



## TRACK TALK

April 4, 2022

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### AWARDS PARTY CANCELLED

Sometimes there is just no good way to make an announcement. So, let's just cut to the chase and then offer the "whys".

The 2021 Awards Party has been cancelled. We are not going to reschedule it and we feel badly that drivers, crew and families who wanted to celebrate their achievements with their peers over dinner and music won't have the opportunity to do so. Individuals who purchased tickets have been notified of the cancellation and that they will be receiving a refund.

As to the "whys". Neighboring tracks' race schedules had not been posted when the 2021 Awards Party was rescheduled (after initial postponement last fall due to surging COVID cases). As spring approached a number of tracks, including us, scheduled events for the April 22-23 weekend. Top 10 drivers have contacted us to say that it's time to race and although they might feel bad about calling in regrets for missing the Awards Party, making last minute adjustments to their cars and running a race is more compelling. Supply chain issues haven't been helpful either. Even taking into account the historical last minute ticket surge, we were headed for a big tent and few people in it. We get it. Awards need to be given out at the end of the season and that'll be the plan for celebrating driver achievements for the 2022 season.

We will be handing out top 10 award trophies and posters on April 23 and April 29. We will make our best efforts to take a photo of each driver with their trophy and poster. Despite things not turning out at all as planned, on behalf of everyone at Kalamazoo Speedway, congratulations 2021 champions and top 10 drivers! Well done.

## APRIL 9 AND APRIL 15 🏁🏁 OPEN PRACTICES

### OPEN PRACTICE INFORMATION APRIL 9, 2022

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Pit Windows Open                 | 9:30 AM  |
| Pit Passes (13 years and up)     | \$20     |
| Junior Pit Passes (12 and under) | \$10     |
| <b>Pits Open</b>                 |          |
| Pits Open                        | 11:00 AM |
| Testing Starts                   | 1:00 PM  |

### OPEN PRACTICE INFORMATION APRIL 15, 2022

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| Pit Windows Open                 | 1:30 PM |
| Pit Passes (13 years and up)     | \$20    |
| Junior Pit Passes (12 and under) | \$10    |
| <b>Pits Open</b>                 |         |
| Pits Open                        | 3:30 PM |
| Testing Starts                   | 5:30 PM |

There is no charge to sit in the grandstands and watch the practices.

## APRIL 16 🏁🏁 KRASH & BASH

Springlike weather best have arrived by April 16 when we hope to fill the grandstands for a loud and entertaining splash to start the 2022 season. It's a new season so we thought we'd put a family-oriented non-racing event at the top of the schedule. And, we thought we'd express our appreciation to our great fans by offering up to 500 advance tickets at \$15 per adult ticket (they'll be \$20 at the gate). Kids' tickets are \$10 in advance and at the gate. Five and under remain free and don't require a ticket. We will only be selling tickets (by phone with a credit or debit card) during the following hours (they went on sale last week.)

Monday, April 4: 3:00 – 6:00 PM      Tuesday, April 5: 9:00 AM – Noon  
Monday, April 11: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Please don't leave voice mails for tickets outside of the posted hours, folks calling in for reasons other than tickets need to be able to get through the phone lines. If you must, text a request (269.355.4628) and we'll get back to you when we're able (up to the 500 ticket limit).

Here's what we have planned!

**MONSTER TRUCKS (AND MONSTER TRUCK RIDES)  
SPECTATOR DRAGS  
TRAILER RACE  
TWISTED MATTRESS RACE  
STACKER CARS  
ROAD RAGE DRAGS  
RANDY'S DEMON CHASE  
MINIVAN MADNESS  
MINI ENDURO  
SURPRISE STUNT!!**



Don't want to wait for a newsletter to come out to learn something about an event? Can't find it on Facebook? Pull up the Speedway website and click on the red "next event" box. You'll get a pop up window that gives information about coolers, punch cards and the event itself. If you want information about an upcoming event, click on Schedule on the top navigation bar and then click on the event you want. Still have questions? Give us a call! (269.355.4628)

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## CRITICAL INFORMATION FOR DRIVERS

Drivers, before we signal the “start your engines” to commemorate the 72<sup>nd</sup> season of Kalamazoo Speedway, please take care of a few housekeeping tasks. Tradition is great and we’ll be keeping a lot of the track traditions in place; however, signing up to race (still free!!), getting your transponder and payout processes are being modified. The new processes have been adopted to improve accuracy and efficiency that will benefit everyone. Finishing a process begun last year, we’re taking the next steps to automate some of the more tedious aspects of running a race track. Your cooperation will make the process go much easier for everyone, including drivers standing behind you at the pit pass window.

Just follow the steps below and your work will be almost done before the season starts. What a deal!

### BEFORE YOU COME TO THE TRACK THE FIRST TIME IN 2022

1. Either go to the MyRacePass icon at [www.kalamazooSpeedway.com](http://www.kalamazooSpeedway.com) home page or key <https://www.myracepass.com/tracks/1772/registrations/4863> into your browser.
2. If you did not do so last year, or are new to racing, create an account when prompted to do so, otherwise, open your existing account. There is no charge for this. You may choose to subscribe to MyRacePass for specialty functions if you wish; this is not required.
3. Completely fill in all driver information. This may go without saying, but we’re going to say it anyway, if you key in your name wrong, it will show up wrong on tax records, in scoring and in all our publications. We cannot “fix” an incorrect name; only the account holder can do that. If you do not own your car and the owner is the individual who should receive the payout (and the 1099 issued at the end of the season) make sure you pay particular attention to this section.
4. When you have entered all of you driver information, we will issue a “hard pass” and provide this to you when you arrive at the Speedway. Each time you arrive thereafter, we will scan your pass. It is important that you take care of entering your driver information BEFORE you arrive at the track.



### WHEN YOU COME TO THE TRACK THE FIRST TIME IN 2022

1. Go to one of the windows marked Pit Passes.
2. Your completed driver information sheet will have been printed out for you. You will need to add the Social Security number (or TIN if a corporation) and sign the printout.
3. We will provide you with your hard pass. Upon completion you will receive your transponder and pit pass.
4. For subsequent races, ticket window staff will scan your hard pass, verify owner information for that race, provide your transponder and pit pass and you’re on your way. Please note there is a \$50 charge to the driver if at the end of the year, incorrect information has been entered (causing multiple files or incorrect owner information) and MRP has to make corrections. We are unable to do this for you. Drivers can change their address or phone number in MRP any time a change occurs, the printed form that we have on file for you does not have to be signed again.

### PAYOUT

1. For years, the paper Driver Information Form has stated until the information is received there will be no payout. This year the statement has teeth. No one should have an issue with collecting payout if between now and the first race you have your hard pass.
2. Payout will take the form of a check in 2022, rather than cash, and payout will go much faster. Drivers (or owners) will need to show a driver’s license before checks will be handed out and still will need to sign that payout was picked up.

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We are invested in making the new processes a success for us and for you. We will be staffing the ticket windows starting at 9:30 AM on Saturday, April 9 and 1:30 PM on Friday, April 15 so that we can take care of as many drivers as possible before the pits open.

We thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions, please call 269.355.4628.

## REVISED TIRE PROGRAM FOR 2022

The news on tires hasn't improved and truth be told, has gotten worse. We received hundreds of tires fewer than what we ordered. Hoosier notified us of a price increase. Hoosier has warned that we will run out of tires if we proceed as outlined earlier. As a result of this, we have had to revisit the tire program for 2022. Please see the post labeled Kalamazoo Speedway Tire Program Revised for 2022 on the home page of the website for details.



**FAST, FAMILY FUN FOR 72 YEARS**

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