

# TRACK TALK

**August 8, 2022** 

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## AUGUST 12, 2022 🗫 ALL CLASSES RACE 🤲 GRAND SLAM FINALE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12	
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	8:15 PM



With August 5 going soggy on us, we'll be

holding Autograph Night and giving away backpacks (7:15 – 8:00 PM) on August 12 before we start racing. We'll get the race program started at 8:15 with the scheduled drifting exhibition by the AutoMODIFIEDS

Group then move to the Outlaw Super Late Models, the Template Late Models, the Street Stock, the Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock features (no heats with all five classes running). As if that's not enough excitement, the Hutcherson Grand Slam Finale runs on August 12 with its field of the 12 qualified drivers (through racing or points): Jared Blanchard, A.J. Foote, Buddy Head, Kenny Head, Nathan Koester, Lucas Krick, Ken Papesh (for Eric McGlothlen who is unable to race on August 12), Lon Putnam, Cam Schoeck, Taylor Sexton, Billy Shannon and Dylan Stovall. The Grand Slam Finale is not a point race; Template drivers not making the field have a BYE. All but the Templates ARE racing for points.





Individuals who purchased a pit pass on August 5 and fans who purchased a grandstand ticket may use their wrist band or grandstand ticket on any one of the next four nights (August 12, 19, 26 or September 2) by presenting their wrist band or grandstand ticket at the ticket window.

Some lucky fan will win a complimentary skybox for August 19. Keep your August 12 grandstand ticket and listen for the announcer, Jason Seltzer, to announce the winning number before the feature races start. We will see YOU at the races.



## AUGUST 19, 2022 🤲 WEEKLY RACING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19	
Pits Open	3:30
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$30
August 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

We've got the Outlaw Super Late Models, the Template Late Models, the Outlaw FWD and the Zoo Stock on August 19. Outlaw Super Late Models sponsor, Landscape Forms, is on the hospitality deck!

August 26 marks season championship night for the Outlaw Super Late Models running the Auto Value 75 lap feature. Sharing the August 26 program are the Template Late Models, Street Stock and Zoo Stock. Championships for the Template Late Models, Street Stock, Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stock follow on September 2. September 2 will also be the Crazy 8's make-up date. More details to follow on that!

Coolers are allowed if they are 14" or smaller, no glass! Coupons and punch cards are valid for this race (and for the August 5 program).

#### **TECH CORNER**

Revision to last week's note: For Outlaw Super Late Models, Template Late Models and Street Stock features with 13 or fewer cars, the field will be fully inverted. For 14 or more cars, the inversion will be determined with a roll of the dice. Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stock features are fully inverted.



Drivers who choose to start at the tail of the field will no longer be exempt from breaking out.

## **LOST & FOUND**

No items remain to be reunited with their owners. Items previously listed have been destroyed or donated.

#### AWARDS PARTY



The Awards Party for 2022 is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. The current plans include partying under the big top to a live band after handing out the hardware to our deserving drivers. More details to follow!

### **AUGUST 5, 2022 RACING RECAP**



Crazy 8 Night turned crazy when the skies opened up just as cars were lining up for practice and qualifying. It was so hot out that the lake that formed in the infield felt like bathwater. Radar looked unfriendly even as the sun was coming out so the Crazy 8 ball was consulted and came up "call it". As it turns out, it didn't know what it was talking about but hindsight is 20//20. The Crazy 8 program will be run on Season Championship Night (September 2).

With no race results to share we'll go back to people watching.

At right, Taylor Imus and Skeeter mug for the camera.

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Clockwise: Ken Papesh drives the 96 Template Late Model and built the 98 Zoo Stock that has won 2 recent features; Billy Shannon, like Ken Papesh, is one of the contenders for the Hutcherson Construction Grand Slam Finale; Ricky LaDuke, point leader in the Street Stock (it'd be his first championship at Kalamazoo Speedway); Curtis Towne, most typically seen driving the #66 Street Stock in 2022; Jeff Ganus, a winner in many series at Kalamazoo Speedway, most recently in the Template Late Models at the Kalamazoo Klash and again on July 29; Keith Wilfong, comfortable in the #75 Template Late Model or Street Stock.





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