

JUNE 17, 2022 🏁 HONOR CREDIT UNION WEEKLY RACING

FRIDAY, JUNE 17	
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 Landscape Forms Outlaw Super Late Models make it two weeks in a row when Honor Credit Union sponsors the June 17 night of racing. Stop in a say hello at their table located at the grandstand entrance. Also on tap and racing on June 17 are the Techworks Street Stock, the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD and the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock.

We will see YOU at the races!



JUNE 25, 2022 🏁 RED, WHITE & BOOM NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 25	
Pits Open	1:00 PM
Participant Pit Pass	\$30
Tickets Windows Open	1:00 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$20
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Program Starts	7:00 PM

Join us for a fun, family night of thrills, spills and mayhem! The night starts out with the Spectator Drags. Fan favorite trailer races, bus races and monster trucks are back. We've got a series of novelty races including the entertaining stacker cars. Scarecrow will be showing off his brand new stunt! And at the end of the evening, Kalamazoo Speedway will be shooting off its largest fireworks display of the season. A little early 4th of July celebration!

Don't wait until the last minute to arrive. There will be lines! We'll be running our (free) ride busses from 5:00 – 6:30 PM and there will be a monster ride truck as well. Adventurous souls who want to star in the show are directed to the Red, White & Boom Night

of Destruction post on the home page of the Speedway website for details and how to sign up.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT RESULTS IN SUSPENSIONS

Kalamazoo Speedway management issued a statement following the skirmish that took place following the June 3 program:

“Friday, June 3 was another good night of short track racing at Kalamazoo Speedway. We had great side by side racing, good car counts in all four classes, offered a shout out to a long-time Speedway regular suffering from cancer and welcomed a number of drivers to Victory Lane who don't often claim the checkered flag. We wrapped up our show just after 10 PM and payout was nearly completed 40 minutes later when a couple of teams left their pit areas to confront a couple of other teams. A skirmish broke out in the infield pits and the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department was dispatched after the team initiating the tangle called 911.

Fans and teams will notice a few individuals will be absent for the next four weeks. Kalamazoo Speedway will not tolerate unsportsmanlike and/or unprofessional behavior. We pride ourselves on being a professional and family friendly venue. We want our fans with kids to be able to visit with our drivers, teams and staff after the races. We want our teams to feel safe. Kalamazoo Speedway is not a good match for individuals and teams who don't share those goals. “

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The following individuals will not be permitted in the pits at Kalamazoo Speedway until July 15, 2022 and will be on zero tolerance probation until October 1, 2022:

Willie Neal
John Neal
Heather Hall

John Riley Neal III
Mark Gunthorpe
Kylee Ewert

The following individual will not be permitted in the pits until July 1, 2022:

Ira Hosner

FRONT WHEEL DRIVES & TOW STRAPS

Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stock drivers are reminded that all cars must be equipped with front and rear tow hooks, straps or chains where a wrecker can quickly and safely hoist the car so it can be towed.

JUNE 3, 2022 🏁 RACING RECAP

June 3 marked Race #1 of the Hutcherson Construction Grand Slam for the Template Late Models. To kick off the Grand Slam, four-time track champion Kenny Head captured fast time (13.610). Ken Papesh and Cam Schoeck won the heat races. Kenny Head started 11th back in the field and powered to the lead with 22 laps remaining in the 35-lap feature. Billy Shannon was the runner-up followed by Buddy Head, Dylan Stovall and Cam Schoeck. Jared Blanchard led off the second half of the top 10 followed by Nathan Koester, Rick Senneker, Taylor Sexton and Nash Engdahl. The top 3 finishers advanced to the Grand Slam Finale where 12 cars will vie for the \$2,500 top prize on August 12. July 1 is the next qualifying race for the Finale with the final qualifying race running on July 22; the top Template drivers in Speedway competition points as of August 5 will comprise the remainder of the field. Kenny Head is the Template Late Models point leader over Billy Shannon (-15). (Pictured above, Kenny Head with Grand Slam and Template Late Model class sponsor, Nick Hutcherson.)



Brandon Zachary claimed fast time (14.759) in the Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock. DJ Oxford and Kyle Ribble won the heat races. Ricky LaDuke made it two in a row by winning the 30-lap competitive feature. Matt Weenink shot out to the lead with Kyle Ribble moving around him with 24 laps remaining in the 30-lap feature. Ribble was penalized for a breakout violation, served his penalty and flew back out on the track, driving to a 7th place finish. Weenink and LaDuke drove masterfully door-to-door around the track, trading the lead at one point before LaDuke assumed the lead for good with about 8 laps remaining.

Brandon Zachary mounted a challenge having passed Weenink but it was LaDuke at the finish line. Former champion Brandon Zachary was the runner-up, followed by Jeremy Young, Matt Weenink and Keith Wilfong. Zach Westdorp, Kyle Ribble, Danny Oxford, DJ Oxford and Alex Sexton rounded out the top 10. Jeremy Young leads the Street Stock in points over Ricky LaDuke (-57).

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Defending champion Will Slaughter, qualified at 15.059 in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD. Matthew Eley Jr. and John Neal won the heat races. Eley Jr. started in the 13th starting position with Will Slaughter next to him in the 14th spot. Eley Jr. worked his way through the field faster than Slaughter and ran away from the rest of the field now that he wasn't hampered by a speed limit. A caution with nine laps remaining set up a match race between Slaughter and Eley Jr. Eley Jr. (left) kept his head and his lead and won the 25-lap feature over runner-up Will Slaughter, Nick Layman, John Munro and John Neal. Dan Rigoni Austin Harrison, Keith Dixon, Jake Doxey and Dale Leonard rounded out the top 10. Will Slaughter is the point leader with Dan Rigoni down by 50.

Logan Meade and past champion 2019 Champion Rielly Meade (left) drove their Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock around the track during the National Anthem each carrying an American flag and a custom family flag to give their aunt, Judy Curry, strength while battling cancer. Curry has been associated with Kalamazoo Speedway for decades. Rodney Russell II took quick time (16.888). David Smith, Jimmy Hammann and Mark Gunthorpe won the heat races. Keegan Letts (left) won the 15-lap 'B' feature. The 20-lap A feature got off to a rough start with two cautions before the first lap was completed. Jake Hopwood, starting on the pole, led until Jimmy Hammann moved around him a couple of laps into the race. Dillon Rose, in the lead at the time, was disqualified for dipping below the entry level Zoo Stock speed limit of 16.750. Logan Meade (bottom left) was running second at the time and went on to win the 20-lap feature. Meade started the race next to Rose in the 8th row and like Rose, ran a strong race. Cody Warren finished second followed by Jimmy Hammann, Summer Velasquez and Rodney Russell II. Ethan Johnson, Jake Hopwood, Ryan Diamond, Christina Rantz and Scott Monroe (all on the lead lap) rounded out the top 10. Ryan Diamond sits on top of the point leaderboard with Logan Meade trailing by 50.



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