



# TRACK TALK

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### PIT STALL PAYMENTS DUE

If you've reserved a pit stall and haven't made payment, you've got until March 3 to do so. Checks or cash may be dropped off or mailed (please don't mail cash!) to Barb or Kenny at 150 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Plainwell (Howe Patio & Windows) or call Barb (269) 355-4628 and pay by credit card over the phone.

Seasonal skyboxes are still being rented for the 2025 season. Call Barb for details and locations.

We've got plenty of seasonal punch cards (pit pass & grandstand). Give Barb a shout for details or to purchase.



### TIRE PRICING & A TIRE RULE CHANGE

All tire prices include mounting and tax. There is a \$5 per tire charge for credit card sales.



F-70s & F-60s (Late Model & Limited Late Model)	\$155 per tire; \$620 per set.
800 Series (Street Stock)	\$150 per tire; \$600 per set.
790s (FWD—FWD may also run DOT 200 treadwear or higher)	\$140 per tire; \$560 per set.

**NEW.** Late Model and Limited Late Model classes can run F-60s on the LEFT SIDE ONLY.

### WELCOME STEAK 'N SHAKE AS THE NEW LATE MODEL SPONSOR



Steak 'n Shake (West Main) offered up a few Wild Card Nights in 2024 and this year comes on board as the Late Model Sponsor. Steak 'n Shake West Main is open 24 hours and has half-price Happy Hour from 2:00 – 4:00 PM weekdays for shakes and drinks!

## **FWD POINTS & SEASON CHAMPIONS**

The new combined Front Wheel Drive class will be familiar in many ways. All cars will use group qualifying. Based on qualifying speed, cars will be assigned to a feature. The top 20 cars will race in the 'A' feature, the next 20 to the 'B' and the remaining cars will race in the 'C' feature (a 'D' feature will be added when necessary). We're trying to come up with some more creative names than A-B-C. Stay tuned!! Because features are based on qualifying times, it is likely that there will be a mix of 790s and DOT tires in the 'A' and likely 'B' features.

Points will start at 100 for the 'A' feature winner, like always. The 'B' feature winner will earn points corresponding to 21<sup>st</sup> place. Points will decrease by 2 points (100-98-96-94-92-90, etc.) through 20, then points decrease by 1 point (20-19-18-17-16-15), with 15 points being the fewest points a driver earns (unless disqualified).

Note: When a driver qualifies for the 'A' feature at any three (3) FWD point races, that driver will be locked into earning points toward the 'A' Season Championship, regardless of whether s/he qualifies slower on other nights and runs in the 'B' feature. The breakout rules will still apply: always try to qualify at your car's top speed. A disqualification for a breakout time will impact a driver's point standings and payout more than sandbagging to try to game the system.

On Season Championship Night we will recognize 3 champions for the FWD class: An 'A', 'B' and 'C' level winner. We'll publish the rules on how the 'B' and 'C' champions will be determined before the start of the season; with some drivers being locked into the 'A' points race, it's a bit more complicated than setting the 21<sup>st</sup> place as the 'B' season champion and 41<sup>st</sup> for the 'C'.

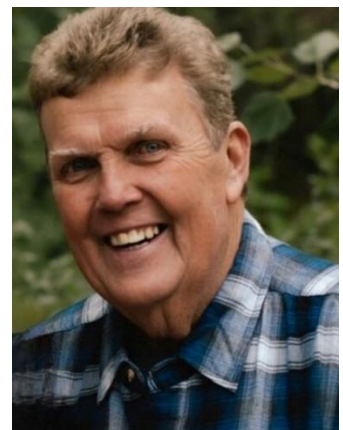
## **INVERSIONS**

For the weekly race nights, we are retiring the pink dice! Instead there will be a spinning wheel that will have a 16-14-12-10 on each side of the wheel. And just like Wheel of Fortune, there will be a smaller sliver on the wheel that will represent NO inversion and another that represents a FULL inversion.

