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MAY 27-28, 2022 🏁 AMERICAN SPEED NATIONALS

AMERICAN SPEED U.S. NATIONALS MAY 27-28, 2022	
Pits Open	2:00 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Youth Pit Pass	\$20
Adult Grandstand	\$20
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Program Starts (May 27)	7:00 PM
Program Starts (May 28)	7:30 PM

Don't miss it! It's the second annual American Speed U.S. Nationals brought to you by Must See Racing! In this spectacular Memorial Day weekend there is something for everyone. For the winged sprint car enthusiasts, the Winged Sprints (410 Series) will be racing on both May 27 and May 28. The Midwest Lights will be racing on May 27. Kalamazoo Speedway's own Zoo Stock will be racing for points on May 27 and the National Compact Touring Series will be racing both days. On Saturday, the Ohio Wheelman (Street Stock) will be joining the program as will the always entertaining MCR dwarfs. What's not to like??

Equally impressive is that Steadfast for Veterans will be honoring veterans. The event will honor the longstanding practice of discounting admission tickets for veterans and has a plethora of activities designed to honor and thank veterans for their service. A WWII Warbird flyover performed by the Hooligan Flight Team is on tap. The Vietnam era Huey Helicopter that was to be on display, and for the brave at heart to hitch a ride, is

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being moved to next year (scheduled maintenance puts testing too close to the event). In addition to honoring our service members past and present, pre-race festivities will also include participation from the Honor Guard and Bagpipe Corps and a 21 Gun Salute. Please join us for what was a moving experience last year.

Steadfast For Veterans is also sponsoring the 2022 Steadfast Veterans Challenge. If the Fast Qualifier elects to start from the rear, and wins the feature event, he will pick up an extra \$1000.

Steadfast For Veterans is a non-profit organization that provides housing for homeless veterans.

JUNE 3, 2022 WEEKLY RACING

WEEKLY RACING FRIDAY, JUNE 3	
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

With weather playing havoc with the Hutcherson Grand Slam (and the rest of the Kalamazoo Speedway schedule on May 20-21), the Hutcherson Grand Slam Race #1 for the Template Late Models will run on June 3. Race #2 will be run on July 1 and then we hope to be able to follow the published Grand Slam schedule.

And it isn't only the Templates running on June 3, the Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock will be sharing the program.



MAY 20-21, 2022 RECAP



The weather predictions all last week were dismal and only got worse as the week progressed. And while predictions remained dismal (prompting Kalamazoo Speedway to cancel the weekend programs), ma nature showed us all who was boss and proved all the forecasts wrong for our area but threw a rare tornado at Gaylord; our thoughts are with everyone impacted by that rogue event.

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2021 CHAMPIONS 🏆🏆 TOP TEN

More photos of our 2021 Top Ten!



Left. Taylor Sexton (4th in the Street Stock and racing in each point race) and Alex Sexton (right). Alex Sexton missed only one race and finished 6th in the final standings; he was the Street Stock Rookie of the Year.

Below right. Nick Failing finished 4th in the Outlaw FWD and raced in each point race. He also raced in a non-point event winning a heat race and the 'A' Feature in that event.

Below left. Buddy Head, an eight time Template Late Model champion (7 consecutively), placed 3rd in the Templates and raced in every point race.



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Left. Matt Elsey and Matthew Elsey, Jr. pose with their hardware for their Top 10 finishes in the Zoo Stock. Elsey finished 6th in the final point standings and raced in all 11 point races. Elsey Jr. headed into championship night with a 28-point lead. For the second year in a row he dropped under the fastest Zoo Stock lap speed permitted and was disqualified, finishing the season in 4th place.

Below. Keith Wilfong placed 8th in the Street Stock, returning to the Streets after racing in the Template Late Models in 2019.



Above. Zack Cook, 2017 Street Stock Champion, in his first year in the Outlaw Super Late Models earned Rookie of the Year Honors and placed 2nd in the final point standings, 18 points behind champion Todd Harrington. He was the only driver to win more than one feature in 2019.

Right. Adam Terry, defending champion Outlaw Super Late Model champion, placed 4th in 2021.



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