



TRACK TALK

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APRIL 18: SEASON OPENER

SEASON OPENER QUICK FACTS	
Pit & Ticket Windows Open	2:30
Pit Passes (13 years and up)	\$35
Junior Pit Passes (12 & under)	\$15
Adult Grandstands (13+)	\$15
Youth Grandstands (6-12)	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
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Pits Open	2:30
Hot Laps Begin	4:50 PM
Racing Begins	7:30 PM
Please join us for the 75 th Kalamazoo Speedway Season Opener!	

Are you ready!?! We go racing for our 75th year this Friday, April 18. All weekly classes see action at the Opener:

- Steak 'n Shake (West Main) Late Models
- Honor Credit Union Limited Late Models
- Techworks Trailers Street Stock
- Plus the three Front Wheel Drive Divisions:
 - O'Reilly Auto Parts Warriors ('A' feature)
 - Spartan Insulation Hornets ('B' feature)
 - Property Revolution Stingers ('C' feature)

SEASON OPENER 75 YEARS OF RACING!
 FRIDAY, APRIL 18

LATE MODEL
 \$2,000 TO WIN!

STREET STOCK
 \$500 TO WIN!

FRONT WHEEL DRIVES
 LIMITED LATE MODEL: ADULTS \$15 * YOUTH 12 & UNDER FREE
 PITS OPEN 2:30 * TICKETS OPEN 2:30
 RACING STARTS 7:30

FWD-FEATURE OF THE NIGHT

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The Late Models and Street Stock will each race for \$2,000 to win in 35-lap features.

The Hornets race for Autism Awareness in the 4th Annual Dare to be Different 30-lap race with a \$500 to win and \$150 to start payout. Placement in any of the FWD features is based on qualifying times. Thank you to all the Autism Awareness Race sponsors:

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And let's give some love to our weekly class sponsors this week and throughout the season; they're all valuable members of the Kalamazoo Speedway family!



APRIL 25: WEEK #2 – WEEKLY RACING (ALL CLASSES)

We know that the season opener will be everything all of us would hope for in a 75th Season Opener so we're running the four weekly classes again on Friday, April 25! In the make-ready chute for Week #2 are:

- Steak 'n Shake (West Main) Late Models
- Honor Credit Union Limited Late Models
- Techworks Trailers Street Stock
- Plus the three Front Wheel Drive Divisions:
 - O'Reilly Auto Parts Warriors ('A' feature)
 - Spartan Insulation Hornets ('B' feature)
 - Property Revolution Stingers ('C' feature)

This week the Front Wheel Drive 'A' and 'B' features pay \$500 to win. We'll be rotating purses all season to make sure all the classes have higher purse nights!

WEEKLY RACING QUICK FACTS	
Pit & Ticket Windows Open	3:30
Pit Passes (13 years and up)	\$35
Junior Pit Passes (12 & under)	\$15
Adult Grandstands (13+)	\$15
Youth Grandstands (6-12)	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
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Pits Open	3:30
Hot Laps Begin	4:50 PM
Racing Begins	7:30 PM

DRIVERS: GET REGISTERED IN MYRACEPASS

Drivers, if you aren't one of the 168 drivers who has registered in MyRacePass for the 2025 season, please take the time to register online by Thursday if you're planning to race at the Season Opener. Registering in a past year does not carry forward to 2025.

Scoring, points, payout checks, tax forms, etc., all feed from the information you provide. Both the driver and owner sections must be completed, even if you own your own car. Checks are printed using the owner information; scoring and points use the driver information. Drivers can be registered at multiple tracks.

Registering in advance will greatly cut down on the time it will take to pick up a transponder. No payout checks will be distributed to drivers who have slipped past the registration step.

For your convenience, there is a MRP link on the Kalamazoo Speedway website. You'll find the icon (pictured at right) along the right side of the home page if using a tablet or laptop; scroll down to the posts. If using your phone, the link follows the posts. Click on the icon and you'll be taken to the MRP site and asked to either log in or create an account.



MINORS IN THE PITS

Kalamazoo Speedway allows **minors (under the age of 18) in the pit areas** when parents complete a Minor Waiver form. Any driver under the age of 18 **MUST** have both parents' written approval to race. If only one parent will be onsite, the parent not planning to attend the race, must complete the waiver form (under Forms on the Driver Tab) and have it notarized. The parent accompanying the youth may turn the notarized form in at the track. Minors will be placed on the 2025 seasonal approval list when both parents complete the waiver process. It is strongly preferred that both parents complete the waiver process for any minor who will be visiting the pit areas regularly. Without seasonal approval, the parent accompanying the minor will need to fill out a form at each visit. For anyone using the Notarized Form, please note "All Events for the 2025 Season" under the description line. We thank you for your cooperation.

Minors 13 and up pay the adult pit pass price, while minors 12 and under pay \$15 on most nights. On premium nights the pit pass price for minors is \$20.

ON SALE NOW!

The Intimidator 100, the Owners' Race of Champions (honoring past and present track owners) and the Speedway's signature event, the Kalamazoo Klash, will make our 75th year of racing memorable! These races constitute the Triple Diamond Series for the Outlaw Late Models.

General admission tickets may be purchased now (by phone only) for \$70 for the three events. Save a few bucks and we're waiving the courtesy charge for orders. This deal is only good through May 1.

APRIL 12 PRACTICE RECAP.

Thank you to all the fans who came out to take advantage of the free grandstands and thank you to the drivers and crews who came out to tune and test. We had 84 cars join us for the afternoon and it was great to welcome everyone back.

Some cars are wrapped up and ready to race while others were awaiting the final cosmetics.

Matthew Elsey Jr. was the fastest of the Front Wheel Drives with a time of 15.205.

Billy Yates was on top of the leaderboard for the Street Stock with a time of 14.729.

Jared Blanchard was the fastest driver for the Limited Late Models with a time of 13.482.

And, in the Late Models, it was Chris Shannon with a time of 13.501.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Kalamazoo Speedway Mini-Wedge Program opens their season on Saturday, April 19 with their Intimidator event.

AutoMODIFIED hosts the first of their 3 multi-day weekends on April 26-27. Camping available!



WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE RACES!