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THIS FRIDAY | AUGUST 2 | BIG BUCKS NIGHT



FRIDAY, AUGUST 2: WEEK #13 – WEEKLY RACING (BIG \$\$\$\$\$\$ NIGHT)

It's the second Big Bucks Night of the season with the Late Model Sportsman and the Street Stock winners taking home \$1,000 each and the winners of the Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stock features taking home \$500. Expect a lot of drivers to be on site with great racing. The Outlaw Super Late Models have the night off. Only three weekly races remain in the 2019 season.



We will see you at the races.

DETAILS: FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Pits Open	3:30 PM
Qualifying Starts	5:30 PM
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$12
Youth 6-12	\$5
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

AUGUST 7: KALAMAZOO KLASH XXVII

The \$10,000 to win Kalamazoo Klash XXVII is not to be missed. Look for intense competition to earn a place on the Klash trophy. Named one of the top five events in the nation and one of Speedway Illustrated Hot Spots (Places to Be, Races to Watch), the Kalamazoo Klash only happens once a year. The ARCA/CRA Super Series shares the program. We will see you for the dual 125-lap races.



Don't let unexpected traffic or a late start prevent you from getting the seat (or any seat!) you want. Reserved seating on the party deck coming out of Turn 3 is available. 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. A cash-only beverage station, stocked with ice cold beer and water will be located adjacent to the deck entrance.

Reserved seating will go on sale at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, July 31. The cost per ticket is \$35 and includes general admission and reserved seating. Call the Speedway Office at (269) 692-2423 to reserve your seat(s) with either a credit or debit card. If tickets are not sold out in advance, remaining seats will be sold on race day.

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

August 16 is the final weekly race on the schedule before Season Championship night. Unless something changes, point races in several of the classes will be intense as it's still anyone's championship to earn. PLUS its Autograph and Backpack Giveaway Night.

AUGUST 23: WEEK #15 – WEEKLY RACING (Season Championship Night)

It's almost here already. Season Championship Night. The off-season is long; don't miss a single race left in the 2019 regular season.

RUSTY WALLACE RACING EXPERIENCE COMING TO KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

The Rusty Wallace Racing Experience returns to Kalamazoo Speedway. Get behind the wheel and drive a racecar with the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience on August 10. Save 70% off all driving packages with promo code: SAVE70. Deals start at just \$80. Limited spots available. Participants MUST book in advance.



<https://racewithrusty.com/kalamazoo-speedway-august-2/>

RECAP: JULY 26

Two weeks after surgery, Jason Seltzer (in red) was back in the announcer's stand bringing us the racing play by play. Welcome back Jason. To celebrate his return, we were all treated to some incredible racing over the course of the evening.

Gabe Carr was the top qualifier of 21 in the **Outlaw FWDs** with a time of 15.187. Jeff Sayles and John Munro won the heat races. Gordon Hopson and Jeremy Campbell took the field to green for what turned out to be a hotly contested 25-lap feature. John Munro held the lead after the first few laps sorted out the field. Andrew Losey and Wayne Stack were in a



battle for second place. Adam Van Avery moved up to make it a foursome vying for the lead. Losey took the lead and gave it up to Van Avery as Paul Bittle moved ahead of Losey for second. With the race in its final laps the three hit a mountain of lapped traffic. Van Avery and Losey went high and Bittle went low. Late in the race, Van Avery was sideways and heading for the infield wall; he saved it, avoided a caution and kept going. Losey took advantage of this and drove out to a multi car lead. Van Avery flew after him, caught and passed him. The white flag waved and Van Avery hit the finish line first followed by Losey, Paul Bittle, Jeff Sayles, Pete Doxey, Wayne Stack, John Munro, Brock Sweeter, Jeremy Campbell and Nick Layman. The slowest qualifier, Gordon Hopson, finished on the lead lap in 11th after running a solid race. The outcome of the race changed up the points significantly. Missing from the field after 5 laps was the former point leader Corey Woods who drove into the infield, his night finished. Gabe Carr kept his fourth place point standing despite retiring early in the feature. Adam Van Avery has a slim lead over Corey Woods (-6), Pete Doxey (-33), Gabe Carr (-128), Andrew Losey (-136), John Munro (-206), Camille Lewis (-232), John Carr (-281), Wayne Stack (-309) and Nick Layman (-351).



