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April 4, 2024

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Payout
- April 26 – Intimidator 100
Special Events/Payout
- Top 10 - RWD



APRIL 6, 2024: KALAMAZOO TRACK SERVICES TRAINING.

Kalamazoo Track Services (KTS) will be holding a **training** on Saturday, April 6 in the track infield from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. The grandstands will be open for anyone who'd like to check it out. Be warned, bathrooms are not open due to the cold and not being able to turn the water on. On the agenda are practicing for such things as basic extrication, wrecker operations and possibly Flip R car training. Sorry, no spectators allowed in the pits on Saturday.

APRIL 12, 2024: OPEN PRACTICE.

The season kicks off with an **open practice** on Friday, April 12. The pits open at 3:30 PM (please have your driver MRP registration completed no later than April 11 if you plan to practice). Adult pit passes are \$20, junior pit passes are \$10 and the grandstands are FREE! Testing begins at 5:30 and we'll go until 9:00 PM or until no more cars want to hit the track, whichever comes first.



FRIDAY, APRIL 19: SEASON OPENER.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19	
Pits Open	2:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Ticket Windows Open	2:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

Season Opener number 74! Don't miss it. The **four weekly classes** make their first appearances of the season: the AFC Metal Supply Late Models, the Honor Credit Union Outlaw Limited Late Models and the Techworks Trailer Street Stock are the rear wheel drive classes. The Front Wheel Drives are now one class with two divisions: the O'Reilly Auto Parts FWD - Outlaws running on Hoosier tires and the FWD - DOT division running on street tires. Each division will crown a champion. On tap on April 19 is the 3rd Annual Dare to be Different Race for Autism racing for \$1,000 to win in the 'A' feature and \$150 to start. The FWD Hoosier racers will also boast a \$150 to start 'A' feature and a \$1,000 to win purse.



The Late Model feature will pay \$1,500 to win and the remainder of the RWD classes will pay \$1,000 to win the 'A' features.



DRIVERS! If you have not completed your 2024 MRP registration, please do so at least one day prior to practicing or racing for the first time. Transponders will not be issued without completion. Thank you for your cooperation. Call 269-355-4628 if you have questions.



Drivers (and fans) will notice that the finish line is now about 25 feet earlier than it has been for the last 30 plus years. With all the pavement that had to be removed to install underground conduit for the new lighting and PA systems, this seemed like the ideal time to address a scoring nightmare. Now, cars exiting the pits will not trip the scoring loop, which in years past gave a driver doing a fast pit under green or caution a one lap advantage (pitting did not put them a lap down). Although everyone was treated the same, the improvements provided an excellent opportunity to correct a longstanding unfair advantage.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024: INTIMIDATOR 100.

Don't miss the 24th running of the **Intimidator 100**. Joining the Outlaw Super Late Models are the Street Stock and the Front Wheel Drives. The payout for the Intimidator 100 follows.

A Feature **\$5000** - 2500 - 1750 - 1600 - 1500 - 1400 - 1300 - 1200 - 1100 - 1000 - 950 - 925 - 900
875 - 850 - 825 - 800 to start

Last Chance Positions 1-4 transfer to A Feature - 5th on back \$350
Tow Money \$125

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SPECIAL EVENT DATES & PAYOUT.

Kalamazoo Speedway is announcing a number of **special events** for the weekly classes throughout the season. Each with a **higher payout**. The payout follows and is also posted on the Speedway website under the Driver Info tab. Guest class payout will be published shortly.

LATE MODEL

APR 19, MAY 31, AUG 2, SEPT 6: **\$1500** - 750 - 600 - 550 - 500 - 400 - 350 - 325 - 300 to start

JULY 13: **\$5000** - 2000 - 1000 - 850 - 750 - 650 - 600 - 550 - 525 - 500 to start

OUTLAW LIMITED LATE MODEL

APR 19, MAY 31, JULY 19, AUG 9, SEPT 6: **\$1000** - 700 - 600 - 500 - 450 - 350 - 325 - 300 - 250 to start

JUNE 21: **\$5000** - 2000 - 1000 - 850 - 700 - 650 - 600 - 550 - 525 - 500 to start

STREET STOCK

APR 19, MAY 31, AUG 16, SEPT 6: **\$1000** - 500 - 450 - 425 - 400 - 300 - 275 - 250 - 200 to start

JULY 13: **\$5000** - \$1500 - 800 - 700 - 600 - 550 - 500 - 450 - 425 - 400 to start

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

FWD - OUTLAW (Hoosier Race Tires) Division

MAY 17, JUNE 14, JULY 26, SEPT 6: **\$750** - 350 - 250 - 200 - 175 - 150 - 140 - 130 - 125 to start

APR 19 - AUTISM AWARENESS RACE: **\$1000** - 300 - 250 - 200 - 175 - 170 - 165 - 160 - 155 - 150 to start

FWD - DOT (Street Tires) Division

MAY 17, JUNE 14, JULY 26, SEPT 6: **\$500** - 250 - 200 - 150 - 125 - 120 - 115 - 110 - 100 to start

APR 19 - AUTISM AWARENESS RACE: **\$1000** - 500 - 400 - 350 - 300 - 275 - 250 - 225 - 200 - 150 to start

Last Chance \$25 - 25 - 25 - 25 - 100 - 80 - 75 - 70 to start

C Feature \$80 - 75 - 70 - 65 - 60 - to start

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RECAP: AWARDS PARTY (Part II of II)

The Rear Wheel Drives 2023 Top 10 (Street Stock and Late Model).

