

# KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

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## TRACK TALK

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 29: RED, WHITE & BOOM. NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION!



**RED  
WHITE  
& BOOM!**  
NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION



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### HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

1. Call 269.355.4628 and order tickets on the phone with a credit or debit card. Pick up on Saturday, June 29. No waiting in ticket lines! Deadline: 5:00 PM, Thursday, June 27. There is a \$3 per ticket convenience fee per ticket for all tickets sold in advance.
2. Buy tickets at the track. Tickets go on sale at 11:00 AM at the ticket windows. Blankets may not be placed in advance of this time and you must have a ticket to place a blanket.

NO LARGE STROLLERS OR WAGONS.



COOLERS 14" and SMALLER ARE ALLOWED (no glass!)

<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 29 RED, WHITE &amp; BOOM</b>	
<b>Pits Open (Participants Only)</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Adult Pit Pass (13+)</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Youth Pit Pass</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Deadline to Register</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Mandatory Drivers' Meeting</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<b>Ticket Windows Open</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Adult Grandstand</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Youth Grandstand (6-12)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Kids 5 &amp; under</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Pit Party – FREE bus rides!</b>	<b>4:00 – 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Program Starts</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>



<b>PROGRAM RED, WHITE &amp; BOOM</b>
Introduction of Monster & Trophy Trucks
Drifters Gone Wild
Monster Trucks – Round 1
Flagpole Race
Two-Wheel Madness
Trophy Trucks – Round 1
Backwards Push Race
<b>INTERMISSION</b>
Monster Trucks – Round 2
Truck & SUV Trailer Race
Trophy Trucks – Round 2
Bus Race
<b>FIREWORKS</b>

## **THURSDAY, JULY 4: MERICA NIGHT (leased show)**

<b>Thursday, July 4, 2024</b>	
<b>Pits Open</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>Adult Pit Pass (13+)</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Youth Pit Pass</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Ticket Windows Open</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<b>Adult Grandstand</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Youth Grandstand (6-12)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Kids 5 &amp; under</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Racing Starts</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>

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## SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, JULY 13. KALAMAZOO KLASH XXXII.

Saturday, July 13	
Pits Open	11:00 AM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$40
Youth Pit Pass	\$20
Ticket Windows Open	11:00 AM
Adult Grandstand	\$30
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:00 PM

KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY gets back to its race program in a BIG way with the Kalamazoo Klash. The Outlaw Super Late Models run their 125 lap signature race of the season at the Zoo paying out a cool \$15,000 to win. The Howe Late Model Hustle is also on the card with their 75 lap race and then it's the Raber's Street Stock Rumble (a 50-lap feature). Not including Last Chance races, it's 250 laps of pure feature racing.

**DRIVERS:** Please register to race by July 8.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.



Street Stock, Late Model and Outlaw Late Model drivers. There will be a practice for drivers planning to run in the July 13 races. Practice is scheduled for July 9 (July 10 rain date). Windows open at 4:00, testing starts at 5:30 and conclude by 8:30. Pit passes are \$20 for adults and \$10 for Juniors. Grandstands are free. Seasonal skybox holders may call 269.355.4628 if you'd like to use your box for the practice; boxes will not otherwise be open.

### REMINDER

Drivers racing in both Front Wheel Drive classes. Don't forget to notify scoring which class you're chasing points in; drivers cannot earn points in both FWD classes.

### REMINDER

Grandstand (general admission) seating for the Red, White & Boom program may be purchased over the phone through Thursday, June 27 (269.355.4628) at 5:00 PM. If we can't pick up, shoot us a text. Advance tickets will only be sold by calling the above number. A nonrefundable convenience fee of \$3.00 will be charged per ticket.

### REMINDER

Autograph Night has been moved to August 9.

## JUNE 21: RACE RECAP.

Thank you to the over 1,000 fans who came out to watch the races in toasty and humid weather. We have the BEST fans anywhere and we appreciate your support. Add in the stars of our shows, the drivers, and their crew and we are the place to be on Friday nights. We started a little later and adjusted the schedule to miss some of the heat of the day and ran a program of only features. Thank you to all the drivers/crew in the pits as well as the staff who run the show.

