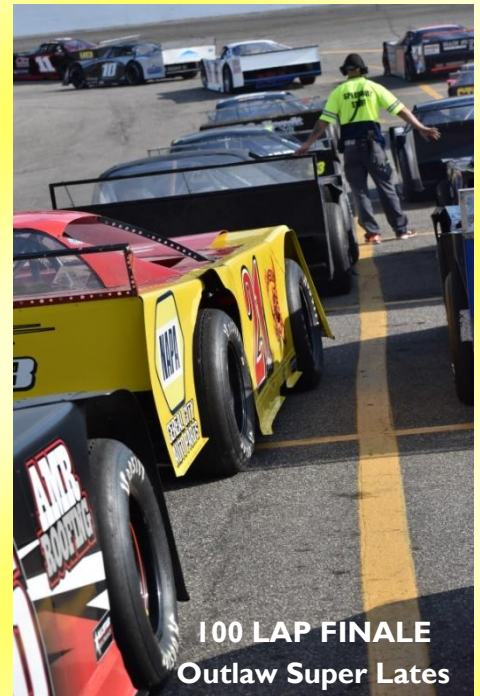




# KALAMAZOO Speedway

## TRACK TALK

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### FRIDAY AUGUST 24:



**FINAL POINT RACES OF 2018**  
**SEASON CHAMPIONS WILL BE DETERMINED**  
**AUTOGRAPHS ■ BACKPACK GIVEAWAYS**

**LARGER PAYOUTS FOR ALL CLASSES**

Friday night marks the end of the 2018 weekly race series. Nine weeks of point racing, six partial or full washouts (seven if you count one of the pre-season practices) and it's Season Championship Night already. This Friday night FIVE of the current point leaders will be racing for their first Kalamazoo Speedway Season Championship. While we preach every point counts all season long, never has that been truer than this year in the rain-shortened season. But that doesn't mean that any of the contenders want the championship any less or that they didn't work to get to the top of their class. No one has locked up the championship in any of the classes. Mathematically, anyone within 150 points of the leader in each class has a chance to walk away with the championship trophy (50 points for fast time and 100 points for the feature). In reality, anyone that far out of the top spot would need help from those in front of him or her: the leader doesn't show up, the leader's car experiences a calamity in qualifying and can't make the feature, etc.

In the Late Model Sportsman, Buddy Head was the point leader after the rain-shortened season opener but lost the lead to Kenny Head the next week, not making it back to the top of the pack until July 27. Head is the only 2018 point leader who has won a championship; his first in 2010 and is currently on a streak of five consecutive championships. Head brings an 84 point advantage into championship night over brother Kenny, AJ Foote (-102) and Keegan Dykstra (-123). The Late Model Sportsman will race a 35-lap feature to determine it all.





Kevin Barthel

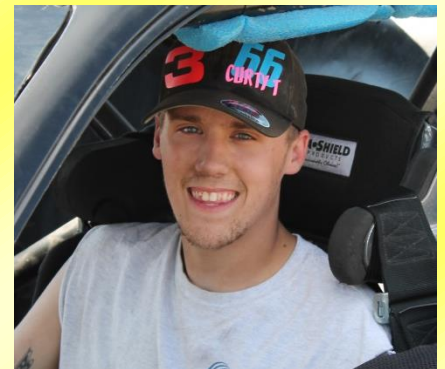
Jason Essex, short of a meltdown of meteoric proportions (or not showing up) brings a 128 point lead into the night and is looking good for his first championship. The only other driver within 150 points is Pete Doxey (-128) who the grapevine says has already gone back to Colorado to prepare for the school year. Essex has held the top spot since May 25 when he moved ahead of Paul Bittle. The Outlaw FWD will race a 20-lap feature to close out their season.

Todd Harrington has been at the top of the points in the Outlaw Super Late Models since June 15. Rain impacted this class more than any other. With only 4 nights not impacted by rain and five races (we doubled up on racing one night), he leads Mark Shook by a scant 11 points. Shook won the championship in 2016 and 2017. Doug True (-30), Adam Terry (-75) and Matt Frazier (-140) all fall within the magical 150. True could drive to the championship on his own while Terry and Frazier would need to have a stellar race and those ahead of them experience a hiccup or two. It will take the 100 lap season finale feature to see who prevails.



