

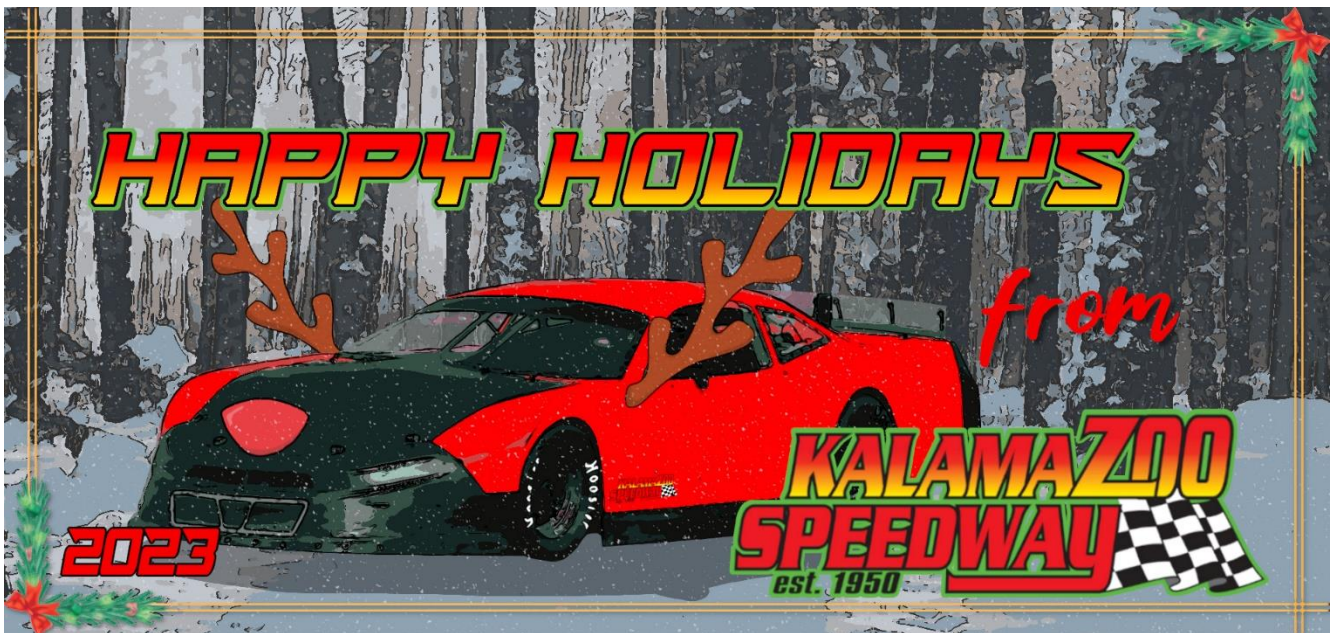


TRACK TALK

December 19, 2023

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FROM all of us at Kalamazoo Speedway, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

2023 AWARDS PARTY IN 2024!

THERE is still plenty of time to make your reservation(s) for the 2023 Awards' Party. We'll be casual at the Gun River Conservation Club on Saturday, January 13.

You don't have to be a Top 10 finisher in the 2023 season (or a driver at all) to come out for some socializing and a fun time. We will see you there!

GUN RIVER CONSERVATION CLUB
PLAINWELL, MI

6 PM - MIDNIGHT
AWARDS AT 8

\$10 - FREE FOR 5 & UNDER

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BEER INCLUDED, CASH BAR

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IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY (NOW!) AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

IT sure is too cold to race (even for the AutoMODIFIED Drift Club) but that doesn't mean that things aren't still hopping at the track in preparation for the 2024 race season. As we speak, crews are replacing all the wooden bleacher boards with aluminum seating including vertical risers so that personal belonging are less apt to fall under the bleachers and get lost. AND, the MOUTH (aka Jason Seltzer) will be doing the race day announcing through a brand new public address system. As an added bonus, staff will be heard in the pits when there are race announcements to be made. We can't wait to share it with you all!

NEXT EVENTS AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

THE first race related event in 2024 is actually a leased event. The AutoMODIFIED Drift Club returns for their second full season at the Zoo and will be testing out the new PA system and seating for the Open Drifting event on Saturday, March 16. Unlike the oval track racers, the drifters do their thing rain or shine, hot or cold, as long as there isn't a foot of water in the infield or snow so deep a car can't drift.

Then on Friday April 12, there'll be a pre-season testing session followed on Friday, April 19 by the Season Opener with the Late Models, Outlaw Limited Late Models, Street Stock and the Front Wheel Drive class (now a combination of last year's Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stock). On Friday, April 26, The Outlaw Super Late Models run the 24th (ironically occurring in 2024) Intimidator 100.

The AutoMODIFIED Drift Club also has a few dates in April. They'll be showing off their stuff on April 13 and then for a two-day event running April 27-28.

We will see YOU at the races in 2024!

BAD SANTA (November 25) and AutoMODIFIED DRIFTS (December 2)

SINCE the last edition of Track Talk there were two leased events (the 4th Annual Bad Santa Enduro and the final Open Drifting event of the year).

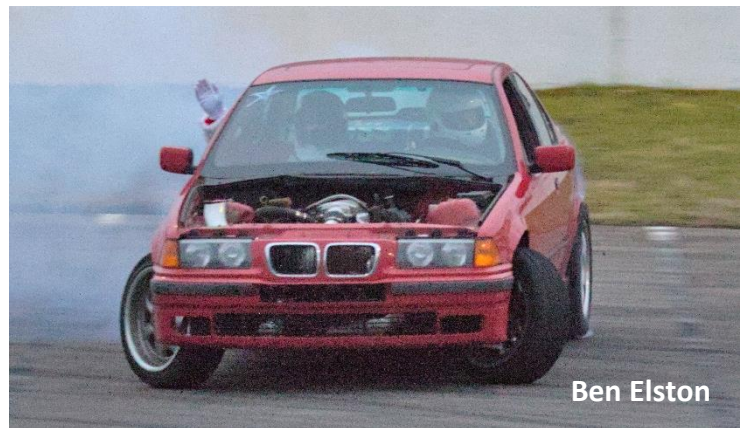
Corey Michaels finished the Bad Santa Enduro at the head of the pack on a dry but brisk(!) day. The enduro was a timed two-hour event with the winner being determined by the most laps driven. Michaels' finished 211 laps with runner-up, Cole Roelofs, completing 205. Logan Meade and Ryan Hufford both completed 200 laps, Troy Smalz (195), Rielly Meade (193), Kreg Warner (192), Brad Baklund (191), Stephan Emmans (187) and Seth Gilbert (184) rounded out the top 10 in a field that started with 42 cars. The course ran on part of the oval and through the infield and by the end of the enduro, cars littered the oval and infield. With clean-up needed before the drifters arrived on December 2, Mother Nature showed off her sense of humor and dumped a bundle of snow on the track leaving snow covered mounds. Clean-up was delayed until the melt toward the end of the week and, with not much room to spare, clean-up was completed on Saturday and the drifters made the most of it. (Photos next page)

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CLOCKWISE: The start of the Bad Santa Enduro; event sponsor Andy Jach and announcer Frank Gasko, 4th Bad Santa Enduro winner, Corey Michaels, with the lamp trophy.

The AutoMODIFIED sponsored Open Drift event drew plenty of cars and more fans than might have been expected. Santa made an appearance and granted a spectator's wish for a ride-a-long then jumped in a car for a ride-a-long of his own!



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