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May 16, 2022



Conring May 27-28, 2022 Must See Racing Winged Sprints & Midwest Lights (and more)! This program will honor Veterans with an array of functions and tributes offered by Steadfast for Veterans. We welcome the National Guard and in a first for the Speedway (look out Monster Truck and Bus rides), this event will offer helicopter rides. More information will be in Track Talk on the May 23.

MAY 20, 2022 🏁 WEEKLY RACING

WEEKLY RACING FRIDAY, MAY 20

Pits Open	3:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$30
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

The Outlaw Super Late Models, Template Late Models, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock are all on the race program for Friday, May 20. You may have seen that Springport Mid-Michigan Speedway removed the Outlaw Super Late Models from the remainder of their 2022 season feeling the Super Lates have become more of a traveling series and low car counts were not making for compelling racing. A couple of other tracks have also experienced car counts under 10 in this class and we wonder if they won't follow suit. We are keeping our eyes on this and understand the difficult business decisions that go along with running a race track.

May 20 marks Take II of Race #1 of the Hutcherson Construction Grand Slam for the Template Late Models (rescheduled from May 6). The Grand Slam is three point races paying \$1,000 to win followed by the (non-point) \$2,500 Grand Finale for the Top 12.

We will see YOU at the races!

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MAY 21, 2022 🏁 KRASH & BASH (Rescheduled from April 16)

Reminder! The April 16 Krash & Bash was moved to Saturday, May 21. It's a full program of fun for the whole family.

KRASH 7 BASH SATURDAY, MAY 21	
Pits Open	1:00 PM
Participant Pit Pass	\$30
Adult Grandstand	\$20
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

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!!



Skybox ticket holders will use their April 16 set of tickets on May 21. A limited number of skyboxes are available. Call 269.355.4628 to rent a skybox.

MAY 13, 2022 🏁 RACE RECAP



It was a hot one at Kalamazoo Speedway both in terms of racing and weather. The Midwest Modifieds Tour was the headliner for the night. Walt Obrinske Jr. was the fast qualifier with a time of 13.690. Jeff Ganus (left) made it two in a row by winning the 50-lap feature in the 24-car field. (Readers may recall that Ganus spent the final practice during last year's event replacing his engine.) Greg Fullarton led the race for about 20 laps before giving it up to Jason Timmerman. Ganus powered his way to the lead with 17 laps remaining. Walt Obrinske Jr. was the runner-up

followed by Matt Dimit, Greg Fullarton and Jason Timmerman rounding out the top five. The second half of the order ran Tom Rutherford, Bud Adams, Nic Weimer, Bubba Brooks and Buddy Gray.

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In the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock, Tod Watson drove to fast time (16.785) outpacing the 36 car field. Ira Hosner, Drew Hosner, Tim Gale and Michael Metheny won the heat races. For the second week in a row, the Zoo Stock 'B' feature upstaged the 'A' feature. Tim Gale (below right) followed his heat race victory with a 20-lap 'B' feature win, running nearly half the race with a flat tire. Gale was running in second place when the tire started sending out help-me smoke signals with 9 laps remaining. Gale shot out to the lead with 6 laps remaining and despite the odds, continued to outpace the field and cross the finish line.



The Zoo Stock 'A' feature was peppered with cautions (in an otherwise rather caution free evening), eventually being called for time when a caution was thrown with three laps remaining of the 25-lap feature. Tod Watson carried the speed from qualifying into the feature only to dip under the maximum allowable speed permitted in the Zoo Stock (16.750) and was disqualified. That handed the win to Ryan Diamond (bottom right) (0.008 from being disqualified himself). Logan Meade put in about 10 laps at the front of the pack and finished second, followed by Keith Dixon, Drew Hosner and Duane Green II. Eric Mepfans, Scott Elsey, Ira Hosner, Keegan Letts and Jimmy Hammann comprised the top 10.



Austin Maynard, fresh off his opening night win in the Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock, took fast time (14.647) then made it two in a row with the 35-lap feature win out of the field of 20. Josh Zordan and Bill Waldon won the heat races. Keith Wilfong took the early lead in the feature before Maynard (below) passed him with 19



remaining. Brandon Zachary made a run for the lead but fell short in the end. At the checkered flag it was former 2019 track champion Brandon Zachary, Keith Wilfong, Josh Zordan and Jeremy Young completing the top five. The second half of the order ran Colin Bozell, Heath Bronkema, Gage Harris, Alex Sexton and Ricky LaDuke.



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