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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31: CALL OF THE WILD 5TH ANNUAL WORLD SERIES OF COMPACTS

The regular season wrapped up last week and we've switched to Saturday nights. Racing starts at 7:00 PM rather than 7:30. This Saturday we've got the 13th annual Call of the Wild on tap with the Midwest Compact Series holding their 5th Annual World Series of Compacts. Last year our own Pete Doxey (this year's Outlaw FWD Season Champion) won the race. In addition to the RACEceiver Showdown, there will be plenty of racing for drivers and fans alike. Throw away the rule book for this one, it's "Run What Ya Brung".

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Pits Open	2:00 PM
Pit Passes (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$15
Youth 6-12	\$8
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:00 PM

The Call of the Wild was introduced in 2007 to challenge Randy Sweet's all-time track (and world) record lap speed. The record had stood since 1982 at 10.746 seconds.

The Call of the Wild features the RACEceiver Qualifying Showdown where the five fastest qualifiers have the track to themselves for 30 minutes to try and break the world record for speed around a 3/8 mile track.

The "run what ya brung" promotes Outlaw Super Late Models with sprint car wings, sideboards and whatever creations the drivers can come up with to satisfy their need for speed. And do not be mistaken; it takes nerves of steel to compete in the Showdown.

CALL OF THE WILD HONOR ROLL (red times are world records)

Year	Driver	Fastest Time	MPH
2007	Terry Sroufe	10.800	125.000
2008	Curt Spalding	10.715	125.992
2009	Curt Spalding	10.217	132.13
2010	Andy Bozell	10.038	134.489
2011	Andy Bozell	10.020	134.730
2012	Andy Bozell	10.157	132.913
2013	Andy Bozell	10.121	133.386
2014	Mike Shewchuk	10.552	127.938
2015	Mike Shewchuk	9.924	136.034
2016	Andy Bozell	9.465	142.631
2017	Andy Bozell	9.515	141.881
2018	AJ Foote	11.188	120.665

We will see you at the races!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

Do we need to explain? Crashes. Explosions. Novelty races. Jet car. Monster trucks. Bus & trailer races. Scarecrow. Fireworks.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – SUPER SHOE WEEKEND STARTS

It's Super Shoe Weekend. Three days of racing. Camping. The ultimate year-end party.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 – AWARDS BANQUET
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
(details to follow)

RECAP: AUGUST 23 RACING
SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT

Wow. Season Championship Night lived up to its hype and then some. Intense racing, first time champions who never gave up and such close finishes that it was almost painful to watch. For every champion there were others whose hopes and efforts fell short. The point races in three of the classes got even tighter following qualifying. An extra point in a heat race, qualifying one or two positions faster over the course of the season, or finishing a position higher in the feature could have changed outcomes. Drivers in the Outlaw Super Late Models and the Zoo Stocks won by a handful of points or less. The season champion in the Outlaw FWD won by 11. Congratulations to all the drivers, crew, staff and fans for showing up and making Kalamazoo Speedway's 70th Anniversary Season one to remember.

Matt Majewski put up fast time (16.843) for the **Zoo Stocks** and two drivers exceeded that in the intense dash for the season championship in the 'A' feature.

Kyle Shannon (at right), in his second start this season, started at the back of the pack for the 15-lap 'B' feature and led when it counted.

It was a family affair for the rest of the night in the Zoo Stocks. Logan Meade won his first race of the season and brother, Rielly Meade, took home his first track championship. After qualifying, Rielly Meade held the point lead. Meade and rookie Jorden Brinkert (-8), rookie Matt Elsey Jr., (-10) and Logan Hiemstra (-13) all realistically had a shot at their first track championship. Sixteen year old Regan Powell moved into the lead with 15 to go and drove to keep it until two to go when his car quit and he was forced to retire. Rielly Meade found himself mired in the back of the pack. Hiemstra was running at the front of the pack. With seven remaining the #87 of Brian Patton and fast qualifier Matt Majewski crashed with Patton rolling. During the red stop clean up drivers had time to think about what was at stake and how they might handle the restart. Matt Elsey Jr. has benefitted from other drivers dipping below the 16.750 limit for Zoo Stocks and has two wins to his credit when the driver ahead of him was disqualified. Of all nights, Elsey Jr. was on the receiving end of the disqualification watching his bid for a track championship crumble. When the checkered flag waved, Logan Meade was first in line followed by rookie Jared Blanchard, Grant Lofquist, rookie Jorden Brinkert, Rielly Meade, Bryce Peters, Ross Bergman, Kenny Head II, Logan Hiemstra and Mason May. Renae Letts finished 12th and 13 points out of the top 10 after maintaining a hold in the top 10 for all but one week of the season. See page 6 for the top 10 in each class and the champions' photos.



The **Outlaw FWDs** ran two features; the first a make-up from last week when rain postponed the race. Gabe Carr broke the Outlaw FWD track record for the fourth time this season, also breaking the 14 second mark with a Street Stock worthy time of 14.936. The effort blew a head gasket and for the second time this year he missed the main event.

