



TRACK TALK

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 JUNE 6 PRACTICE – PHOTOS & STATS



Andrew Brest, front right, leads the team to the pit bleaches to watch teammates' times during one of the practice sessions on June 6. When might Kalamazoo Speedway get back to racing? Read on. We have a target date and we're taking aim.

NO RACING ON JUNE 12 or JUNE 19

Kalamazoo Speedway will NOT be racing on Friday, June 12 or Friday, June 19. Executive Orders permitting, we are tentatively looking at a Friday, June 26 Season Opener. We are working with the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department to ensure our plans to get back to racing have their support and we don't place our various licenses in jeopardy or become the poster child for why the Governor singles out tracks for more restrictions that delay everyone from getting back to racing. In our region, we should all expect to contend with various limits and restrictions once we are able to open our gates for our weekly racing programs.

RESULTS – JUNE 6 PRACTICE

Great weather graced the June 6 practice. Drivers got in some laps and made adjustments throughout the afternoon or loaded up their car to haul it back to the garage for some serious adjustments. We've seen (and are wearing) some pretty interesting hairstyles these days. Salons and barbershops opening on June 15 can't come too soon for some of us; we're getting a bit scary looking. Several of us have picked up some extra pounds with all this Stay Home business. One driver pulled on his firesuit for the first time this season and called out good naturedly to everyone around that it had shrunk. Newcomer, 15 year-old, first-time driver Luke Bouma drove like a veteran clocking a 16.455 (his car wouldn't have been legal on a race night, but still); putting up a time like that would earn him an immediate graduation into the Outlaw FWD. Gabe Carr posted the fastest time for the second practice this season in the Outlaw FWD class and Ricky LaDuke also made it two for two in the Street Stock. Ryan Stutz came out on top of the Template Late Models and Steve Needles was the fastest in the Outlaw Super Late Models.

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE – PRACTICE (June 6, 2020)

Top 5	Zoo Stock (Spartan Insulation)	Lap Time	Outlaw FWD (O'Reilly Auto Parts)	Lap Time
1	Luke Bouma	16.455	Gabe Carr	14.820
2	Jorden Brinkert	16.678	John Carr	15.593
3	Regan Powell	17.022	Nick Layman	15.775
4	Jared Blanchard	17.068	Brock Sweeter	15.842
5	Roger Zimmerman	17.279	Camille Lewis	15.852

REAR WHEEL DRIVE – PRACTICE (June 6, 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	14.889	Ryan Stutz	14.312	Steve Needles	13.044
2	Brandon Zachary	14.990	Jeremy Pletz	14.432	Billy Shannon	13.165
3	Doug Gallandt	15.147	Tim Pletz	14.518	Zack Cook	13.231
4	Barry Jenkins	15.187	David Guarino	14.549	Brandon Lyons	13.277
5	Zach Westdorp	15.192	Glen Burnside	14.947	Monte Tolan	13.363

What's a practice session without a few photos? Don't see your favorite driver? Not to worry, we'll be working to get everyone into Track Talk at least once over the season. Thanks to all who came out to practice.

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From left to right: Brock Sweeter, John Carr; Camille Lewis, Gabe Carr; Nick Layman, Jared Blanchard; Will Kring, Renae Letts, Jordan Brinkert, Luke Bouma (at left); Joe Blood (in yellow); Ryan Stutz; David Guarino; Glen Burnside; Bill Tomlinson; Zack Cook; Marty Crawford; Josh Nyberg (with John Nyberg); DJ Oxford; Bob Miller; Rick Hahn; Steve Needles



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