Greg Brown, looking for his first Street Stock championship, came close in 2016 (-14) and watched the championship go to Matt Corliss. Last year he went into championship night down 28 points and watched Zach Cook finish 36 points ahead of him leaving him with a second place finish for the second consecutive year. This year Brown goes into Friday night with a 48 point lead over Cook and Wilfong (-53); Kyle Ribble has been on fire of late and sits at 98 points out. The Street Stocks will run a 35-lap feature to determine their season champion.

In the Zoo Stocks, it'll be a 20-lap match race between Curtis Towne and Colin Bozell (-23). Newcomer Jerry Ballard has a mathematical chance of leaving as the Season Champion sitting back at -125. In his first season of racing, Bozell sat at the top of the points six times while Towne came on strong in July and has led 3 times since then. Bozell took the lead back on July 27 with Towne wresting it back on August 3. This would be the first championship for both drivers.

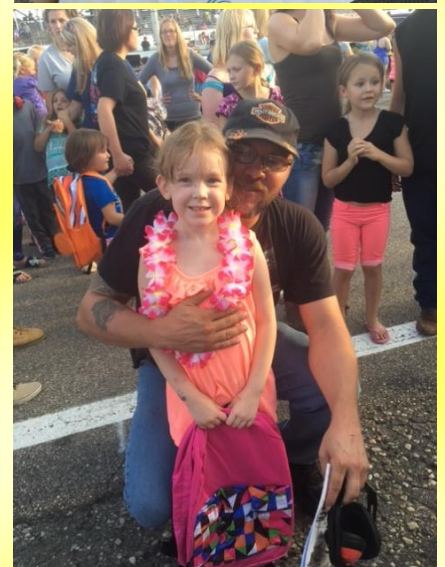


There will be plenty of hard racing to clinch a spot in the top 3, the top 5 or the top 10 where there is room to move in all the classes. AND, we're making up the rained out Autograph Night and the Back-2-School Backpack Giveaway. Join us in the pits from 7:10 – 7:45!

Pits Open	3:30
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$30
Autographs/Backpacks	7:10 – 7:45
Adults	\$15
Youth 6-12	\$8
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30

The unexpected is always just around the next turn; don't miss any of the action on Championship Friday.

We will see you at the races.





## NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

Friday, August 24 marks the end of the regular season and then it's on to the entertaining September post-season. We've kept all your favorites on the schedule and added a pit party where awards will be handed out followed by party time with the Bronk Bros. Drivers thought a more informal awards celebration would be more to their liking and we listened! Check out the entire September post-season program.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

#### OPEN PRACTICE 5:30 – 8:30 PM

Grandstands free; \$20 pit passes

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Rain date September 2

#### CALL OF THE WILD

From the Outlaw Super Late Models to the Zoo Stocks, drivers try to break the world speed record PLUS there'll be plenty of "no set-up rules" feature racing.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual World Series for Compacts will make up their event from July 20 (rained out).



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

#### PIT PARTY AT THE ZOO

Join us to celebrate the accomplishments of our drivers in 2018. Food, music and fun from 7:00 – midnight. \$20 for adults and \$5 for kids 6-12, kids five and under are free.

7:00 PM Food!

7:30 PM Awards!

9:00 PM Party with the Bronk Bros.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

#### NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

You know the one: monster trucks, trailer & bus races, mini-enduro, mini-van demolition derby and Scarecrow will be back. Fireworks close out the evening.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

#### SUPER SHOE SHOTGUN CAMPSITE FOOTRACE

Race to get your campsite for Super Shoe weekend!

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

#### SUPER SHOE NATIONALS

Hundreds of cars. Last Chance Races. Heats. And Features, Features, Features.

For all listed events, go to [www.kalamazoospeedway.com](http://www.kalamazoospeedway.com) for rules, race programs and payouts.

**WIN THIS ENCLOSED TRAILER! WINNER DRAWN ON SUPER SHOE SUNDAY**

The sign on the trailer says it all! Pick up your ticket at the Speedway. You don't have to be present to win.

