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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: SHOTGUN FOOTRACE FOR CAMPSITES

There's no racing this upcoming weekend, but Sunday, September 22 (2:00 PM sharp) is the Campsite Shotgun Footrace for the 98 campsites that were not part of the Advance Reservation Program. The "book in advance" program was REALLY popular and is sold out. You want a campsite now, lace up those running shoes to take part in the Shotgun Footrace. After the Footrace, campsites may only be reserved by visiting the camp office (located as you enter through the main gates).

Anyone with a reserved campsite (advance reservations or staked as part of the Footrace) can start parking their campers about 2:30 PM on Footrace Sunday once Footrace participants have their campsites marked and it's safe to start rolling things that move on wheels into the area. You're going to want to pay for your campsite when you bring in your camper and don't forget to put up your Homestead sign (name and a phone number where you can be contacted).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-29: SUPER SHOE WEEKEND

It's the last racing event of the 2019 season. The 70th consecutive season of the Kalamazoo Speedway comes to a close when the 2019 Super Shoe Champion is presented with his or her trophy. The off-season is long. Come on out and binge on racing for the weekend!



Time is almost up to purchase your raffle tickets for the enclosed trailer giveaway on Super Shoe Sunday. Tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20. YOU could take home an awesome enclosed trailer (generously donated by Techworks Trailer Sales and Team Spirit Custom Trailers)—but only if you buy a ticket! All proceeds go to the Zoo Kares for Kids program, bringing a little extra cheer to area children at the holidays.

Friday, September 27		Saturday, September 28		Sunday, September 29	
Qualifying		Qualifying, Heats and Features		Features	
Pits Open	11:00 AM	Pits Open	8:30 AM	Pits Open	10:30 AM
Qualifying	3:40 – 9:45 PM	Qualifying	10:30 AM – 3:45 PM	Features	12:30 PM
		Heats	4:30 PM		
		Features	following heats		
Pit Pass	\$30	Pit Pass	\$30	Pit Pass	\$30
3-Day Pass	\$80	2-Day Pass	\$55		
Free Grandstands		Adults	\$12	Adults	\$15
		6 – 12 years	\$5	6 – 12 years	\$8
		5 & under	FREE	5 & under	FREE

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

Save the date for a casual affair with plenty of music and no long (boring) speeches.

PHOTO MEDLEY: 2019 NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

Sometimes all we want to do is look at the pictures, right?! So here are a few from what proved to be a fun night of surprises and madness—just what you'd expect from a Night of Destruction event! Lines were long before 6:00 PM. People were turned away! Another first!



Kalamazoo Speedway fans are the best—whether rising to announcer Jason Seltzer’s call for “the wave”, watching the pit party from the grandstands or taking part in the pit party where hopping a free bus ride around the track was popular.



