



TRACK TALK

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FRIDAY, JULY 26: WEEK #12 – AUTO VALUE SUPER SPRINT SERIES WEEKLY RACING (ALLSTAR 75)

This Friday marks the second visit of the Auto Value Super Sprint Series and Auto Value Parts Stores are sponsoring the night of racing. And did the Sprints put on a show the last time



they were here: a photo finish between Aaron Pierce and Tyler Roahrig that had social media lit up for days!

Last Friday was steaming and not fit for fans to sit in the grandstands or drivers to bake in their cars, so



DETAILS: FRIDAY, JULY 26	
Pits Open	3:00 PM
Qualifying Starts	5:45 PM
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$18
Youth 6-12	\$10
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

the Outlaw Super Late Models' season championship is still anyone's trophy. Only 37 points separate the top 5 drivers. Doug True, Adam Terry (-11), Andrew Brest (-11) and Rick Senneker (-37) are all racing for their first season championship at Kalamazoo Speedway. Defending champion Todd Harrington is also in the top 5 (-32) and wants to repeat. Matt Frazier (-69) and Craig Everage (-73) aren't out of the running by any means and are also in the running for their first Kalamazoo Speedway track championship. This week the Outlaw Super Late Models will run the Allstar Performance 75, rescheduled from last week.

Sharing the program with the Sprints and the Outlaw Super Late Models are the highly competitive Street Stocks and the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWDs.

Look for Jason Seltzer to be back at the Speedway; likely not up in the tower but there is plenty of other real estate on the premises.

We will see you at the races.

AUGUST 2: WEEK #13 - BIG \$\$\$\$\$ NIGHT

Big purses await! It's \$1,000 to win for the Late Model Sportsman and Street Stocks and \$500 to win for the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWDs and the Zoo Stocks. Expect a lot of cars and great racing.

AUGUST 7: KALAMAZOO KLASH XXVII

Named one of the top five events in the nation and one of Speedway Illustrated Hot Spots (Places to Be, Races to Watch), it only happens once a year. The Outlaw Super Late Models run their biggest race of the year and drivers seek to earn a place on the prestigious trophy. The



ARCA/CRA Super Series shares the program. Be there for the dual 125-lap races. Who runs in the main event? Who goes home?

AUGUST 16: WEEK #14 – WEEKLY RACING (All classes compete)

What?? Next week is Season Championship night??? That makes August 16 the next to the last regular race night of the season? Already! PLUS its Autograph and Backpack Giveaway Night.

TEEN DRIVERS

We've got more of our guy teen drivers to highlight and there are more to come in subsequent editions of Track Talk.







Previous page: Gabe Carr (left) started racing last year at age 15. In this first Zoo Stock race he put up a time faster than allowed, graduated to the Outlaw FWDs and successfully raced his way to an 8th place finish. This year he's 4th in the standings having placed second in four features, nabbing six fast times and 3 track records. Lane Head hit the track in 2015 and drove his way to the Zoo Stock track championship in 2016. In 2017 he moved to the Late Model Sportsman; he's currently in 10th place in the standings.

This page (clockwise): Dylan Stovall is a graduate of the Little Kalamazoo Speedway and started his career at the Speedway in the Late Model Sportsman in 2018, winning a race in his first season. He is currently 4th in the standings. Cam Barthel started racing at the Zoo part way through the 2017 season and placed 9th in the final standings. He's had one thing or another not work out as planned for the last two seasons but hope springs eternal and look for him to get his racing program turned around. Denver Sweat started his racing career in 2017 in the Zoo Stocks placing 4th in the final standings and earning Rookie of the Year in the class. He moved to the Late Model Sportsman in 2018. Ryan Hufford has raced at the Speedway for a few years in the Outlaw FWDs placing 4th in the final standings in 2017 and 9th in 2016. Bryce Peters is new to the Zoo starting his season on May 31 and he has a top 10 finish in the 'B' feature to his credit already.

A LITTLE SUMMER READING FROM THE INFIELD



PEOPLE!



Tammie caught our eye accompanying Zoo Stock driver Roger Zimmerman from the upper pits to tech every week. Good for her, she made us smile!

Ron Wright, pictured with his grandchildren, has been coming to the Speedway for 61 years. Says his son Tyler, his dad is a Die. Hard. Fan.



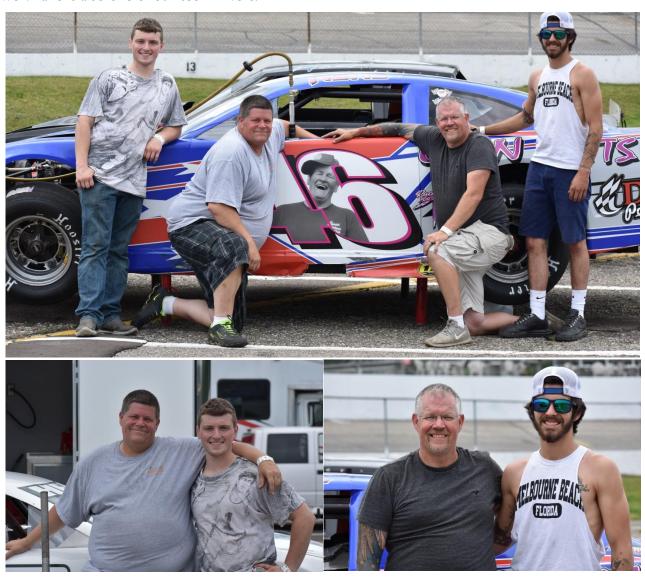
Co-Race Director Ryan Warning, Jason Seltzer (in yellow) and Zoo Stock driver Brianna Town smile for the camera.

RETRO MOMENT, FAMILY and TEENS

The Head family covers all of the bases of our special series this season: retro moments, teen drivers and family! The Heads are a 4-generation racing family with the racing gene coming from both sides of the family. Kenny and Buddy's grandfather, Bill Head, raced from 1947 to 1959. Their grandfather on their mom's side of the family, Richard Westphal, had a short racing career: one fast car dash in 1964. He flipped the car, broke his leg and turned the car over to his son-in-law, Ivan Head. Ivan raced from 1964 to 1999 (pictured in the vintage photo and on the door of



son Buddy's #46 Late Model Sportsman). Buddy and Kenny's mom, Gaylyn Head, raced in one Powder Puff race, won it and retired with an unblemished record. Kenny started racing in 1986 and Buddy hit the track in 1991. Now Kenny's son Kenny Head II (driving the #26 Zoo Stock; his dad drives the #26 Late Model Sportsman) and Buddy's son Lane (driving the #15 Late Model Sportsman) are racing as well. Lane is also one of our teen drivers.





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