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AUGUST 26, 2022 ❏❏ AUTO VALUE '75 (OSLM CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT)



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The race for the season championship couldn't be tighter in the Landscape Forms Outlaw Super Late Models. Defending champion Todd Harrington (#31) goes into the night with a one point lead over Rick Senneker (#57) seeking his first championship. Auto Value Parts Stores is sponsoring Season Championship Night.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 26	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$30
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	3:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

In all, there are 5 drivers who have a shot at the championship. In addition to Todd Harrington and Rick Senneker, Zack Cook is down by 44 points, Paul Jakubik by 74 and Matt Frazier by 85. Depending on the car count for the Outlaws, drivers will be running a 50, 60 or 75 lap finale.

In 2022 the Outlaw Super Late Model season champion will be determined on a different night than the rest of the weekly race classes. The remaining champions will be determined on September 2. Joining the race card for the August 26 program are the Template Late Models, the Street Stock and the Zoo Stock. You do not want to miss this one!

Individuals who purchased a pit pass or grandstand ticket on August 5 have only two more nights (August 26 or September 2) to present their wrist band or grandstand ticket to the ticket window as a raincheck.



SEPTEMBER 2, 2022 🏁 SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT 🏁 CRAZY 8'S

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	
Pits Open	3:30
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$30
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	3:30
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	7:30 PM

It's Season Championship Night for the Template Late Models, the Street Stock, the Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock as the weekly race season ends and we move on to the Saturday non-point events. Point races in all classes are tight. Without benefit of knowing how the August 26 races will turn out, the drivers shown are the current point leaders in their classes. In the Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock, it's Logan Meade up by 78 over Aaron Anderson as his closest competitor. Defending champion Will Slaughter has a slim 15 point lead over Matthew Eley Jr., in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD. Ricky LaDuke has extended his lead to 47 over Jeremy Young in the Techworks Street Stock. Billy Shannon leads the Hutcherson Construction Template Late Models by 44 over Kenny Head. As if being season championship night isn't enough, it's also the Crazy 8

make-up night. Don't miss out on the best racing around!

Coolers are allowed when they are 14" or smaller, no glass! Check expiration dates on coupons; those that haven't expired and punch passes are valid for this race as well as on August 26.

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NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION & SUPER SHOE UPDATES

Keep your eyes on the Kalamazoo Speedway website for the complete Super Shoe Informational packet and the Night of Destruction Informational packets. Both should be posted no later than Wednesday, August 24.

AUGUST 19, 2022 🏁 RACING RECAP

With the August 19 races now part of history, only two races remain in the regular season. Fans were treated to a solid show on the 19th by the Outlaw Super Late Models, Template Late Models, Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock with great weather and a hot air balloon drifting by to check out the action.

The **Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock** sported a field of 31 with 2019 champion Rielly Meade posting a 16.849 to top the qualifying session. Meade struggled early in the season, retired his old car and has reaped the benefits from changing out his ride. Jimmy Hammann (center), David Smith (left), Valerie Bozell (next page) (in her first race at the Zoo since 2019) and Terry Kline (right) won the heat races. Tim Sigourney (next page left) repeated as the 15-lap 'B' feature winner. Jimmy Hammann (next page right), in his first year of racing, took the lead half-way through the 20-lap feature and then made his second trip of the night to Victory Lane by picking up his first feature win in the 20-lap 'A'. Rielly Meade was the runner-up followed by Christina Rantz, John Gonzales and Curtis Towne. The second half of the top 10 started with Cory Kruzal, Keith Dixon, Aaron Anderson, Logan Meade and Ethan Johnson. Logan Meade lost some ground to Aaron Anderson but still maintains a 78 point lead in the race for the season championship.



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Valerie Bozell, Zoo Stock Heat winner



Matthew Elsey Jr., clocked fast time (15.029) in the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD**. Dave Leonard Jr. and Wes Allen took the heat races. Will Slaughter jumped into the lead on lap 3 and held it past the half way point of the 25-lap feature when Matthew Elsey Jr. made the pass. Slaughter fought back and took the lead back for a couple of laps but even a late race caution wasn't going

to interrupt Elsey Jr.'s march to Victory Lane. Will Slaughter finished in the runner-up position followed by a persistent Dave Leonard Jr., Dan Rigoni and Nick Layman. Bryan Gates, Camille Lewis, Gordon Hopson, Wes Allen and Cory Sobraliski finished up the top 10. Will Slaughter's point lead over Matthew Elsey Jr. slipped to 15. With the Outlaw FWD class not racing on August 26, that will be the state of affairs going into the season championship race on September 2.



Upper left, heat winner Dave Leonard Jr.; heat winner Wes Allen bottom left and feature winner Matthew Elsey Jr.



In the **Hutcherson Construction Template Late Models**, Billy Shannon was the top qualifier (13.598). Lon Putnam and Brandon Lyons won the heat races. Matt Frazier (#97 below), in only his second start in a Template this season at the Zoo, won the 35-lap feature with challenges from Lucas Krick and Kenny Head, who finished second and third respectively. Billy Shannon and Brandon Lyons rounded out the top five. Nathan Koester, David Guarino, Joe Gonzales, Lon Putnam and Jordan Brinkert rounded out the top 10. Billy Shannon retained his point lead over Kenny Head (-44). Shannon is seeking his first championship while Kenny Head has earned four previous championships at Kalamazoo Speedway.

Above, Brandon Lyons (#57) and Lon Putnam won the heat races. Matt Frazier poses following his feature win. Below, Rick Senneker wins his heat race in the Outlaws; Todd Harrington skipped trip to victory lane for his heat race win.



Matt Frazier picked up where he left off last week after winning the **Landscape Forms Outlaw Super Late Models** feature and was the top qualifier in the class with a 12.638. Todd Harrington and Rick Senneker won the heat races. Frazier, who hopped into his Outlaw car from his Template Victory Lane celebration, was involved in a crash (not of his making) six laps in that also took Mark Shook out from the race. Rick Senneker led the race from green to checkered, but it was hardly an uneventful race. Doug True put up a formidable challenge, glued to Senneker's #57 for better than 30 laps. At the line Senneker took the checkered flag 0.154 seconds ahead of True. Harrington, who also put up a challenge, finished third followed by Zack Cook and Kevin Stewart. Defending champion Todd Harrington went into the night 3 points down and left one point ahead of Rick Senneker (looking for his first championship).

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