

JUNE 10, 2022 🏁 WEEKLY RACING

WEEKLY RACING FRIDAY, JUNE 10	
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
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

The Outlaw Super Late Models return to the track in a big way for the Randy's Towing 75. Sharing the program are the Template Late Models, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock. (The Street Stock return on June 17 for the Honor Credit Union weekly racing program).

With any luck (which has been a bit hard to come by this year at the track) our guests will be able to see an almost completed elevator in place for the front stretch skyboxes. With everything falling in place like clockwork, it could be operational!

MAY 28, 2022 🏁 RECAP

Following in last year's American Speed U.S. Nationals' footsteps, day one of the two-day Memorial Day weekend was rained out. The promoters for the leased event by Must See Racing turned day two into an extravaganza of five traveling series showing off their stuff. Steadfast For Veterans partnered with Must See Racing to honor veterans with opening ceremonies that touched everyone's hearts.

The MCR (Midwest Classic Racers) Dwarf cars fast qualifier was Matt Kemp with a lap speed of 14.047 seconds. Not sure familiar with this series? The Series, celebrating its 28th year of sanctioned competition, races 5/8 scale models of vintage cars from 1928 – 1948. To put it in perspective, two of these cars fit into the space allowed for one of any of the other series that race at the Speedway. The heat races were won by Troy Huffman and Jeff Slayton. The 25-lap feature put Matt Kemp (below) in Victory Lane over his other 15 competitors. Troy Huffman was next over the finish line followed by Zach Nichols, Cei Bowen and Joe McManman rounding out the top 5. The series will visit again on July 3.



Qualifying put Must See Racing Midwest Lights' Cody Gallogly at the top of the 10-car field with a time of 12.159. Tim Henthorne and Sawyer Stout picked up the heat wins. An exuberant Andrew Bogusz won the 25-lap feature race with Gallogly and Henthorne placing second and third, followed by JJ Henes and Junior Gould.

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Heat #2 – Must See Racing Midwest Lights

Andrew Bogusz – Feature Winner

The Ohio Wheelman Series brought 21 cars and strutted true stock car racing. Billy Roberts put up a time of 15.174 to lead the pack in qualifying. Ricky LaDuke won the Fast Car Dash amongst the top four qualifiers. Chad Pennoleton and Michael Moore won the heat races. Ricky LaDuke pocketed the \$2,000 to win 50-lap feature, the only driver who regularly races at Kalamazoo Speedway, and stirred up the crowd. LaDuke took the green flag in the 15th starting position and worked his way up to 7th place by lap 40. He continued his march to the front over the next 15 laps, leading by lap 25. A caution came out with 25 to go, LaDuke executed a text book restart and led for the remainder of the race. Billy Roberts was the runner-up followed by Matt Wilson, Jeremie Wiggins, Chad Pennoleton, Dennis Wood, Michael Moore, Hunter Combs, Robbie Kordiac and Earl Goldy rounding out the top 10.



Ohio Wheelman lining up for the Fast Car Dash

Series director, Will Wiggins, and Ricky LaDuke



The headliners of the night, the Must See Racing Winged Sprints saw Ryan Litt at the top of the field qualifying with a time of 11.236. Teddy Alberts and Jacob Dolinar won the heat races. Fan favorite and veteran driver, Jason Blonde, won the 50-lap feature with Jimmy McCune and Charlie Schultz rounding out the top three. Jimmy McCune took the early lead and with 10 laps in, it was Blonde (next page left with announcer Jason Seelman) in the lead driving to Victory Lane 40 laps later.

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And offering some “must see” racing of its own, the National Compact Touring Series saw teen Matthew Eley Jr., at the top of their 36 car leaderboard with a time of 15.137. Eley Jr. recently moved into Kalamazoo Speedway’s Outlaw FWD class having gotten nabbed for speeding in the Zoo Stock and being “graduated” to the next highest class. Clearly, he made himself right at home in his new car, running tonight with the Touring Series. Will Slaughter, Sheldon Lindlag, Austin Harrison and Bruce Foulk won the heat races. Justin Vandenberg earned the checkered flag in the 20-lap ‘B’ feature.

Matt Eley Sr. led the 1st lap of the 30-lap ‘A’ feature looking more like an MCR Dwarf car having suffered through a crash earlier in the evening. When the field shook out a bit, it was veteran Paul Bittle taking the lead. Following a caution with eight laps remaining, Bittle experienced car issues and retired 2 laps later. Will Slaughter took over the lead and earned the checked flag. Matthew Eley, Jr. was the runner-up followed by Jake Doxey, Jason Jones, Kenny Wright, Yogi Metz, Jeremy Carteaux, Keith Knight, Austin Harrison and Drew Hosner. Both winners are part of CW Racing.



Justin Vandenberg ‘B’ feature winner

Will Slaughter, ‘A’ feature, with car owner Carlos Pizzaro



The Opening Ceremonies for the race honored the Nation’s fallen heroes and recognized those who have served or continue to serve our nation. Above, the Hooligan Flight Team on their second flyover; the first of which was the missing man formation.

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Steadfast For Veterans out of Indianapolis put the well-orchestrated and touching ceremonies together. Andy Jach of the National Compact Touring Series added honors of his own to his 'A' feature cars and Gary Howe had the Kalamazoo Speedway pace car (provided by Orrin B. Hayes) decked out with American flags. We thought we'd include a few extra photos to capture the moments. Row One: The National Guard members pose with Lisa Sayer and Tonya Ritchey up on the midway; Must See Racing Announcer Jacob Seelman, the Speedway's own Jack Goodrich offering the invocation, Zach Scholten playing taps, bagpiper Donald K. Ross, Candace McMurray singing the Canadian and U.S. National Anthems with Tony Roberts (Steadfast for Veterans) in front. Row Two: All drivers plus the fastest qualifying car for each series were on the front stretch for the ceremonies; the National Guard in formation and offering a 21 gun salute. Final row: The National Compact Series 'A' feature with all drivers carrying an American flag.



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