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June 29, 2020



July 3, 2020. It's the Season Opener featuring the Intimidator 100 for the Outlaw Super Late Models with the Template Late Models (35 laps), Street Stock (30 laps), Outlaw FWD (25 laps) and Zoo Stock (20 laps) all making their 2020 starts at Kalamazoo Speedway. We're shooting off fireworks to celebrate Opening Night, and of course, to celebrate the 4th of July. Somehow those two events don't even belong in the same sentence.

OPENING NIGHT (!) FRIDAY, JULY 3

We finally Go Green for 2020! **Friday, July 3. Opening Night.** Qualifying begins at 5:20. Racing starts at 7:30. It's the Zoo's **71st consecutive season of racing.**



Limited grandstand seats remain. Social distancing in the stands must be maintained between family groups, and while visiting the restrooms or the concessions; masks are optional. We want everyone to feel safe while at the Speedway; thank you for your cooperation. Grandstand tickets will **not** be sold at the track. If you plan to attend, please call Kalamazoo Speedway (269) 692-2423 and order your tickets on the phone. A couple of skyboxes remain for opening night and these, too, must be purchased ahead of time. Pit passes will be sold at the ticket windows just like on any other race night.

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RESULTS – JUNE 24 PRACTICE

A few grumbles were heard (ours, too) that though the infield pits had been paved, the surface was too soft to be used. It won't stay perfect long with heavy haulers and jack stands making their debuts on the surface at the Season Opener. But the new surfaces look great and we hope the wait was worth it. Each class ran practice runs as well as a mock group qualifying session at the June 24 practice. The Zoo Stocks had the most drivers present with 16 followed by the Outlaw Super Late Models with 11. Welcome to new Zoo Stock driver Ethan Johnson and Outlaw FWD driver Alex Sexton. Ricky LaDuke didn't run in the Mock Qualifying (Street Stocks) but he's qualified ahead of the pack for each of the three practices; the only driver to do so.

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE – PRACTICE (June 24, 2020)

Top 5	Zoo Stock (Spartan Insulation)	Lap Time	Outlaw FWD (O'Reilly Auto Parts)	Lap Time
1	Jorden Brinkert	16.833	Pete Doxey	15.272
2	Matt Elsey Jr.	16.881	Camille Lewis	15.788
3	Logan Meade	17.073	CJ French	15.846
4	Christina Rantz	17.200		
5	Charles Anderson	17.279		

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE – MOCK QUALIFYING (June 24, 2020)

Top 5	Zoo Stock (Spartan Insulation)	Lap Time	Outlaw FWD (O'Reilly Auto Parts)	Lap Time
1	Matt Elsey Jr.	16.798	Camille Lewis	15.790
2	Christina Rantz	16.895	CJ French	15.898
3	Jorden Brinkert	16.922	Alex Sexton	16.104
4	Logan Meade	17.056		
5	Roger Zimmerman	17.170		

REAR WHEEL DRIVE – PRACTICE (June 24, 2020)

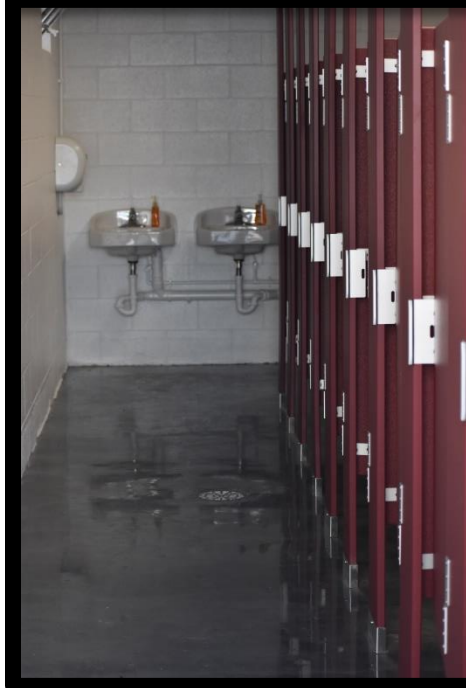
Top 5	Street Stock	Lap Time	Template Late Models (Hutcherson Construction)	Lap Time	Outlaw Super Late Models (Landscape Forms)	Lap Time
1	Ricky LaDuke	14.952	Buddy Head	13.806	Brian Bergakker	12.952
2	Doug Gallandt	15.288	Eric McGlothlen	13.886	Billy Shannon	13.060
3	Matt Corliss	15.327	Kenny Head	13.939	Andy Bozell	13.160
4	Taylor Sexton	15.382	Ryan Stutz	14.197	Phil Bozell	13.176
5	Jerry Ballard	15.528	Glen Burnside	14.712	Brandon Lyons	13.214

