



TRACK TALK

March 30, 2024

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2: TIRE DAY!!!

KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY will be selling **tires** at the track from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, April 2. No pit pass needed, just head down to the infield. Cash, checks or credit cards accepted (tires are \$5.00 more per tire when using a card). Mounting services will be available, mounting is included in the price of the tire.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12: OPEN PRACTICE.

On Friday April 12, come on out for a **pre-season testing session**. Adult pit passes are \$20, junior pit passes are \$10 and the grandstands are FREE! The pit pass windows open at 3:30 PM (please have your driver registration completed by April 11. Testing begins at 5:30 PM (schedule on the next page.) We'll test until 9:00 PM or until no more cars want to hit the track, whichever comes first.



DRIVERS! Please log into your MyRacePass account and complete your **2024 MRP registration**. If you're new, you'll need to create an account (there is no charge). There is a link on the Kalamazoo Speedway website (right side of the homepage) which will take you directly to the form after you check your class. **NOTE:** Registering last year or in a previous year does not mean you're registered for this year. By registering in advance, you will streamline your time obtaining a transponder. Drivers must fill out both the driver and owner sides, even if the driver and owner are one and the same. The owner is who will receive all tax information.



PRE-SEASON TESTING EVENT SCHEDULE
April 12, 2024

Session length will be determined by number of cars per class and demands on the track per class. Sessions will repeat in the same order listed to the right with testing being completed by 9:00 PM or until no more cars want to hit the track, whichever comes first.

PIT WINDOWS OPEN	3:30 PM
PIT GATES OPEN	3:30 PM
TESTING	5:30 PM
Front Wheel Drive #1	
Street Stock #1	
Outlaw Limited Late Model #1	
Late Model #1	
Guest Series #1	

FRIDAY, APRIL 19: SEASON OPENER.

THE SEASON OPENER is always a big night at Kalamazoo Speedway and this year is no exception. This year's four weekly classes will race at the 74th Season Opener. Returning are the AFC Metal Supply Late Models and the Techworks Trailers Street Stock. Back for the first time since the close of 2006 are the Honor Credit Union Outlaw Limited Late Models (pictured to the right). The Front Wheel Drives are now one class with two divisions (those racing on Hoosiers [O'Reilly Auto Parts] and those running on street tires [Spartan Insulation]). Each division will crown a champion. All front wheel drive cars with qualify together as a single class. April 19 also marks the 3rd Annual Dare to be Different Race for Autism for the Front Wheel Drive - DOT division. All classes and divisions will race to win \$1,000 in the 'A' feature. The Autism Awareness race will pay \$150 to start for the 'A' feature.



Limited Late Model photo compliments of HD Five/Horvath Design

On the 19th, we'll be opening the ticket windows early (2:30 instead of the usual 3:30). Again, drivers PLEASE have your MyRacePass registration completed at least one day ahead of when you plan to race or practice. Racing is still at 7:30.



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INTIMIDATOR 100 FRIDAY, APRIL 26.

Kim Kemperman

MARK your calendars! It's the Outlaw Super Late Models running the 24th Intimidator 100. They'll be joined by the Street Stock and Front Wheel Drives. The pits will also open early for this race (2:30 PM). Racing at 7:30.



RECAP: AWARDS PARTY

CLEARLY THE casual approach used for the last couple of **award ceremonies** is the look of the future! Over 240 people showed up on March 2 for a fun evening of socializing, eating, games and music—with a break to hand out the hardware and recognize our drivers, staff and sponsors. The Top 10 in each class received a trophy and poster. The front wheel drive posters start on this page. We'll share the RWD drivers in the next edition.



Staff members Tim Tinney (above left) and Skeeter Reed (above right) each received employee service awards. Virgil Hopwood (right) and Gary Howe (left) received a Marty Jones Dedication Award for their services.

We'll publish other staff and driver awards in the next edition.

