



TRACK TALK

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On this Veteran’s Day (and every day) we thank all veterans for their service. And we’ve shown our thanks for the last 20 years by giving veterans and active military personnel a discount on tickets (with proof of service).

2021 SEASON NEWS

We’ve swapped the race programs for June 4 and June 11 to accommodate an Outlaw Super Late Model race (The Big One) at the Birch Run Speedway on June 11. This means the COVID Klash (Kalamazoo Klash XXVIII) and Raber’s Street Stock Rumble will run on June 4 and our weekly classes (Template Late Models, Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stock) will see action on June 11. Only 157 more days until the 2021 season kicks off with the first of two pre-season testing sessions!



Drivers who paid for a 2020 pit stall (and didn’t request a refund) have their pit stall reserved for 2021. We’ve had a few early calls for skyboxes so we thought we’d mention that over 25% of the boxes are being held with a deposit. An 8-person skybox for all races on the final racing schedule (except the Bandit Big Rigs) is \$3,200. Add \$200 additional for the Bandit Big Rigs (the 2019 event was spectacular). Starting with the April 16 pre-season testing, the July 3, 2020 replacement tickets (now doubled) will be available for pick-up and will be at the track for every race event until they are picked up.

MINI-WEDGES ARE COMING TO KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

It’s true! The Michianna Mini-Wedges are coming to Kalamazoo Speedway. Designed for 5-12 year old youth, a mini-wedge looks like a pint-sized Outlaw Super Late Model. Safety features are built into each car and drivers are required to wear full safety apparatus (firesuit, helmet, footwear, gloves). Look to see the mini-wedges on race night 6-8 times over the course of the season. Gary Howe noted a new mini-wedge can be purchased (ready to hit the track) for about \$3,500, making it an affordable option for aspiring young racers.



TIRE TESTING

A few drivers joined us at the Speedway on Friday, November 6 to take part in some test laps for the Hoosier F-70 tire. While we didn't experience concerns with the 2020 D-800's (what's to experience with no season), concerns had cropped up elsewhere and Hoosier is addressing those concerns. We want a tire that can remain a top performer for more than a single race and the early verdict was that the F-70 delivered. A decision on tire selection for the Outlaw Super Late Models and the Template Late Models will be published by Thanksgiving weekend (when rules for all five classes are posted).



Clockwise: Buddy Head and Adam Terry talk tires with Hoosier staff Chad (grey hoodie) and Kyle (purple shirt) while one of Buddy's crew works on a tire; Template Late Model multiple year champion Buddy Head provided a demanding workout of the F-70 tires; coming in a disappointing second (twice) Rick Senneker took his laps to test out the Hoosiers; Outlaw Super Late Model champion, Adam Terry takes his turns around the track; and, past champion Kenny Head wraps up his testing and pulls into the infield. A thank you to everyone who gave up their time to test out the F-70's and offer comments on the tires' performance.

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WEBSITE UPDATES

By the end of November, you'll be able to check out the rules for each class and all the rest of the 2021 documents on our website. In the rules department, expect very few changes. The 2020 rules were well-thought-out and we haven't seen a reason to change them given we didn't get a chance to see them in action. Once a decision is reached on the tires, we'll be publishing the rules. We'll try to put the whole list of updated documents in the Thanksgiving version of Track Talk so you can click and go to the documents you'd like to review.

For now, we're publishing the 2021 weekly payout amounts and the payout for the April 30, 2021 Intimidator 100.

2021 WEEKLY PAYOUT ('A' Features and Last Chance Races [LC] 5th on back)

OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS

Weekly	\$1200 - 700 - 600 - 500 - 400 - 350 - 325 - 320 - 310 - 300 to start	(LC 5 th on back \$150)
Intimidator 100	\$3500 - 1200 - 800 - 600 - 550 - 500 - 475 - 450 - 425 - 400 to start	(LC 5 th on back \$200)

TEMPLATE LATE MODELS

Weekly	\$700 - 450 - 350 - 275 - 250 - 225 - 220 - 215 - 210 - 200 to start	(LC 5 th on back \$100)
Intimidator 100	\$1000 - 450 - 350 - 275 - 250 - 225 - 220 - 215 - 210 - 200 to start	(LC 5 th on back \$100)

STREET STOCK

Weekly	\$500 - 300 - 225 - 200 - 175 - 160 - 150 - 140 - 135 to start	(LC 5 th on back \$75)
Intimidator 100	\$1000 - 300 - 225 - 200 - 175 - 160 - 150 - 140 - 135 to start	(LC 5 th on back \$75)

OUTLAW FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Weekly	\$250 - 175 - 125 - 100 - 95 - 90 - 85 - 80 to start
Intimidator 100	\$500 - 225 - 125 - 100 - 95 - 90 - 85 - 80 to start

ZOO STOCK

Weekly	\$175 - 100 - 90 - 85 - 80 - 75 - 70 - 65 - 60 to start
Intimidator 100	\$300 - 130 - 90 - 85 - 80 - 75 - 70 - 65 - 60 to start

Last Chance Races: When 23 or more cars qualify in any of the top 3 classes, the top 16 cars will be locked into the A Feature. The remaining cars will run a Last Chance Race and the top 4 finishing cars will start at the tail in the A Feature. The laps & inversion for each Last Chance race will depend on the total car count for that event.



For the full weekly payout sheet, check out the website under the Drivers Information tab.
<http://www.kalamazoospeedway.com/driver-info/payout/>



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