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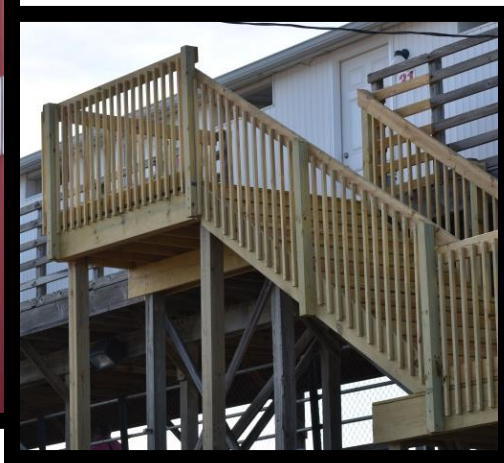
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Top 5	Street Stock	Lap Time	Template Late Models (Hutcherson Construction)	Lap Time	Outlaw Super Late Models (Landscape Forms)	Lap Time
1	Matt Corliss	15.060	Eric McGlothlen	13.874	Billy Shannon	12.968
2	Doug Gallandt	15.139	Buddy Head	13.910	Brian Bergakker	13.037
3	Taylor Sexton	15.230	Kenny Head	13.941	Phil Bozell	13.082
4	Jerry Ballard	15.342	Bill Tomlinson	14.111	Andy Bozell	13.160
			Jerry Jansen	14.144	Brandon Lyons	13.184

A preview of some changes at the track follow (and drivers, take note of the paved victory lane):



Clockwise: In the foreground, the pavilion where picnic tables will be set up and visitors to the midway can relax out of the sun; the new grill (bigger and better!); the first of the two stairways to the front stretch skyboxes is complete (check out the width!); and ladies, count those stalls in the new women's restroom (and that's only one bank of them; there more on the other side and more sinks plus two entrances/exits). The men's room (now located near the Gift Shop) received 5-star ratings as well.



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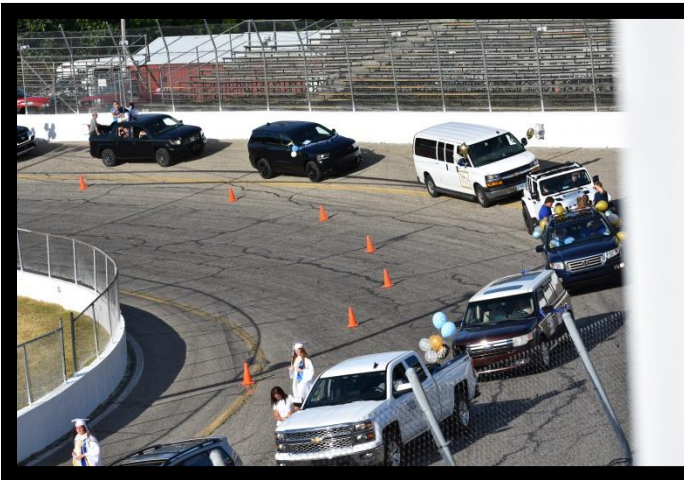
'MERICA 250 ENDURO – JULY 5

The Midwest Compact Touring Series is sponsoring the 'MERICA 250 Enduro at Kalamazoo Speedway on Sunday, July 5th. It should be a fun program with the Enduro, the MCR Dwarf cars and the entertaining Stacker Cars followed by fireworks. Adult tickets are \$15 and children 6-12 are \$5. Skyboxes are sold out for the event, but there is grandstand seating still available. Go to midwestcompacts.com to purchase tickets.



CONGRATULATIONS PLAINWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

In a year when we've missed once in a lifetime occasions from baptisms to mourning the departed, officials from Plainwell Public Schools created a program to give the Class of 2020 a memorable and unique commencement ceremony to recognize its graduating seniors. Kalamazoo Speedway was proud to be the venue selected by the Plainwell Public Schools to honor its graduates.



The traditional Pomp & Circumstance signaled the start of the procession of

vehicles carrying a graduate down the front stretch to then walk a short distance to the stage to receive their diploma and pause for photos before getting back into the vehicle to continue around the track to either the infield to await the rest of the program and fireworks or exit back to the parking lot. A couple of the more creative vehicles delivering the graduate to the stage are pictured. How many of us can say we truly had fun during our commencement ceremony? Congratulations to both the Class of 2020 and to the Plainwell Public Schools for providing its graduates with a memorable and well-orchestrated graduation ceremony.



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