



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 🏁🏁 THE LEGENDARY NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

Saturday, September 18 is the Legendary Night of Destruction. 7:00 SHARP! We've got a thrill-packed and fun night planned that you won't want to miss.



**Spectator Drags**  
**Monster Trucks! Two Rounds!**  
**Trailer Race**  
**Fox & Hounds**  
**Zoo Train Race**  
**Stacker Cars Race**  
**Twisted Mattress Race**  
**Scarecrow! 2 Stunts!**  
**Bus Races**  
**FIREWORKS!**

Early ticket sales for the Night of Destruction continue to be available **by phone only**. Tickets are not available at the ticket windows or at Howe Patio. Avoid the ticket window lines on September 18. 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. (269) 355-4628. Blankets may be placed when the ticket windows open on September 18 at 9:00 AM.

## SEPTEMBER 24-26 🏁🏁 SUPER SHOE XXXIV

All Super Shoe information is posted on the home page of the website (all under one heading). Information, entry forms, schedules? It's all there. What a way to close out the season!

Make your camping and pit spot reservations now. Drivers get those entry forms filled out.

## OCTOBER 16 🏁🏁 END OF SEASON AWARD PARTY

**KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY**  
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2021 Awards Party  
October 16, 2021

Join us for a casual evening to celebrate the 2021 season, spend time with track friends and listen and dance to the music of the Bronk Brothers.

5:00 pm Pit gates open  
6:00 pm Qualifying (Dinner)  
7:00 pm Heat Races (Awards)  
8:00 - 11:00 pm Features (Bronk Brothers)

BBQ dinner with complimentary soft drinks, water & beer on tap (until it's gone!) Cash bar.

\$25 Adult  
\$10 Youth 10 years & under

Call 269.355.4628 to order tickets. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Most tables hold 8 people.

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## SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT 🏁 RACE RECAP

The weekly race program at Kalamazoo Speedway came to a close on September 3 as drivers raced to become the season champion in each of the five weekly classes. For the first time in many years, no driver in any of the five classes came into the night with the track championships secured. The unexpected can happen at any moment and shake things up and this year was no exception. And if there wasn't enough excitement in the air, the free and clear weather report turned ugly when radar popped up a sea of green slated to arrive when cars hit the track to qualify. Give us a break! The skies got dark (very dark). A couple of warning sprinkles fell. But we got the break and stayed dry.



Logan Meade took fast time in the **Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock** with a lap speed of 16.768, his first. Matthew Elsey Jr. (coming into the night 28 points up on Tyler McGhan) and Aaron Anderson (having a breakout year) both dipped below the fastest time allowed in the Zoo Stock class (16.750), were disqualified and moved to the Outlaw FWD where each demonstrated the best in sportsmanship and raced with the Outlaw FWDs despite their disappointment. The blow was especially hard for Elsey Jr. who suffered the same fate in 2019.

Ethan Johnson (top left) won the 15-lap 'B' Zoo Stock feature in the 16-car field. Drew Hosner (middle left) won the 20-lap, 20-car 'A' feature. Hosner ran a focused race, holding off the formidable Dave Miller. Miller crossed the finish line in second place followed by Ryan Osborne, Logan Meade and Matt Elsey in the top five. The second half of the order started with Wes Allen, followed by Tyler McGhan, Wendell Scott, Charles Anderson and Mark Gunthorpe. Tyler McGhan (bottom left) won his first championship with Logan Meade (-66) and Ryan Osborne (-73) behind him. McGhan was the point leader for six of the 11 point events coming into tonight's race.

Will Slaughter took fast time (15.398) in the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD**, his first in 2021. Dave Leonard Jr. continued his winning streak and won the 25-lap feature in the field of 19. Leonard Jr. has dominated the class in the latter part of the season with 7 feature wins, the last 5 in a row. Nick Layman took the lead early on and withstood a challenge from Nick Failing before Leonard Jr. took the lead with 14 laps left. Leonard Jr. (next page top) was followed by Drew Losey, Nick Layman, Will Slaughter and Nick Failing across the finish line. Jake Doxey finished

sixth followed by Gavin McGuffey, John Munro, Jordan Brinkert and Camille Lewis. Slaughter (second down next page) has been consistent and led the point race since week two of the season. This is Slaughter's first championship. Leonard Jr. finished the season down by 65 points followed by Drew Losey (-98).

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In the **SS Auto Pro's of Grand Rapids Street Stock**, Brandon Zachary drove to a fast time of 14.821 in the 31-car field; his sixth of the season. Kenny Head II (third down) won the Last Chance Race advancing to the feature. Alex Sexton, Taylor Sexton and Adam VanAvery also advanced.

Danny Brown led most of the 35-lap feature, fending off challenges from Nick Stremme and Josh Zordan. A madhouse restart late in the race pitted Brown and Stremme against one another. A second immediate caution retired both drivers amidst communication via universal sign language. With under five to go, it was Josh Zordan and Mike Zordan lined up for the double file restart and Greg Brown and Brandon Zachary in row two. In the end it was an exuberant Josh Zordan (bottom right) followed by his dad and two-time Template Late Models track champion Mike Zordan, defending champion Brandon Zachary, 2018 champion Greg Brown and Heath Bronkema (whose car was flapping metal from an earlier incident). The second half of the order started with Jerry Ballard followed by Alex Sexton, Shane Miller, Keith Wilfong and Jerry Pierman (whose car was also heavily damaged). Greg Brown (below) won the track championship after creeping up the leaderboard all season; he led for the last 2 weeks. Brandon Zachary followed (-87).



Billy Shannon claimed fast time (13.832) in the **Hutcherson Construction Template Late Models** for the second time. Only 10 points separated point leader Nick Pressler from Chris Shannon coming into the night.

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Chris Shannon took the checkered flag, his fourth, in a highly competitive 40-lap feature that started with Lane Head taking the lead. Austin Maynard took over about 10 laps into the race. Eric McGlothlen had been coming on strong with Chris Shannon, Lane Head and Billy Shannon in the mix. Chris Shannon got around Maynard with 4 laps remaining. Nick Pressler had been mired in the back but got free to climb into fifth place. Chris Shannon (top left) took the checkered flag followed by Eric McGlothlen, Austin Maynard, Billy Shannon and Nick Pressler. Brandon Lyons came in 6<sup>th</sup> followed by Lane Head, Buddy Head, Dylan Stovall and Ryan Stutz. Nick Pressler (bottom left) prevailed (his first) over Chris Shannon in (-19) the final standings.



Monte Tolan lead the field for the **Landscape Forms Outlaw Super Late Models** for fast time (13.184). Craig Everage shot to the lead in the 60-lap feature and kept the lead until 28 laps remained. Doug True made the pass on Tolan and then proceeded to dust the field. Meanwhile behind True there was a race going on. Rob Hardy, Monte Tolan, Brandon Lyons and Zack Cook raced for position. At the end it was True

(below left) winning his first feature of the season, followed by Craig Everage, Brandon Lyons (4-time Limited Late Model champion), 2017 Street Stock Champion Zack Cook and Monte Tolan. Rick Senneker came in 6<sup>th</sup> followed by Rob Hardy, Todd Harrington, Bill Tomlinson and Kevin Stewart. This marked Senneker's first return to racing following a non-racing accident before the season started. Todd Harrington (below right), the 2018 track champion, had a slim lead in the points coming into the race this evening and did what it took to pick up his second championship. Rookie Zack Cook and veteran Doug True both finished down by 18 points.



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