



KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK July 25, 2018

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THE OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS ARE IN THE LINEUP FRIDAY NIGHT!

FRIDAY JULY 27: STOCK FIVE NIGHT

If we can catch a break from the weather, all five classes will be racing this Friday night. There are only FOUR point races left in the regular season before we move to the post season program in September. Given the catawampus season we've had, each race can make an impact on who wins the season championship, who drives their way into the top 10 or who achieves their personal best. All of the point races are tight with only five points separating the top two in the Late Model Sportsman, eleven in the Outlaw Super Late Models and three in the Zoo Stocks. Under 40 points separate the top two in the Street Stocks and the Outlaw FWD. We will see YOU at the races!

Details:	Pits Open	3:30
	Pit Passes	\$30
	Adults	\$12
	Youth 6-12	\$5
	Kids 5 & Under	FREE
	Racing Starts	7:30

NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

STOCK FOUR NIGHT

Burg Stocks vs Zoo Stocks Round II

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

Rain date August 9



IT ONLY COMES ONCE A YEAR

BE THERE

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

STOCK FIVE NIGHT

All Classes Race

Pre-Race Autograph Night in the Pits

Back-2-School Backpack Giveaway Night

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

STOCK FIVE NIGHT

SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT

All Classes Race

100 Lap Finale for the Outlaw Super Late Models



SCHEDULE CHANGE. The 4th Annual World Series for Compacts (a victim of the July 20 rainout) will be run on September 1 (joining the Call of the Wild).

COOLERS. The Klash is a non-cooler event. Only soft-side, 6 pack size coolers will be allowed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Already named one of the top five events in the nation, Kalamazoo Klash XXVI returns as a **\$10,000 TO WIN** race for the Outlaw Super Late Models. Thank you to new sponsors GT Products, FishBuckLake.com and Duco Performance for making this outstanding purse possible. GT Products, FishBuckLake.com and Duco Products join 26-year sponsors Sweet Manufacturing and Lane Automotive in supporting this classic event.

This year we're offering **250 numbered reserved seats** on the large deck in Turn 3. Don't let unexpected traffic snarls or a late start prevent you from getting the seat (or any seat!) that you want. All individual chairs (with backs and armrests) will be spaced out to make sure guests have room to breathe and walk around. Your seat will be waiting for you whether you arrive at 4 PM for qualifying or 7 PM just in time to catch the racing action.

In addition to great seats, guests will enjoy complimentary bottled water, soda and light snacks from 5:00 - 9:00 PM. A cash-only adult beverage station, stocked with ice cold beer, wine and hard lemonades, will be located adjacent to the deck entrance.

Reserved seating will go on sale at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, July 25. The cost per ticket is \$45 and includes admission and reserved seating. Call the Speedway Office at (269) 692-2423 to reserve your seat(s) with either a credit or debit card.

JULY 20 AT THE RACES



July 20 was rainout #6 of the season. We're a family track so we'll just say UGH. The all-time record for washouts is seven; NOT a record we are striving to tie or break. Because racing is a sport and sports are all about numbers, we looked at some of ours. If the Outlaw Super Late Models are on the schedule to race, we've had a 62.5% rainout rate. For the three races the Outlaws haven't been on the weekly race program we've raced 100% of the time. So for everyone

who is feeling there hasn't been enough Outlaw Super Late Model action this season, you're right and we aren't any happier about it than you are. When we haven't had rain we've had brutal heat (the non-race Red, White and Boom and July 13). That leaves only five race nights where there wasn't one weather issue or another. What a season!! Kalamazoo Speedway fans are the best and we thank you for hanging in there with us. Regardless of the weather predictions, we always gear up for racing. Speedway staffer, Skeeter, made the Hoosier tire run last week fitting 260 tires into a pick-up and trailer so he'd only have to make one trip down to Lakeland, Indiana. Good thing he didn't have a passenger!



Series by Gary Howe

JULY 22 AT THE RACES (200 LAP FWD ENDURO AND TRAILER RACE)

Despite some rain leading up to the start of the Enduro, we were dry by the start of the race and stayed that way. Thank you to everyone who took a chance and came out to spend their Sunday afternoon with us. Thirty-two drivers ran in the **Michiana State Line Racing Association 200 Lap FWD Enduro**. Only Corey Miechiels ran the full 200 laps and he took home the \$750 purse. Ed Clawson (198) followed Miechiels over the finish line followed by Jerry Pierman Sr, (192), Donnie Ritter (188) and James Higgins (182). Buddy Head (181) finished 6th which defied all logic. Brock Sweeter had the early lead before Miechiels put himself at the head of the pack. There are always stories within the overall race: that's what makes an Enduro race so much fun. Honorable mention goes to Jordan Gustin (#76) finishing 12th and Brian Rumsey (#28) finishing 16th. Each had their share of trouble with spins and tires but they hung in there, Rumsey's car finally expiring near the end of the race. Hands down, the biggest story within the story was Buddy Head in Grant Lofquist's #51. With over 100 laps remaining, Head's left rear tire/wheel assembly forgot it was part of a set designed to run in a coordinated fashion (for the technical readers, the rear trailing arm let loose). The tire smoked, it spewed rubber, it paid little attention to the direction the rest of the tires were running, it laid down on the job. The tire

appeared to give up rotating entirely with 35 laps to go filling the air with eau de tire. Two black flags spread 50 laps apart gave the #51's crew practice in crisis management.



Clockwise: Enduro winner Corey Miechiels, Howell; Miechiels receiving directions to Victory Lane following the race; drivers' meeting; the start of the 200 laps; Brian Rumsey and Jordan Gustin; the 51's saga was nothing short of mindboggling; Enduro cars line up prior to the start of the race; drivers' meeting.

Stephen Emmans, who also ran in the Enduro finishing 11th, spent the entire trailer race in his truck. When Rick Beebe waved the green flag, Emman's truck sent out distress signals and stubbornly remained glued to its spot. It continued to smoke for a while just to feel like it was participating in some way. At the checkered flag it was Shane Miller, Rielly Meade, Andrew Goelhoed, AJ Hapner and Kaitlyn Solloway finishing in the top five. Miller and Hapner also ran in the Enduro finishing 18th and 19th, respectively.



Clockwise: Brock Sweeter heads in the wrong direction and (next) somewhere along the line lost his trailer; Shane Miller's truck and trailer combination; several of the trailer set-ups. Center: trailer race winner Shane Miller.