JEREMY YOUNG
10TH PLACE
2023 STREET STOCK



Top 5: 2 Top 10: 6
 Point Races: 6 of 11
 Non-point, Top 10 finish in Rober's Street Stock Rumble; Runner-up in the 'A' NWD Super Shoe finale.



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CHAD VANSPARRENTAK
9TH PLACE
2023 STREET STOCK



Top 10: 5
 Point Races: 7 of 11



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BLAKE HYBELS
8TH PLACE
2023 STREET STOCK



Heat Race: 1 Top 10: 2
 Point Races: 10 of 11
STREET STOCK ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



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JERRY BALLARD
7TH PLACE
2023 STREET STOCK



Top 10: 4
 Point Races: 10 of 11



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DANNY OXFORD
6TH PLACE
2023 STREET STOCK



Top 5: 2 Top 10: 6 Heat Race: 1
 Point Races: 9 of 11
 Non-point, Heat race and Top 5 finish on August 5; Top 10 finish for Super Shoe Stock 'A' feature.



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ZACH WESTDORP
5TH PLACE
2023 STREET STOCK



Top 5: 4 Top 10: 9
 Point Races: 11 of 11
 Non-point, Won Rober's Street Stock Rumble Last Chance race and placed in Top 10 for the feature; Top 5 in the August 5 race.



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ALEX SEXTON
4TH PLACE
2023 STREET STOCK



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

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KYLE RIBBLE
3RD PLACE
2023 STREET STOCK



Fast times: 2 Feature wins: 3
 Top 5: 9 Top 10: 10
 Point Races: 11 of 11

Non-point Top 5 Racer's Street Stock Rumble:
 Fast time August 5; Feature runner-up August 5.

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RICKY LADUKE
RUNNER-UP
2023 STREET STOCK



Fast time: 1 Feature wins: 3
 Top 5: 10 Top 10: 10
 Point Races: 11 of 11

Non-point Winner Racer's Street Stock Rumble
 and feature race on August 5.

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KYLE VANSPARRENTAK
TRACK CHAMPION
2023 STREET STOCK



Fast times: 7 Feature wins: 2
 Top 5: 10 Top 10: 11
 Point Races: 11 of 11

Non-point Fast time Racer's Street Stock Rumble

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BUDDY HEAD
10TH PLACE
2023 LATE MODELS



Point Races: 6 of 10
 Top 5: 2 Top 10: 3

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JORDEN BRINKERT
9TH PLACE
2023 LATE MODELS



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

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BILL TOMLINSON
8TH PLACE
2023 LATE MODELS

Point Races: 9 of 10
 Fast time: 1 Top 10: 5



JARED BLANCHARD
7TH PLACE
2023 LATE MODELS

Point Races: 9 of 10
 Top 5: 1 Top 10: 6



TAYLOR SEXTON
6TH PLACE
2023 LATE MODELS

Point Races: 10 of 10
 Top 5: 3 Top 10: 7



RICK SENNEKER
5TH PLACE
2023 LATE MODELS

Point Races: 10 of 10
 Top 5: 3 Top 10: 7



JEFF BOZELL
4TH PLACE
2023 LATE MODELS

Point Races: 9 of 10 Feature wins: 1
 Top 5: 7 Top 10: 8



BILLY SHANNON
3RD PLACE
2023 LATE MODELS

Fast times: 2 Point Races: 10 of 10
 Top 5: 5 Top 10: 9



KENNY HEAD
RUNNER-UP
2023 LATE MODELS



Fast times: 2 Feature wins: 1
 Top 5: 7 Top 10: 8
 Point Races: 10 of 10



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LUKE KRICK
TRACK CHAMPION
2023 LATE MODELS



Fast times: 2 Feature wins: 4
 Top 5: 8 Top 10: 9
 Point Races: 10 of 10

Non-point Race: Top 10 Klash event.



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Awards not in the last newsletter.

Rookies of the Year

- Late Model – Bryce Bozell
- Street Stock – Blake Hybels
- Outlaw FWD – Scott Gates
- Zoo Stock – Desmond Watkins

Media Warrior Awards: Andy Jach, Louis Noakes, & Checkers & Wreckers

Checkers & Wreckers Specialty Awards

- Positivity Award – Donnie Brest & Crew
- Rising Star Award – Anthony Foote
- Eagle Award – Bentley Foote

Top Row Specialty Awards

- Ninja Award – Joel Areaux
- Mountain Mover Award – Jared Blanchard
- The “Damn” Award – Drew Hosner

Miini-Wedge Series

- Senior Division – Colby Brownlee
- Junior Division – Elena Rutherford

BRYCE BOZELL



2023 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
Late Models



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