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LOGAN MEADE

9TH PLACE
2023 700 STOCK

Top 10: 5
Point Races: 9 of 11



ERIC MEPYANS

8TH PLACE
2023 700 STOCK

Heat Races: 1 Top 5: 1 Top 10: 7
Point Races: 10 of 11

One 'B' feature win



DESMOND WATKINS

7TH PLACE
2023 700 STOCK

Heat Races: 1 Point Races: 10 of 11
Top 5: 1 Top 10: 5

700 STOCK ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



MATT ELSEY

6TH PLACE
2023 700 STOCK

Heat Races: 3 Point Races: 10 of 11
Top 5: 5 Top 10: 6



CHARLES ANDERSON JR.

5TH PLACE
2023 700 STOCK

Point Races: 11 of 11
Top 5: 2 Top 10: 8

Non-point, Top 10 finish on August 5.



MASON MAY

4TH PLACE
2023 700 STOCK

Fast Time: 1 Point Races: 11 of 11
Top 5: 3 Top 10: 8

Non-point, Top 10 finish on August 5.



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CJ FRENCH
3RD PLACE
2023 ZOO STOCK

Fast time: 1 Heat races: 2
 Top 5: 3 Top 10: 8
 Point Races: 11 of 11

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 est. 1950

SCOTT ELSEY
RUNNER-UP
2023 ZOO STOCK

Fast time: 2 Feature wins: 4
 Top 5: 5 Top 10: 6
 Heat Races: 2 Point Races: 11 of 11
 Non-point. Winner Super Shoe FWD -DOT X Feature.

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MATTHEW ELSEY JR.
TRACK CHAMPION
2023 ZOO STOCK

Fast time: 3 Feature wins: 2
 Top 5: 7 Top 10: 8
 Point Races: 11 of 11
 Top 5 finish on August 5. First driver to win a championship in two classes in one season.

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RODNEY RUSSELL II
10TH PLACE
2023 OUTLAW FWD

Point Races: 4 of 9
 Top 5: 4 Top 10: 4 Wins: 1

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JAKE DOXEY
9TH PLACE
2023 OUTLAW FWD

Point Races: 5 of 9
 Top 5: 3 Top 10: 4

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TOP ROW RACING MEDIA

WILL SLAUGHTER
8TH PLACE
2023 OUTLAW FWD

Point Races: 5 of 9 Wins: 1
 Top 5: 4 Top 10: 4
 Non-point. Top 10 finish on June 30 and feature winner on August 5.

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DAVE LEONARD JR.
7TH PLACE
2023 OUTLAW FWD



Point Races: 5 of 9 Wins: 1
 Top 5: 5 Top 10: 5

Non-point. Top 5 finish on June 30.



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DAN RIGONI
6TH PLACE
2023 OUTLAW FWD



Point Races: 5 of 9
 Top 5: 4 Top 10: 4

Non-point. Top 5 finishes on June 30 and August 5.



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DREW HOSNER
5TH PLACE
2023 OUTLAW FWD




Point Races: 9 of 9 Top 10: 4
 Non-point. Top 10 finish on August 5.




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SCOTT GATES
4TH PLACE
2023 OUTLAW FWD



Point Races: 8 of 9
 Top 5: 2 Top 10: 8

OUTLAW FWD ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



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NICK LAYMAN
3RD PLACE
2023 OUTLAW FWD



Point Races: 9 of 9
 Top 5: 2 Top 10: 6

Non-point. Top 10 finish on August 5.



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WAYNE STACK
RUNNER-UP
2023 OUTLAW FWD



Point Races: 9 of 9
 Top 5: 3 Top 10: 6

Non-point. June 30 'B' feature win.



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Donnie Brest (standing third from left) received a sponsor award (Pro Automotive Services). Brest sponsors the Jared Blanchard and Billy Shannon teams.

RECAP: MARCH 16 OPEN DRIFTING EVENT.

THE FIRST **AutoMODIFIED Drift Club** event of the season had the pits so full drivers had to use the 3rd pits for the first time. Over 725 people came out to hang out in the pits, drift or watch from the grandstands. It was quite the opening night shakedown!!

The next open drifting event is April 13. Ticket windows open at noon, the track is hot from 2:00 - 9:00 PM. Spectators \$5!



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