



# KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK August 8, 2018



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## FRIDAY AUGUST 8: KALAMAZOO KLASH & ARCA/CRA SUPER SERIES

Pits Open	10:00
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$40
Pit Pass (11 & under)	\$20
Practice Begins	1:30
Qualifying Begins	4:00
Autographs	5:30 – 6:15
Adults	\$25
Youth 6-12	\$10
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:00

TONIGHT—The Kalamazoo Speedway 125-lap summer classic: the **Kalamazoo Klash**. Named one of the top five events in the nation and paying \$10,000 to win; 46 drivers are committed to racing as we go to press.

Sharing the program is the 125-lap for the ARCA/CRA Super Series paying \$5,000 to win where 21 drivers have entered.

Whether you arrive for practice, qualifying or solely for the main events, don't miss out on this once a year occasion. We will see you at the races.

Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when purchasing a Klash pit pass.

The Klash is a restricted-cooler event. Only soft-side, 6-pack size coolers will be allowed into the grandstands. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17**

### **STOCK FIVE NIGHT**

All Classes Race  
Pre-Race Autographs in the Pits  
Back-2-School Backpack Giveaway



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 24**



### **STOCK FIVE NIGHT SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT**

All Classes Race  
100 Lap Finale for the Outlaw Super Late Models

**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).



## **AUGUST 3 AT THE RACES**

Four classes! 99 cars! Great weather two weeks in a row!



With a \$400 to win payout, 36 **Zoo Stocks** showed up to race. Logan Hiemstra took fast time with a 17.246. Taylor Imus, Nick Failing, Travis Petto and Drew Ketola won the heats races. Last week Imus picked up her first heat race when Dave Miller was disqualified for going under his breakout time. This week Imus won the heat race on her own merits and then put a punctuation point on the night by winning her first feature. Rent-a-Ride driver Justin LeRoy and Nick Failing, going into last year's championship night tied for the points lead, brought the field to green. While leading, Failing was cited for a breakout time violation and had to take a trip through the infield before reentering the track. With his misfortune, Tony LoBretto assumed the lead before Grant Lofquist passed him. Going three wide at one point, Imus passed the remaining front runners. Meanwhile Curtis Towne was charging from the tail of the field and closed the gap. In the end it was Imus, Towne, Lofquist, Cam Barthel (in his best race of the season) and Tony LoBretto (making his first appearance of the season). Brent Drobny won the B feature and Charles Anderson won the C feature (photos on next

page). With Towne's strong finish and a disappointing finish for Colin Bozell, Towne reclaimed the point lead over Bozell (-23), Ballard (-125), Rielly Meade (-198) and Logan Hiemstra (-218).





**Far left:**  
**Brent Drobny**

**Left:**  
**Charles Anderson**



Pete Doxey won his fourth feature of the year after putting up quick time (15.270) for the third week in a row in the **Outlaw FWD** class. Seventeen cars competed with Gabe Carr and John Munro winning the heat races. That's the second heat win for Carr and the third for Munro. Doxey (left), despite his strong appearances at the track, would be a long-shot for the season championship, missing the early part of the season because of his out-of-state teaching job. Instead, he has his eye on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual World Series of Compacts (rained out on July 20). That race has been rescheduled to run

during the Call of the Wild on September 1. Doxey plans to return to Kalamazoo from Colorado to take part. For this past Friday night's 20-lap feature, Kyle Jansen and Scott Hopson got the field started with Jansen taking the early lead and pulling away from the field. Jansen was hit with a black flag for a breakout time violation giving Drew Losey the lead. Jason Essex, starting at the back of the field, found an early race window and quickly moved up through the field. Doxey, also starting at the tail of the field, was slower to reach the front but made his presence known once he arrived. With seven laps to go Doxey passed Essex and Losey; Losey had a lot of fight left in him and challenged for the lead for several more laps. At the checkered it was Doxey, Losey, Essex, Brock Sweeter and Ben Wilcox. Essex remains the point leader. Doxey moved into the second spot (-128). Ricky LaDuke slipped to third (-173) after a disappointing night, followed by Jansen (-199) and Sweeter (-226).



work injury (see hand holding Carson), slingshotted around the pair on the outside into the lead.

The **Late Model Sportsman** fielded 17 drivers. Keegan Dykstra led the class with a fast time of 13.822. Matt Sullivan and Curtis Holt won the heat races. Curtis Holt and Terry Hard led the pack to start the race. The two vied for position in the early laps before Hard took the lead. With 24 laps to go, for the second week in a row, a pile up took out part of the field and brought out the red. For Denver Sweat, Kenny Head and Matt Sullivan the race was over. Dylan Stovall was charging and caught Hard challenging him for the lead. Buddy Head, fresh out of hand surgery for a

Dykstra was making a run on Head and caught the outside wall down the front stretch losing time but not his position. AJ Foote and Chaz Hook made the most of the second half of the race, advancing hard toward the front. Buddy Head took his second feature in a row, followed by Foote, Hook and Lane Head. Buddy Head leads the point race by 84 over brother Kenny, Foote (-123), Dykstra (-123) and Lane Head (-247).



The \$1,000 to win **Street Stock** feature brought out 28 cars vying for the prize. Kyle Ribble (top left), took fast time (14.638) for the sixth time this season (out of 8 nights of racing). Tom Rutherford, Todd Hall and Justin Holden won the heat races. Bob Miller (bottom left), Todd Hall, Matt Elsey and Rob Hardy made it into the feature by way of the Last Chance Race. Veteran driver Brent Hook, back for the first time this season after a serious work-related injury, and Josh Zordan, racing at the Speedway for only the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this season, led the field to green for the 35-lap feature. Hook, a past Speedway Champion, was the early frontrunner and maintained his lead until Ribble drove around him with 15 laps remaining. Zack Cook, last year's champion and Keith Wilfong (looking for his first championship) were in the mix running behind Ribble. With the laps reeling off, point leader Greg Brown made it into the top five and then passed Wilfong for the number four position. Hook and Wilfong made contact and Brown had to get off the gas to avoid them. Kyle Ribble pocketed the \$1,000 followed by Cook, Wilfong, Hook and Brown. Brown left with his point lead intact. Cook

gained seven points and the second position (-48) followed by Wilfong (-53), Ribble (-98) and Shane Miller (-173).



**Picture Proof! Taylor Imus in Victory Lane with Speedway announcer, Jason Seltzer. We won't mention that the photo was taken in the middle of the race program. You know, like when Seltzer would normally be talking into his microphone.**



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