Going into the first feature it was Adam Van Avery on top of the leaderboard by 37 points (he came into the night up by 27, gaining 10 in qualifying) over Pete Doxey. Doxey started at the tail of the field with Van Avery sitting 15th for the first feature. Doxey won the race working his way methodically through the field while overcoming strong challenges along the way. Van Avery finished in the 11th spot giving Doxey a three point lead at the end of the race. This was Doxey's first point lead of the season, handicapped by missing the season opener due to his teaching position in Colorado. Doxey has now permanently relocated to Michigan. Following Doxey across the finish line were Drew Losey, Nick Layman, Wayne Stack, Corey Woods, John Munro, Nick Failing, Valerie Bozell, Camille Lewis and John Carr. With another race to run, we took Victory Lane to Doxey in the pits.



In the second 25-lap **Outlaw FWD** feature of the night it was Todd Metz Jr. competing in his first point race of the year. He raced on May 3rd when the Zoo's Outlaw FWDs and the Midwest Compacts joined together for a non-point contest. The final regular season race of the season for the Outlaw FWDs was intense. Corey Woods, after several disastrous weeks, was back in form as was Adam Van Avery. At the checkered it was Metz Jr., Pete Doxey, Corey Woods, Adam Van Avery, Nick Layman, John Carr, Nick Failing, Valerie Bozell, John Munro and Will Slaughter. Pete Doxey topped off his win in the first feature with his first Outlaw FWD track championship; Adam Van Avery finished 11 points back in the standings.



Brandon Zachary brought a 67 point lead over Kyle Ribble into Season Championship Night in the **Street Stocks**. Ribble was the only driver who was close enough to wrest the championship away from Zachary. With Ribble skipping the night, Zachary had his first track championship won. Zack Cook on the other hand came into the night third in the point standings and had a slim chance to move into second and he came within 10 points of doing just that. A valiant and talented effort. Cook took the lead from Josh Zordan early in the race and maintained the lead. Behind him the field remained more static than usual for the initial laps before the nose to tail and side by side racing that characterizes this class prompted frequent changes in position. Defending champion Greg Brown, by all accounts, has had a tough year with various car woes; however, he's fought hard all season and



tonight showed his mettle by finishing seventh after racing at least half the race with metal flapping (pictured) and wonky aerodynamics. By doing so he moved into the top 5 in the final standings. The top 10 finishers in the feature were Cook, Josh Zordan, Jon Beach, Shane Miller (who has come on strong in the latter part of the season), Brandon Zachary, Colin Bozell, Greg Brown, Zach Westdorp, Ricky LaDuke and Mike Zordan.



Andy Bozell posted fast time (13.802) in the **Late Model Sportsman**. Buddy Head had already put away

his seventh consecutive and 8th overall track championship so it was all competitive spirit driving the field. The battle of men named Chris for second place didn't transpire as Chris Shannon didn't race. That gave Chris Garrett second place in the standings without putting a tire on the track. But he came to race and won the 35-lap feature. Jesse VanAvery captured the early lead and he and Garrett exchanged the lead before Garrett extended his lead over the rest of the field. Andy Bozell cut the lead but had to settle for second at the flag. Following Bozell it was Brandon Lyons, Jeff Bozell, Buddy Head, Keegan Dykstra, Jesse VanAvery, Josh Zordan, Dylan Stovall and Kenny Head.

