

# KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

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## TRACK TALK

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### AUGUST 18 🚩🚩 THE OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS ARE BACK!

The Outlaw Super Late Models are back for their last regular season race at Kalamazoo Speedway for the 2023 season. A 75-lap, \$5,000 to win finale!

Joining the Outlaws are the Hutcherson Construction Late Models and the Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock racing for \$1,000 to win courtesy of Performance Plus Auto & Fabrication. Hey!?! Aren't those the classes that made up the fabulous Kalamazoo Klash on July 8. Yes, yes they are! We will see YOU at the races!

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Pits Open	2:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Ticket Windows Open	2:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$20
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

We will see YOU at the races!!!



## AUGUST 25 🏁 THE OPEN WHEEL MODIFIEDS HEADLINE



The 4J Trucking Open Wheeled Modifieds close out their 2023 season at Kalamazoo Speedway with a \$5,000 to win 50-lap feature. Also on the card are the Street Stock and the Zoo Stock.

Get your racing fixes now! Friday, September 1 marks the end of the regular season at the Zoo (all four classes racing with higher purses). After that it's only the Saturday, September 16 Legendary Night of Destruction and Super Show XXXVI (and of course the leased Bad Santa event in November and a few Open Drifting events).

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Pits Open	2:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Ticket Windows Open	2:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$18
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

Mark your calendars!!!

## SUPER SHOE INFORMATION

Check out [kalamazospeedway.com](http://kalamazospeedway.com)! Super Shoe information has been published and more is on the way. All information is under the post labeled Super Shoe XXXVI. All information will be posted by the end of the week.

## AUGUST 11 🏁 RACE RECAP

The forecast looked gloomy all week, but the radar cleared Friday morning and we went racing. It rained in the parking lot during qualifying, but barely sprinkled on the track surface. The caution was thrown but in seconds we were back to green and stayed the way for the remainder of the night.

The Kalamazoo Camaro Club joined the Autograph Night/Backpack Giveaway festivities in the infield and the Mini-Wedges, lead by Billy Shannon, were part of opening ceremonies. Jack Goodrich offered the Invocation and Leslie Stuller sang the National Anthem.



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Pre-race festivities done, it was time for racing! Scott Elsey was at the top of the **Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock** qualifying leaderboard with a time of 16.755 seconds (80.573 MPH). Honorable mention goes to 11 year old Mason Metzger in the second position with a time of 16.845. And while mentioning, Nick Failing set the track record in the Zoo Stock on August 5. August 5 was a non-point race so there was no penalty for dipping below the Zoo Stock 16.700. Failing will get his place on the track record roster (see Results on the navigation bar on the Speedway website) and received our congratulations. Eric Rabb (middle), Terry Kline (top) and Matt Elsey (photo not available) won the heat races.

In the 'B' feature, it was Brandon Goodrich in Victory Lane. This was Goodrich's first time out at Kalamazoo Speedway and his first race—ever. He came within 0.047 seconds of winning his heat race as well. Nick Ruimveld was the runner-up followed by Travis Petto; Eric Rabb and Noah Thomson wrapped up the top 5. All finished on the lead lap.

In the 'A' feature, the race started with a caution but went back to green quickly. Tyler Vanderhoff held the early lead. Scott Elsey changed that and once in the lead, didn't give it up. Vanderhoff didn't fade and maintained his position in second place. Meanwhile Mason Metzger used the speed he showed during qualifying to move into third place. Keegan Letts was running strong but departed following a caution with 4 laps remaining; the only caution since the opening lap. Nick Failing, Daniel Abercrombie and Terry Kline all raced for position behind the leaders. In the end, it was Scott Elsey (far right) with the win, Tyler Vanderhoff (left) in the runner-up position followed by Mason Metzger (center), Nick Failing and Matthew Elsey Jr. in the top five. Daniel Abercrombie led off the second half of the top 10 with Terry Kline finishing behind him then CJ French, Hannah Zwart and Charles Anderson. Matthew Elsey Jr. has a 14 point lead over Scott Elsey; CJ French is -87 with two races left.