Twenty-one **Street Stocks** qualified with Brandon Zachary breaking Kyle Ribble's season-long streak of fast times by posting a 14.892. Greg Brown and Kyle Ribble won the heat races. Jon Beach and Jerry Ballard led the field to green with Beach taking the early lead in the highly competitive 30-lap feature. Beach held the lead for two-thirds of the race when rookie Bug Schisler took the lead. Beach slipped to second with Kyle Ribble, Andrew DeVreese and Brandon Zachary in the top 5. With 2 laps to go, Schisler is spun then hit by another car. The caution charged to the other driver, Schisler maintains his lead. Heath Bronkema had been moving up steadily and holds the second position when the race goes back to green with Greg Brown (who started in 17th) having moved his way up to the 5th spot. Bronkema gets Schisler off center and although he recovered, Zachary is able to make the most of this and shoots into the lead. On the white flag lap, Zachary leads followed by Schisler, Bronkema, Mike Brooks and Brown. Down the front stretch, Bronkema and Schisler battle for position with Bronkema giving him some hard knocks down the front stretch to a 5th place finish. A great run by the rookie. Brandon Zachary takes the checkered followed by Heath Bronkema, Mike Brooks, Greg Brown, Bug Schisler, Bob Miller, Kyle Ribble, Barry Jenkins, John Beach and Jerry Ballard. Brandon Zachary and



Kyle Ribble are tied in the standings followed by Zack Cook (whose car never left its pit stall) (-169), Colin Bozell (-226), Barry Jenkins (-247), Greg Brown (-257), Heath Bronkema (-348), Shane Miller (-407), Doug Gallandt (-432) and Bug Schisler (-461).

The **Outlaw Super Late Models** added a third feature definitely worth the ticket price and coming out to the Speedway on a Friday night. In a true tune-up for the August 7 Kalamazoo Klash, the Allstar Performance 75, postponed from last week due to heat, was a race to watch. With a purse of \$2,500, 22 drivers showed up to try to take it home. Phil Bozell took fast time with a 12.961 over 22 competitors. Adam Terry and Matt Frazier won the heat races. Mark Shook and Kevin Sauer led the field to green. Mark Shook shot out to the early lead with Craig Everage quickly settling into second. Following a caution with 62 remaining, Everage went to the lead on the restart followed by Shook, Matt Frazier, Marty Crawford, Kevin Sauer and Todd Harrington. Twenty two laps later, Everage is still in the lead followed by Shook, Frazier, Crawford (whose car was spouting steam), Needles and Roahrig. Crawford moved into second and Roahrig and Needles moved into 3rd and 4th. Roahrig moved into 3rd with 30 to go. Needles had moved into 4th. Needles reached second before the final 22 lap showdown between leader Everage and second place Roahrig. Eyes were glued to the 1-2 cars. Roahrig on the inside and Everage on the outside. Lap after lap Roahrig appeared to have the edge going into turn 1 but the race has more turns than one and Everage excelled in all the others taking his first win of the season in a thrilling Outlaw Late Model Race. Bring on the Klash! A jubilant Everage was followed by Roahrig, Needles, Crawford, Shook, Doug True, Billy Shannon, Adam Terry, Todd Harrington and Rick Senneker. Doug True retains the top position in the standings followed by Adam Terry (-35), Todd Harrington (-45), Andrew Brest (-45), Rick Senneker, (-48), Craig Everage (-63), Matt Frazier (-99), Billy Shannon (-148), Mark Shook (-247) and Bill Tomlinson (-331)



The **Auto Value Non-Winged Super Sprints** were with us for the second time this year and Auto Value Auto Parts sponsored tonight's evening of races with the party deck full of their guests. We thanked them by offering up some extra excitement for some of their guests. People riding in the pace car, waving the flag and seeing what it was like to do a ride along in one of the pushcarts used to start the Sprints. (Thank you Skeeter, Buster Martin, Ray Diehlman and Colby Geer for helping make this happen).





Kyle O'Gara was the fastest in practice with a time of 12.951. He followed that with fast time in qualifying with a time of 12.847. Kyle O'Gara, Russ Gamester and Christian Koehler won the heat races. Bobby Santos III took the feature followed by Kody Swanson, and Kyle O'Gara. Swanson led the entire race while the rest of the field raced behind him until two laps remaining when Santos got around Swanson and kept the lead through the finish line. Following the top three were Caleb Armstrong, followed by Russ Gamester, Jason Blonde, Tyler Roahrig, Taylor Ferns, Tony Main and Christian Koehler.



From left, second place finisher, Kody Swanson, race winner Bobby Santos III (trying to see his way around the flag his son is intent on waving in his face) and third place finisher, Kyle O'Gara.



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We will see you at the races.