

# KALAMA ZOO SPEEDWAY

est. 1950

## TRACK TALK

JULY 17, 2023

### IN THIS EDITION

- 🏁 JULY 21 WEEKLY RACING
- 🏁 JULY 28 WEEKLY RACING
- 🏁 STREET STOCK RULE REMINDER
- 🏁 JULY 14 RACE RECAP
- 🏁 JULY 15 DRIFT EVENT RECAP
- 🏁 CELEBRATION OF LIFE



### JULY 21 🏁 WEEKLY RACING

FRIDAY, JULY 21	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Ticket 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!



It's been six weeks since we've had the four weekly classes racing on a single night! And they're all back for July 21: The Hutcherson Construction Late Models (racing for \$1,200 to win), the Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock, the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD and the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock.

July 21 is also the rescheduled Dare to be Different Autism Awareness Race for the Outlaw FWD paying a cool \$1,000 to win and \$300 to start in a 44 lap race.



DARE TO BE DIFFERENT RACE SPONSORS



Finish Line Fabrication ■ Aunt Millie's Bakeries  
 Willis Law ■ Tina Lewis ■ Andy Jach ■ Dan Rigoni  
 Jason Seltzer ■ CW Motorsports ■ Monroe Motorsports  
 Flowers Automotive & Recyclers ■ Residential Opportunities  
 (Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research)



**JULY 28 WEEKLY RACING**

The four weekly classes are back and we welcome the Michigan Auto Racing Fan Club. It's a Big Money night for the Street Stock (\$1,000 to win sponsored by Performance Plus Auto & Fabrication), Outlaw FWD (\$500 to win sponsored by Honor Credit Union) and the Zoo Stock (\$400 to win sponsored by Howe Patio & Windows). The Late Models race for their regular weekly purse.

FRIDAY, JULY 28	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Ticket 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!



**STREET STOCK RULE REMINDER**

A Tech reminder for the Street Stock. Get those nose pieces lifted by race day! From #5 (Body) of the published rules:

- ❖ No body panel or nosepiece will be lower than 5" off the ground (measured with driver in the car). Rub rails are allowed with no sharp edges or fasteners.

**TRACK TALK TRACK TALK TRACK TALK**



## JULY 14 🏁🏁 RACES CANCELLED



Well, what can we say that hasn't already been said? Fake news! The Randy Ritchey rainout wasn't and we missed a great night of racing on July 14!

The Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stock Big Money purses were rescheduled to July 28, the \$5000 purse for the Modifieds moves to August 25 (the Engine Pro Vintage Modifieds will join us on the 25<sup>th</sup>). The Crown Vics will be back on August 5.

## JULY 15 🏁🏁 AUTOMODIFIED OPEN DRIFTING

The AutoMODIFIED sponsored drifting wrapped up another open session on Saturday, July 15. If you haven't checked them out, they'll be holding two Saturday events in August: August 12 and August 26. Drift events are rain or shine (it didn't rain Saturday either!) It's only \$5 for adults to watch; 12 and under are free. Thinking you might want to be a driver? A \$20 pit pass will get you into the pits to view the cars and talk to the drivers; all of whom are more than happy to offer help.

The tear drop layout created, figuratively, a few tears. Though unusual, sometimes things go awry and car meets wall (or one of the safety tires). Nick, safety official, had an unusually busy night towing cars (most of which were patched up in the pits and came back out) plus showed his sense of humor managing to spin one tire on his safety truck to produce a little smoke of his own.

Hey, we don't let a dust up with the wall stop us! (right) Catch the eject of car parts (below) and the driver continued his run in a perfect drift around the infield.



**TRACK TALK**

**TRACK TALK**

**TRACK TALK**

In a more successful run, a couple of cars run in tandem.

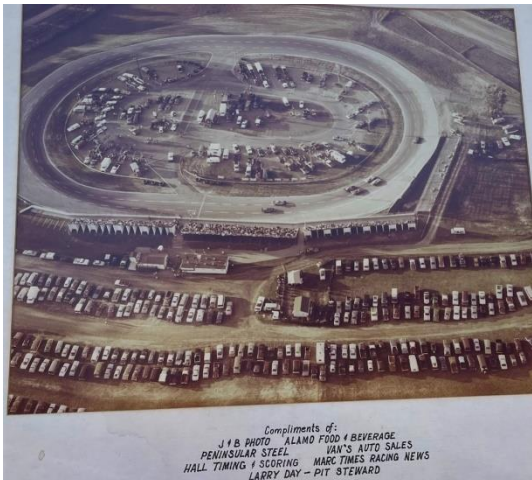


## CELEBRATION OF LIFE 🏁🏁 MARTY JONES

Friends and family gathered on the midway at Kalamazoo Speedway to honor Marty Jones and reminisce about a life well-lived, courtesy of Marty's family and the Howe family. Marty purchased the track in 1981 and put it on the map, selling it to Gary Howe in 2011 who went on to ensure it stayed on the map. Jack Goodrich offered a prayer and friends and family offered memories of Marty. Family, drivers and friends were able to do the same in small groups throughout the afternoon. A missing man salute to honor Marty was held on the track; thank you to the drivers who brought their race cars. The photographer left her camera at home out of respect for the occasion, so thank you to Andy Jach and Gary Howe for using the phones. A shout out goes to Kenny Head for spearheading the dedication of the newly named Marty Jones Family Section.



circa 1984



Compliments of:  
 J + B PHOTO ALAMO FOOD & BEVERAGE  
 PENINSULAR STEEL VAN'S AUTO SALES  
 HALL TIMING & SCORING MARC TIMES RACING NEWS  
 LARRY DAY - PIT STEWARD



Fast, Family Fun for 73 Years

Except as noted, photos by A. Fisher

**TRACK TALK TRACK TALK TRACK TALK**