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We'll start, this week, with the last class to race on June 21. Jerry Pierman made it two in a row by qualifying at the top of the pack for the **AFC Metal Supply Late Models**, clocking a 13.868 lap speed (97.346 MPH). In the 35-lap feature, Jordan Brinkert

led the first lap and then it was Jared Blanchard's race (right), going almost green to checkered in a caution free race. Jerry Pierman started in the last row, having not caught a break in rolling the dice for the inversion, but he pulled off a third place finish passing the likes of Kenny Head, Billy Shanonn and Andy Bozell. Dylan Stovall raced at the Zoo for the first time this year and made the most of his visit, pulling out a second place finish. In fourth place was Billy Shannon then Andy Bozell wrapping up the top five. Kenny Head led off the second half of the order followed by Chris Garrett, Bill Tomlinson, Rick Senneker and Jordan Brinkert (-1). At the close of the night, Jerry Pierman increased his point lead of one (last week) to seven over Billy Shannon and Jared Blanchard (-97).

Right: Jerry Pierman (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jared Blanchard (1<sup>st</sup>) and Dylan Stovall (2<sup>nd</sup>).



Despite moving the \$5,000 to win 50-lap race to August 9, the **Honor Credit Union Limited Late Models** had a decent number of cars show up to race including five drivers who haven't raced with us this year. Bryce Bozell, like Jerry Pierman, repeated his top qualifying feat with a time of 13.306 (101.458 MPH). Experiencing car trouble during the feature, he finished the race in 9<sup>th</sup> place, his race ending at half-way point. Ricky LaDuke; however, involved in a race ending pile-up last week in a heat race, made up for last week with his first victory in the Limited Late Models at Kalamazoo Speedway. The 25-lap feature started out with a crash with all drivers but Mason May being able to continue. Bob Bliss led the first few laps before Cody Hawn moved into the lead. His lead was short-lived as Ricky LaDuke (below) proved he's adjusted to his Limited Late Model ride and flew into the lead and never gave it back. Jeff Bozell, in his first appearance of the year, started 10<sup>th</sup> and moved through the field to the runner-up position. Cody Hawn, despite involvement in the 1<sup>st</sup> lap crash and pitting, was able to secure a third place finish. Logan Delayre finished fourth with Louis Miller (-1) wrapping up the top five. Bob Bliss (-1) led off the second half of the order with newcomers, Scott Reel and Rick Slusher coming next, both down a lap. Bryce Bozell was ninth (-13) and Hunter King (also new this week) wrapped up 13 laps down as well. Cody Hawn, a former point leader, made up some points and now trails Bryce Bozell by 23 points; Louis Miller is down 93.



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Left: Jeff Bozell (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ricky LaDuke (1<sup>st</sup>) and Cody Hawn (3<sup>rd</sup>) in the Limited Late Model feature.



Kyle VanSparrentak was again the top qualifier in the **Techworks Trailer Street Stock**, with a time

of 14.958 (90.253). VanSparrentak rather liked being at the front so he also repeated his Street Stock win this week, earning an extra \$100 in his check thanks to Steak

'n Shake (West Main) who sponsored Steak 'n Shake Wild Card night for Street Stock's tonight. In the feature, Zach Westdorp took the early lead with pack racing sprouting up behind him. Matt Corliss, racing for the first time at the Zoo this year, planted himself on Westdorp's bumper with 26 laps remaining and made the pass a lap later. Behind him Chad and Kyle VanSparrentak were side-by-side vying for position. Kyle VanSparrentak pulled ahead and subsequently passed Corliss at the line with 13 laps left in the race. Both Matt Corliss and Kyle VanSparrentak were out strong following a caution but VanSparrentak had the edge. At the finish it was Kyle VanSparrentak, Matt Corliss, Chad VanSparrentak, Alex Sexton and Zach Westdorp in the top five. The second half of the order started Mike Gain followed by Dave Leonard Jr, Gabe Sheppard, Blake Hybels (-12) and Bobby Oxford (-12). Kyle VanSparrentak did the honors of doing the random draw for two finishing places as part of the Steak 'n Shake Wild Card night. Matt Corliss was the beneficiary of \$200 extra purse money and Bobby Stremme received \$300. Defending champion Kyle VanSparrentak has the point lead over Alex Sexton (-114).