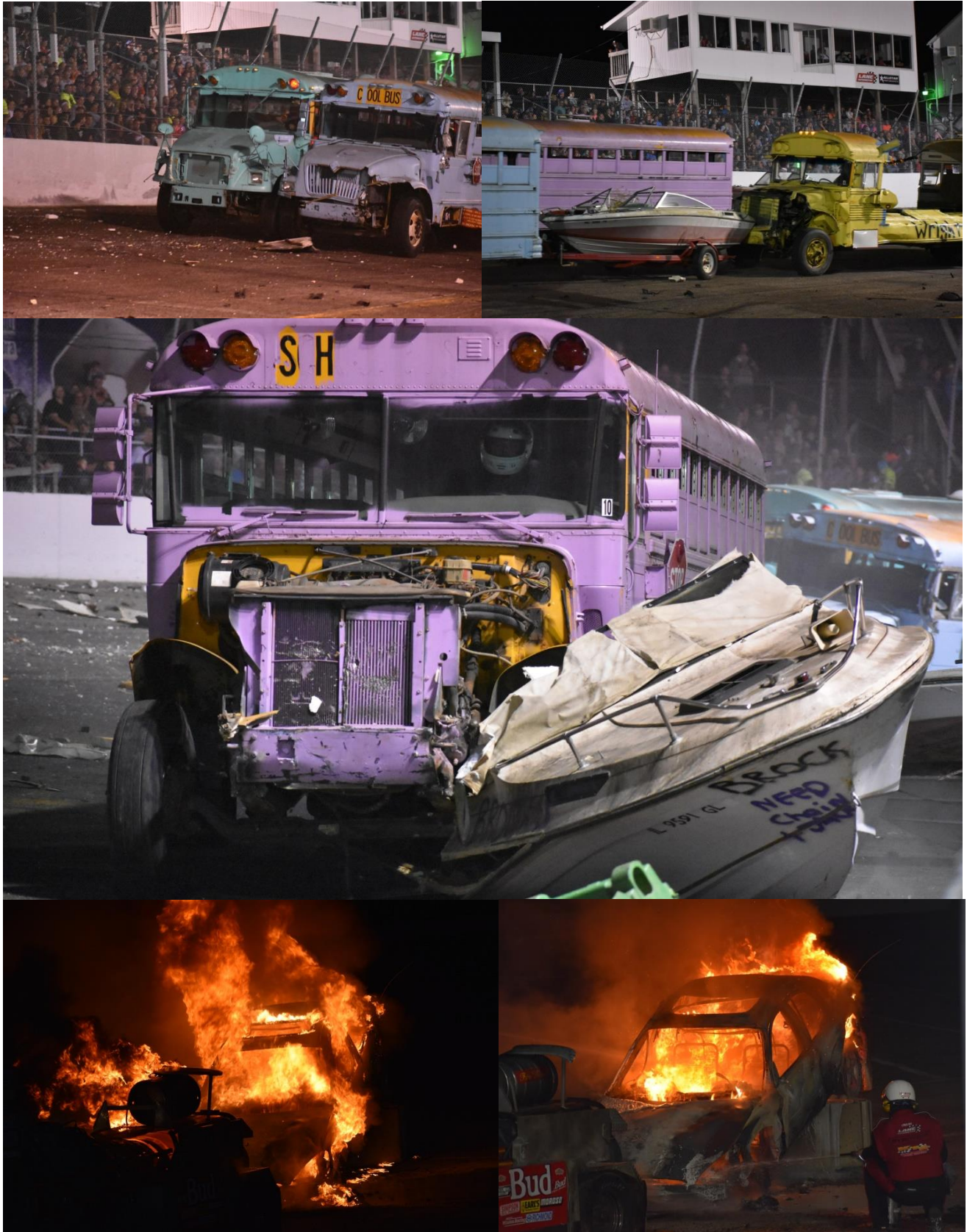
Rows (left to right): David Vanoss won the Spectator Drags (that's his truck putting down the plume of black smoke); the Monster Truck rides were again a big hit with fans coming down to the pits before the races; something unexpected always seems to happen at least once during one of these nights and this year a Monster Truck caught fire during its act; Shane Miller (in the purple PT Cruiser) won the mini-Enduro. Kyle Santora and Adam Van Avery had so much fun in the inaugural Stacker Kars race that they returned for the Enduro (and came in 6th!! out of a field of 36).