Matthew Elsey Jr. was the top qualifier in the **O'Reilly Outlaw FWDs** posting a time of 15.310 (88.178 MPH). He went on to win the heat race, but skipped Victory Lane). In the 20-lap feature, Bryson Hosner held the lead for the initial five laps. With 15 laps remaining, Will Slaughter drove into the lead as Matthew Elsey Jr. was moving through the field. Elsey Jr.



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passed Slaughter with 10 laps left and they finished the race in that order. Wayne Stack finished third followed by Dan Rigoni, Ira Hosner, Drew Hosner, Bryson Hosner, Bryan Gates, Nick Layman and Caitlin Thomlinson who was only able to complete 4 laps. Matthew Elsey Jr. is the point leader and season champion. Elsey Jr. is pictured at right. Chloe Elsey (right) celebrated her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 11.

In the **Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock**, Kyle VanSparrentak was the fastest in practice (14.781) as well as in qualifying with a time of 14.825 (91.062 MPH). Danny Oxford (#58) and Blake Hybels (#17) won the heat races. In the 25-lap feature, Jerry Ballard took the first lap with Danny Oxford passing him a lap later. Oxford held his position until 21 remaining when Kyle Ribble took the lead. Caution flew with 14 left and Kyle VanSparrentak shot out to the front on the restart. Zach Westdorp ran a hard fought race moving into the top three before Ricky LaDuke took the spot from him. At the checkered it was Kyle VanSparrentak (below), Kyle Ribble, Ricky LaDuke, Zach Westdorp and Danny Oxford in the top five. The second half of the order started with Alex Sexton followed by Blake Hybels, Jerry Ballard, Gabe Sheppard and Timohy Olson. Kyle VanSparrentak has the point lead over defending champion Ricky LaDuke (-63).



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At right: Ricky LaDuke (3<sup>rd</sup> place Street Stock finisher), Kyle VanSparrentak and Kyle Ribble (runner up Street Stock feature).



In the **Hutcherson Construction Late Models**, Billy Shannon was the fastest in practice (14.295) and Kenny Head was the fastest in qualifying (14.221, 94.930 MPH). The Late Models didn't run heats. In the 30-lap feature, Nathan Koester was out fast to lead lap one. Rick Senneker was into the wall bringing out the caution on lap 25. Koester still held the lead when the field went back to green. With 23 remaining, Jeff Bozell moved to the lead. Lucas Krick and Jordan Brinkert were in a dog fight for third with Brinkert holding him off lap after lap. Meanwhile, Billy Shannon and Kenny Head were marching up toward the front. With 10 remaining, Shannon had moved into third and was challenging Koester, Kenny Head had moved into the top five with Krick falling to sixth. That not good enough for the point leader going into tonight's race, Krick pushed to better his position. When the checkered waved, it was Jeff Bozell (right), Billy Shannon, Kenny Head, Lucas Krick and Jared Blanchard in the top 5. Nathan Koester finished sixth followed by Jordan Brinkert, Taylor Sexton, Bill Tomlinson and Rick Senneker. Lucas Krick maintains a slim point lead over Jeff Bozell -18, defending champion Billy Shannon -24 and Kenny Head -31.



At right: Billy Shannon (runner-up), Jeff Bozell and Kenny Head (3<sup>rd</sup> place Late Model feature).



**AUGUST 12 🏁 OPEN DRIFTING (LEASED EVENT)**



The Open Drifting event got all the rain that didn't fall on Fast Friday! Close to 2" of rain poured into the venue late morning. While drift events are rain or shine, a bit of work was needed to drain the seven inches of standing water on the course. Handily taken care of, the event welcomed drivers and fans. The AutoMODIFIED ride car saw its first action of the season, thrilling those who took a spin (a professional drove). An open drifting event, cars drifted as singles, doubles, triples and there were a few quads. First time drifters plus the more experienced showed up for a fun day. To check them out, the next Open Drifting event is August 26. It's only \$5 for adults to watch; 12 and under are free. Driver pit passes are \$80 (and includes one crew member). Non-driver pit passes run \$20. Ticket windows and the pits open at noon; drifting runs from 2:00 - 9:00 PM with a brief intermission to reset the course.



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