Below left: Kyle VanSparrentak in Victory Lane and right, Matt Corliss (2<sup>nd</sup>), Chad VanSparrentak (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Kyle VanSparrentak (1<sup>st</sup>).



Matthew Elsey Jr. was the fastest qualifier in the field with a time of 15.070 (89.582 MPH) in the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Front Wheel Drive - Outlaws**.

Tyler May claimed the lead in the 20-lap feature while behind him, Matthew Elsey Jr. was working his way through the field from the tail, claiming the lead with 12 laps remaining. Wayne Stack persistently remained in the top three. At the checkered is was defending champion Matthew Elsey Jr. making another trip to Victory Lane. Tyler May was the runner-up with Wayne Stack medaling in third place. Matt Elsey finished fourth followed by Stephen Emmans (from Bristol, IN) and Bryan Gates. Amanda Weatherwax finished 1 lap down in seventh.

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Mason Metzger finished (-5) and Charles Anderson experienced car trouble and departed the race after 6 laps; Don Vroman wasn't able to start the race. With a sweep, Matthew Elsey Jr. extends his lead over Matt Elsey (-78) and Bryan Gates (-138).

Below: Matthew Elsey Jr. with sponsor Dan Helland (Michiana Curb Appeal) and right, Wayne Stack (3<sup>rd</sup>), Matthew Elsey Jr. (1<sup>st</sup>) and Tyler May (2<sup>nd</sup>).



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Dillon Rose drove to the fastest time over a field of 23, clocking a 16.318 (82.731

MPH) in the **Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drive - DDTs**. The 20-lap feature started out with a caution. One could make an analogy to an Enduro, but we'll go with the sort of pack racing you see in the Street Stock!

Bryson Beebe had the very early lead before Duane Green III pulled ahead. The pack sorted itself out a bit with 5 laps in and Green remained in the lead followed by Scott Elsey, Travis Petto, Gunner Gale and Bo Brady. Fast forward 5 laps and Bo Brady had moved into third with Anthony Foote close behind. Gunner Gale held the fifth spot. Elsey moved to the lead with just over a handful of laps remaining, sharing in Victory Lane that he wasn't sure he was going to be able to make the pass. At the checkered it was Scott Elsey, Bo Brady in the runner-up position, Anthony Foote, Dillon Rose and Jeremiah Bouma in the top five. CJ French, Gunner Gale, Austin McKee, Travis Petto and Bryson Beebe made up the top 10, all finishing on the lead lap. Scott Elsey retains the point lead. The rest of the order was shaken up this week with Dillon Rose (-107) is now second in the points; Bo Brady (-161) moved into the third position.



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## JUNE 22-23: AUTOMODIFIED DRIFT RECAP.



And then it was AutoMODIFIED's two-day competition weekend. Tandems on Saturday and Singles on Sunday. A little rain fell on Saturday and a LOT of rain fell on the campers overnight but Sunday was gorgeous—cooler! Less humidity!

Cody Logan won the tandem competition and Ben Schultz won the singles competition.

To the right, the two cars run in the tandem competition. In the tandem competition each randomly selected pair runs twice, each as the lead car. It's a head-to-head competition so only one of the pair advances to the next bracket. The rest of the weekend was spent in open drifting.

And then, grid director Chris Barton set himself up as a Night of Destruction worthy foil to Ben Schultz's car. Schultz (who many of you have seen at the night of Destruction) drifted around Chris and then took him on head-on. Quite the spectacle! Definitely one of those "don't try this at home" feats! And you can see some pretty spectacular drifting up close and personal at the Red, White Boom Night of Destruction when a group of drift drivers show off their stuff!



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