## **CIRCLE OF LIFE: MICKEY CORNWELL (12/12/1953 – 02/13/2025)**

Visitation will be held March 7 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM followed by a Celebration of Life at 4:00 PM at Corey Church of the Nazarene, 10056 Water Street, Three Rivers.

Mickey's true passions were his family, bowling, racing and fishing. When he wasn't at the bowling alley (competing in USBC Open Championship Tournaments (1977-2022)), he was at the race track. He raced 1987-2012 and again in 2015, getting his start in California and then his career took off throughout Michigan and Indiana. And if he wasn't bowling or racing, you'd find him fishing. His wife, Ruth, daughter Holly (Brandyn) and grandchildren Payton and Blake Polmateer survive. (Information and photo from Hahn Funeral Home, Mishawaka, IN).





# TOP TEN (2024) STREET STOCK

We continue our coverage of the 2024 Top 10 drivers. Again, we offer all drivers who raced with us in 2024 our congratulations and gratitude. Last month we covered the FWD Outlaws and DOTs; this month we cover the Street Stock and Limited Late Models. Each Top 10 driver received a poster with a couple of photos and an outline of their 2024 achievements along with their trophy.

## STREET STOCK

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|-----------------------|------|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Kyle VanSparrentak | 1769 | 6. Gabe Sheppard    | 975 |
| 2. Alex Sexton        | 1654 | 7. Ricky LaDuke     | 972 |
| 3. Kyle Ribble        | 1573 | 8. Danny Oxford     | 889 |
| 4. Blake Hybels       | 1361 | 9. Mason Montgomery | 797 |
| 5. Mike Gain          | 1267 | 10. Kenny Head II   | 745 |

**Kenny Head II**  
Street Stock - 2024  
10<sup>th</sup> Place

Top 5: 1    Top 10: 6  
Point Races: 8 of 13

**Mason Montgomery**  
Street Stock - 2024  
9<sup>th</sup> Place

Heats: 1    Top 10: 3  
Point Races: 9 of 13

**Danny Oxford**  
Street Stock  
8<sup>th</sup> Place

Heats: 1    Top 10: 3  
Point Races: 10 of 13  
Advanced from Last Chance Race to Raber's Rumble

**Ricky LaDuke**  
Street Stock - 2024  
7<sup>th</sup> Place

Heats: 1    Features: 2  
Top 5: 7    Top 10: 7  
Point Races: 7 of 13  
Winner Raber's Rumble  
Runner-up Super Shoe 'A' Feature





**Gabe Sheppard**  
Street Stock - 2024  
6<sup>th</sup> Place



Heats: 1  
Top 5: 1 Top 10: 5  
Point Races: 11 of 13



**Mike Gain**  
Street Stock - 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Place  
Rookie of the Year



Heats: 1  
Features: 1  
Top 5: 1 Top 10: 7  
Point Races: 13 of 13



**Blake Hybels**  
Street Stock - 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Place



Fast Time: 1  
B Feature: 1 Heats: 1  
Top 5: 3 Top 10: 7  
Point Races: 13 of 13  
Top 5 Rober's Rumble



**Kyle Ribble**  
Street Stock - 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place



Fast Time: 1 Features: 3  
Top 5: 8 Top 10: 11  
Point Races: 12 of 13  
Fast Time Rober's Rumble



**Alex Sexton**  
Street Stock - 2024  
Runner-up



Fast Time: 2 Features: 2  
Top 5: 7 Top 10: 12  
Point Races: 13 of 13



**Kyle VanSparrentak**  
Street Stock - 2024  
Track Champion



Fast Time: 6 Heats: 3  
Features: 3 Fast Dash: 1  
Top 5: 12 Top 10: 12  
Point Races: 12 of 13





# TOP TEN (2024) LIMITED LATE MODELS

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|-----------------|------|-------------------|-----|
| 1. Bryce Bozell | 1568 | 6. Jeff Ganus     | 885 |
| 2. Cody Hawn    | 1510 | 7. Ricky LaDuke   | 631 |
| 3. Louis Miller | 1346 | 8. John Trammell  | 581 |
| 4. Mason May    | 1103 | 9. A. J. Foote    | 576 |
| 5. Bob Bliss    | 1021 | 10. Logan Delayre | 478 |