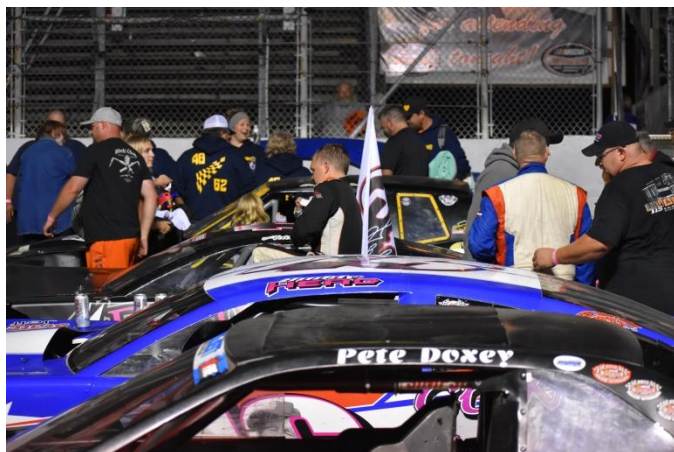


Twenty-three **Outlaw Super Late Model** drivers qualified with Steve Needles posting fast time (12.956). Going into the Hoosier 100 Doug True held a 2 point lead over Rick Senneker followed by Adam Terry (-5) and Todd Harrington (-15). No matter which of the top four drivers a fan was cheering for it was both an exciting and difficult race to watch. Adversity struck before a single lap was complete taking Andrew Brest out of the race and clobbering Rick Senneker and TK Whitman. Whitman was done for the night. Senneker ducked into the pits and was put back together by his one man crew with the use of metal shears and blue duct tape. Craig Everage departed the race; Adam Terry made a pit stop. When the field went back to green, JR Roahrig took the lead, later giving it up to Steve Needles and then Jeff Ganus who ran a smart and strong race to add another win to his long resume. Todd Harrington had to pit resulting in his finishing 14th in the race and down 50 points for a 4th place position in the final standings. Doug True was involved in a crash and had to make a quick pit stop but spun out after returning and retired with 31 laps remaining, finishing 13th and 31 points out. Rick Senneker drove a taped together race car for the entire race, was spun out with 40 laps remaining and still drove like a champion coming up just 5 points short. Adam Terry made several pit stops sending him to the tail of the field, was sent to the back of the field for nudging Senneker around yet never gave up. He followed his dream and earned his first track championship.



While many fans were watching the four battle it out for the championship, other drivers raced and put up strong showings. JR Roahrig crossed the finish line second followed by Mark Shook, Adam Terry, Billy Shannon, Rick Senneker, Zack Cook, Rich Boal, Bill Tomlinson and Kevin Stewart.

2019 SEASON CHAMPIONS



After the final checkered flag, the track champions' cars were lined up. From front to back, Pete Doxey's #28, Buddy Head's #46, Adam Terry's #4, Brandon Zachary's #16, and Rielly Meade's #48.



Rielly Meade ■ Zoo Stock Season Champion

Zoo Stock		Outlaw FWD		Street Stock	
Driver	Gap	Driver	Gap	Driver	Gap
Rielly Meade		Pete Doxey		Brandon Zachary	
Jorden Brinkert	-4	Adam Van Avery	-11	Kyle Ribble	-195
Logan Hiemstra	-29	Corey Woods	-99	Zack Cook	-205
Jared Blanchard	-54	John Munro	-297	Barry Jenkins	-340
Matt Elsey Jr.	-94	Drew Losey	-317	Greg Brown	-367
Ross Bergman	-230	Camille Lewis	-331	Colin Bozell	-371
Logan Meade	-273	Nick Layman	-366	Shane Miller	-416
Grant Lofquist	-423	Gabe Carr	-387	Heath Bronkema	-606
Dillon Rose	-484	John Carr	-389	Bug Schisler	-628
Matt Elsey	-495	Wayne Stack	-407	Doug Gallandt	-642

The Zoo Stock class boasts a father and son in the top 10 (the Elseys) and brothers (the Meades). A pair of brothers also captured top 10 honors in the Outlaw FWDs (the Carrs). While Jeff Bozell (Late Model Sportsman) and his son Colin (Street Stock) don't race in the same class, they both made the top 10 in their respective class.



Pete Doxey ■ Outlaw FWD Champion



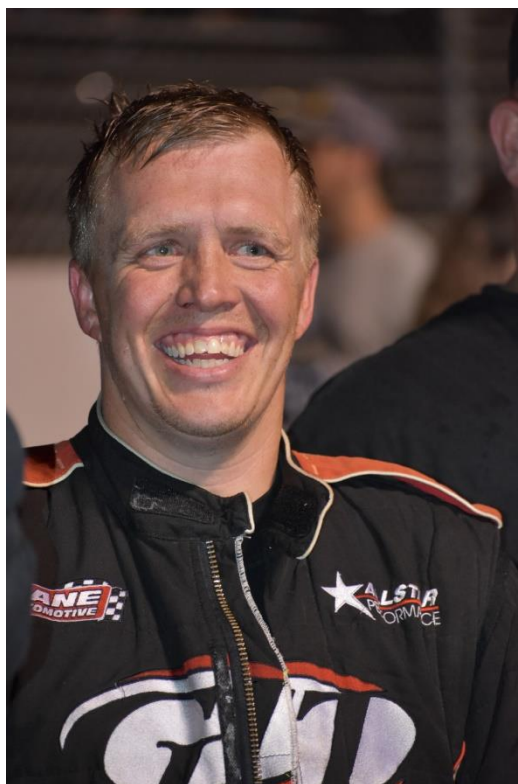
Brandon Zachary ■ Street Stock Champion

Late Model Sportsman		Outlaw Super Late Models	
Driver	Gap	Driver	Gap
Buddy Head		Adam Terry	
Chris Garrett	-215	Rick Senneker	-5
Chris Shannon	-369	Doug True	-31
Kenny Head	-432	Todd Harrington	-50
Dylan Stovall	-437	Andrew Brest	-94
Jeff Bozell	-466	Craig Everage	-140
Keegan Dykstra	-491	Billy Shannon	-147
Ryan Stutz	-550	Matt Frazier	-182
Andy Bozell	-654	Mark Shook	-218
Keith Wilfong	-718	Bill Tomlinson	-396

And we find more family in the Late Model Sportsman. Buddy and Kenny Head are brothers as are Andy and Jeff Bozell.



Buddy Head
Late Model Sportsman Champion



Adam Terry
Outlaw Super Late Model Champion



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