



TRACK TALK

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 🚩 SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT

RACE DAY INFORMATION	
SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT	
SEPTEMBER 3, 2021	
Ticket Windows Open	3:30 PM
Pit Passes (12 years and up)	\$30
Junior Pit Passes (11 and under)	\$15
Adult General Admission	\$15
Youth General Admission (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & Under (all seats)	FREE
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Qualifying	5:30 PM
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

We close out the Friday night weekly racing program with features that will determine the champion in each of the five weekly classes. No driver in any of the classes has locked in a championship. Every race will matter. Not only are drivers racing for the track championship in each class, but many are racing to stay in the top five or the top 10 or to knock someone out of the top 5 or top 10 and claim a place for themselves. For other drivers, this is one last weekly race to achieve a personal best and meet seasonal goals. You won't want to miss any of the races this Friday.

The Street Stock (35), Template Late Models (40) and the Outlaw Super Late Models will all have extra lap features. The Outlaw Super Late Models will close out the regular season with their 75-lap feature. Madhouse restarts will be used for all main features.

SEPTEMBER 11 🚩 SUPER SHOE TUNE UP

Events switch to Saturdays after Season Championship night. First up on September 11 is the Super Shoe Tune Up. It's the Run-What-Ya-Brung Event. Throw out the rule book! (Well, maybe not all of them, but most of them.) The schedule, what rules there are and the payout are on KalamazooSpeedway.com under Super Shoe Tune Up (09-11-2021). Get those cars ready and have some fun.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Early ticket sales for the Night of Destruction are being sold **by phone only**. Tickets are not available at the ticket windows or at Howe Patio. We're starting ticket sales early so the phone lines aren't swamped! Purchasing by phone is not an automated process; a person will assist you in purchasing your tickets. The Speedway is offering standard general admission grandstand tickets as well as reserved seats on the large party deck. Tickets will be available at the ticket windows on September 18.

All Super Shoe information is posted on the website. Information, entry forms, schedules? It's all there.

Even though it's the end of the year, please get those chains, straps or hooks on the front and rear of your FWD cars so the safety crew has a place to hook up to your vehicle in case it's wounded and needs assistance. Thank you.

Says Gary Howe, Track Promoter, thank you to all the fans and drivers for your generosity in helping long-time flagman, Rick Beebe, in fighting his battle against cancer. Over \$3,000 was raised. We wish the best for Rick and his family.

AUTO VALUE SPRINTS & WEEKLY RACING 🏁🏁 AUGUST 27, 2021

The Auto Value Non-Wing Super Sprints headlined the August 27, 2021 event. Not only do they sponsor the Sprint series, but they also generously sponsored the August 27th race event. Matt McKenzie did an admirable job taking over for Jason Seltzer who had the night off. Courtney Dauber sang the National Anthem. Roger Zimmerman was our guest pace car driver in his sporty VW.



The **Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock** boasted the most drivers of the hot and humid night with 37. Matthew Elsey, Jr. took fast time (16.814) for the third time this season, while Keegan Letts, Tom Smith, Aaron Anderson and Cody Day took the heat races. Smith and Anderson had seen Victory Lane before. Keegan Letts (top left) won a second trip to Victory Lane with the 15-lap 'B' feature win; these were his first trips. The 20-lap feature was a competitive battle won by Aaron Anderson, his third of the season. The Zoo Stock suffered from multiple back-to-back cautions. Notable exits included defending champion Rielly Meade and Tyler McGhan; their nights were done before the race really got started. Zach Slaton took the early lead while Bryson Hosner and Aaron Anderson dueled behind him; Anderson prevailing. Matthew Elsey Jr. also joined the hunt but it was Anderson at the line with a second to spare. (pictured at left with his fellow Zoo Stock driver and dad, Charles Anderson.) Zach Slaton finished second followed by Matthew Elsey Jr., Logan Meade, Bryson Hosner, Ryan Osborne, Jason Harrington, Mark Gunthorpe, Ross Bergman and Ira Hosner. With Tyler McGhan's misfortune, Matthew Elsey Jr., has

moved into the point lead with McGhan down by 28 for the winner take all race on Season Championship Night.



In the **SS Auto Pro's of Grand Rapids Street Stock**, Jeremy Young posted fast time in the 21-car field with a time of 15.027, his first of the season. Alex Sexton, defending champion Brandon Zachary and Keith Wilfong won the heat races. This was Zachary's third heat win of the season and the first for Sexton and Wilfong. Keith Wilfong took an early and substantial lead in the 35-lap feature while the field was engaged in tight racing behind him. Like the Zoo Stock before it, the race stalled out with numerous cautions sticking the scoring tower at 19 laps remaining. A madhouse restart shook things up and Colin Bozell took the lead and maintained the lead through the checkered flag; this was Bozell's (top left) second feature win in a row. Brandon Zachary finished second followed by Josh Zordan, Greg Brown, Jeremy Young, Taylor Sexton, Alex Sexton, Budd Hybels, Keith Wilfong and Jesse VanAvery Jr., all on the lead lap. Greg Brown extended his point lead over Matt Weenink (-58) whose race ended with 11 laps remaining.

Billy Shannon took fast time in the **Hutcherson Construction Template Late Models** with a time of 13.852. Shannon also took fast time at last week's Kalamazoo Klash in the Templates. Eric McGlothlen (his third) and Denver Sweat (his first) won the heat races. Taking a page from the Zoo and Street Stock play books, the Templates also stalled out with multiple cautions in the 40-lap feature. Eric McGlothlen had taken the early lead before the series of cautions hit with 35 laps remaining. Once the field was finally back to green, McGlothlen moved out into the lead again. Nick Pressler was able to pass McGlothlen for the lead on the backstretch with 24 laps remaining. McGlothlen, Chris Shannon and Dylan Stovall all took up the challenge of catching the leader. Nick Pressler

(coming off a win at the Kalamazoo Klash and pictured above [middle]), took the checkered flag followed by Eric McGlothlen, Dylan Stovall, Buddy Head, Billy Shannon, Chris Shannon, Zack Cook, Billy Yates, Jesse VanAvery Sr. and Joe Jones rounding out the top 10; all were on the lead lap of the 19-car field. Pressler leads Chris Shannon (-33) in points.

Tyler Roahrig, fresh off his Kalamazoo Klash win last week, returned to Kalamazoo Speedway driving the #56 Sprint and claimed the fastest qualifying time in the 12-car field (12.701). Taylor Ferns led the first laps in the 35-lap feature until Bobby Santos III drove to the lead (above). Santos III led for the rest of the race with Roahrig making a charge through the field before topping out in second place. Kyle O'Gara came in third.

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