 <p><b>Logan Delayre</b> Limited Late Model - 2024 10<sup>th</sup> Place</p>  <p>Top 5: 3 Top 10: 4 Point Races: 4 of 11</p> <p><b>KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY</b> est. 1950</p>	 <p><b>A.J. Foote</b> Limited Late Model - 2024 9<sup>th</sup> Place</p>  <p>Top 5: 2 Top 10: 4 Point Races: 5 of 11</p> <p><b>KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY</b> est. 1950</p>
 <p><b>Josh Trammell</b> Limited Late Model - 2024 8<sup>th</sup> Place</p>  <p>Top 5: 2 Top 10: 4 Point Races: 5 of 11 Top 10 Super Shoe RWD 'A' Feature</p> <p><b>KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY</b> est. 1950</p>	 <p><b>Ricky LaDuke</b> Limited Late Model - 2024 7<sup>th</sup> Place</p>  <p>Feature: 1 Top 5: 2 Top 10: 2 Point Races: 5 of 11</p> <p><b>KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY</b> est. 1950</p>
 <p><b>Jeff Ganus</b> Limited Late Model - 2024 6<sup>th</sup> Place</p>  <p>Fast Time: 3 Heats: 1 Features: 5 Fast Car Dash: 1 Top 5: 5 Top 10: 6 Point Races: 6 of 11 Howe Hustle Late Model 'A' Feature Winner</p> <p><b>KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY</b> est. 1950</p>	 <p><b>Bob Bliss</b> Limited Late Model - 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Place</p>  <p>Heats: 1 Top 5: 2 Top 10: 8 Point Races: 9 of 11 Top 10 Super Shoe BWD 'A' Feature</p> <p><b>KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY</b> est. 1950</p>





## NINE EVENTS AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY BEFORE APRIL 30!

**MARK THOSE CALENDARS!  
75 YEARS OF RACING!  
KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY  
2025 SEASON!!!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**  
24 days!  
Open Drifting  
AutoMODIFIED opens their 3<sup>rd</sup> season

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12**  
45 days  
Open Practice  
Get those cars tuned up!

**APRIL EVENTS CONTINUED ON  
THE NEXT PAGE.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**  
38 days!  
Open Drifting  
AutoMODIFIED leased event

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**  
46 days  
Season Opener  
Kalamazoo Speedway Mini Wedges



## APRIL EVENTS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

51 days

\$2000 to win Late Model '35

\$2000 to win Street Stock '35

Annual Autism Awareness Race (FWD 'B')

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25**

58 days

Weekly Racing

LM, LLM, Street Stock and FWDs

\$500 to win FWD 'A' and 'B'

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

53 days

Kalamazoo Speedway Mini Wedges

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 - SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

59-60 days

Two-day Open Drifting Event

Camping available



## MOTOR STATE SAFETY SUMMIT HOSTED BY LANE AUTOMOTIVE

The Motor State Distributing Safety Summit offers racers, pit crews, car builders, track owners, and promoters a great opportunity to learn about safety on and around the track. This free event will be held on March 7, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Lane Automotive's Watervliet, MI headquarters, and will include seminars by leading safety experts, special sale pricing on more than a dozen top safety brands, a seatbelt trade-in, and much more. The Lane Automotive showroom will have extended hours for the event to ensure additional time to take advantage of this great opportunity. Please register no later than February 28<sup>th</sup> at: [https://bit.ly/msd\\_safety-summit-2025](https://bit.ly/msd_safety-summit-2025) RSVP.

**Motor-State** DISTRIBUTING **SAFETY SUMMIT**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**  
HOSTED AT LANE AUTOMOTIVE

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

David Stremme    Lyle Barnett    Paul McMahan

AND MORE: Fred Bickford, Terry McMillen, Rick Schwallie