials may automatically “tap out” the driver and Car B will retain its position prior to the caution.

If the incident occurs prior to one lap having been completed and a full restart is needed, all cars will return to their original starting positions. Any cars having exited the track for the pits will start at the tail upon returning. In the instance of a multi-car dust up, no penalty will be assessed to a car that isn't directly involved (for example, the driver tried to stop or avoid and were caught up in the incident through no fault of their own). This does not include disregarding caution lights/flags and continuing at race speed after the caution flag has been thrown and crashing into other cars on the track.

MAY 3 🏁🏁 TESTING RECAP

Kalamazoo Speedway tossed in a last minute practice for the four weekly classes on May 3 and 43 drivers took advantage of the opportunity to get in some last minute track time before the May 5 races.

Zoo Stock	
Name	Lap Speed (seconds)
Dillon Rose	16.723
Ira Hosner	16.756
Curtis Towne	16.840
Logan Meade	16.967
Scott Brooks	17.004
Rose's lap time computes to 80.727 MPH	



Outlaw FWD	
Name	Lap Speed (seconds)
Dave Leonard	15.105
Rodney Russell	15.378
Nick Failing	15.417
Drew Hosner	16.005
Leonard's lap time computes to 89.374 MPH	



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Street Stock	
Name	Lap Speed (seconds)
Brandon Zachary	14.841
Andrew Rutherford	14.849
Chad VanSparrentak	15.079
Bobby Oxford	15.242
Jeff Town	125.276
Zachary's lap time computes to 90.964 MPH	

Late Model	
Name	Lap Speed (seconds)
Kenny Head	13.851
Buddy Head	13.859
Chris Shannon	14.082
Eric McGlothlen	14.130
Luke Krick	14.171
Head's lap time computes to 97.466 MPH.	

MAY 5 🏁 RACING RECAP

Finally! A weather friendly night for racing. And race we did. Almost 500 people packed the pits with 112 cars representing the four weekly classes and almost 2000 fans watched from the stands. Thank you to everyone who came out!

In the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock, Dillon Rose popped off a 16.775 in qualifying (80.477 MPH). It took three features to accommodate the 39 drivers who showed up for the \$500 to win purse. The 'C' feature was won by Ira Hosner (Dave Smith was the runner-up); Leonard Diamond took the 'B' feature with James Moore in the runner-up position. In the 'A' it was Matthew Elsey Jr. (right) at the finish line first, followed by Cory Kruzel, defending Outlaw FWD track champion Will Slaughter, Tyler Vanderhoff and Eric Rabb in the top five. Desmond Watkins was at the top of the second half of the top 10 followed by Charles Anderson, defending Zoo Stock track champion Logan Meade, Mason Metzger and CJ French.



Leonard Diamond



Ira Hosner

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Matthew Eelsey Jr. topped the leaderboard in qualifying for the Outlaw FWD with a 14.976 time (90.144 MPH). Seventeen of the Outlaws lined up to make a run at the \$500 purse with Dave Leonard Jr. (right with Eelsey, Jr.) making a strong showing to claim the victory in a highly competitive race. Matthew Eelsey Jr. was the runner-up followed by Rodney Russell, Dan Rigoni and Jake Doxey. Drew Hosner finished 6th followed by Ryan Kinsey, Nick Layman, Duane Green and Wayne Stack.



The Street Stock brought out 31 drivers with Andrew Rutherford picking up a fast time of 14.878 (90.738 MPH). Brad Smith, Jerry Ballard, A.J. Foote and Lee Slaton advanced to the feature in the Last Chance Race. Kyle Ribble earned the win (and \$1000 purse) in a fast and competitive race over Colin Bozell, Kyle VanSparrentak, 2019 track champion Brandon Zachary and defending champion Ricky LaDuke finishing in the top five. In the second half of the order it was Austin Maynard, Zach Westdorp, Andrew Rutherford, Bob Metheny and Gabe Carr.

Running for \$2000 to win in the Late Model class, the purse sponsored by Pro Automotive Services, 25 drivers qualified with Shawn Grace driving to quick time (13.826 - 97.642 MPH). Mike Green, Bryce Bozell, David Guarino and Jordan Brinkert advanced to the feature from the Last Chance race. In a caution plagued race, Jeff Ganus and Jeff Bozell duked it out with Ganus claiming the win. Bozell was the runner-up followed by Eric McGlothlen, Dylan Stovall and Hunter Jack in the top five. Shawn Grace finished at the top of the second half of the order followed by Billy Shannon, Chris Shannon, Jared Blanchard and Lane Head.



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