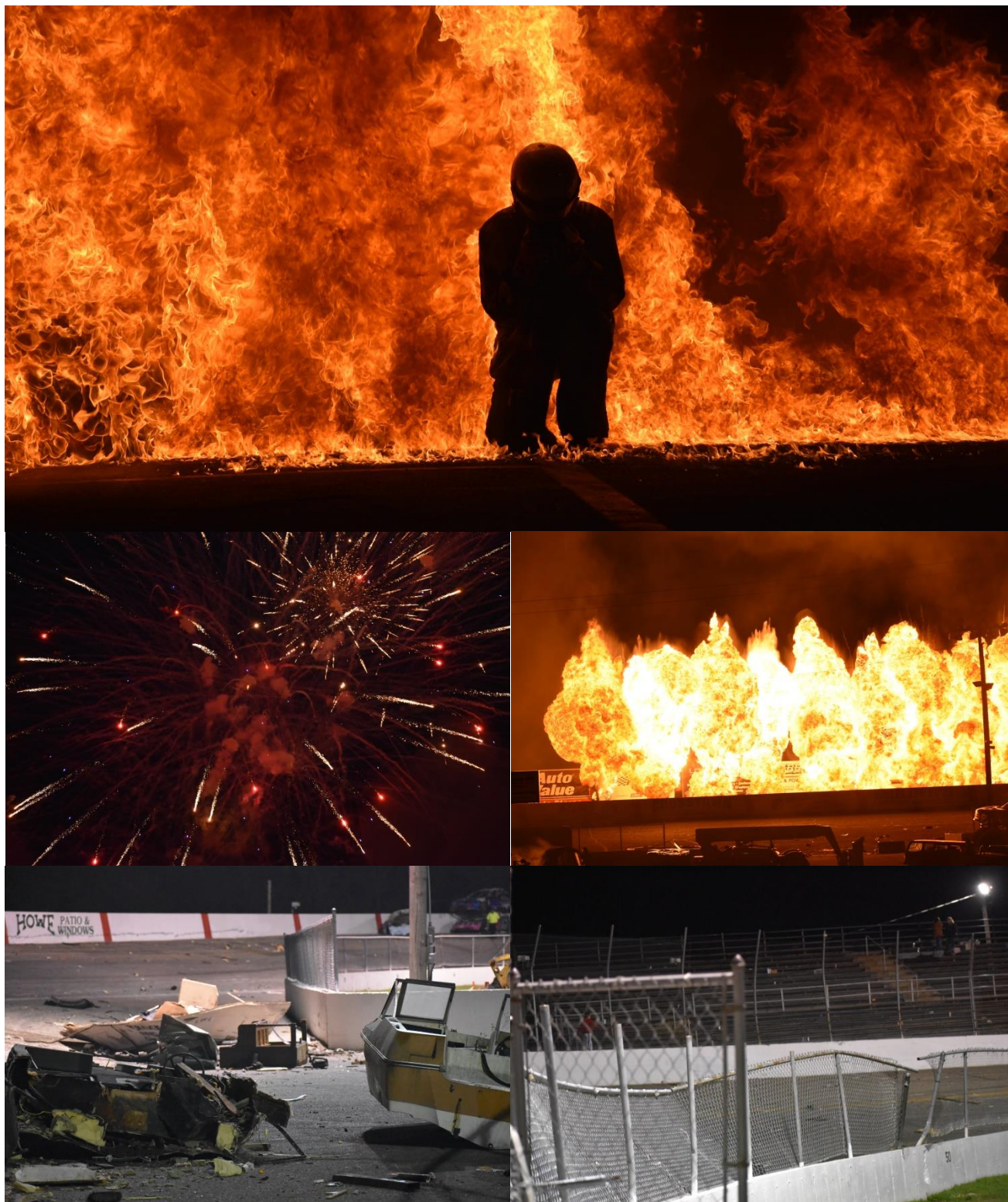
Rows (left to right): Speaking of the Stackers. This Stacker race was an immediate fan favorite and we expect area tracks to copy us!! (LOL—right before going to press a track to our south announced a Stacker car race! We are flattered!) No one tipped over, but cars had trouble negotiating turns and all four tires were not always in contact with the pavement. Adam Van Avery (left) and Kyle Santora won the race, followed by the duos of Tom & Daton Wright and Gary Howe & Buddy Head. The drivers participating in the Demolition Derby put their all into being the last driver moving. At the end it was David Hare with the flag (Robert Dunn placed a close second). In the trailer race it was Jake Hare taking the flag (driving the 8H) with many of the trailers getting an early start on the fireworks.



The Bus Races were back and didn't disappoint; also back was the Jet Car Melt Down. Once ignited, the car burned through the entire fireworks show and defied being put out until the Cooper Township Fire Department brought in their tanker to douse it after hoses and fire extinguishers weren't up to the task.



We love our explosions at the Night of Destruction! Below, Scarecrow set the bar high for the Jet Car Melt Down that followed and the fireworks finale for the evening. The final fireworks fireball dwarfed the Auto Value billboard. And then all that was left was the mess, replacing a fence and some melted pavement.



FAST, FAMILY FUN FOR 70 YEARS

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