



Kalamazoo, Michigan. It was a hot and sunny day at Kalamazoo Speedway on September 10, 2022 for the Super Shoe Tune Up. A spectacular full moon shown once it got dark and the hot air balloon that has floated by for a few weeks was replaced by a powered paraglider.

The front wheel drive division was split into Zoo Stock and Outlaw FWD cars. Ryan Diamond took fast time in the Zoo Stock with a time of 16.272. The top 7 qualifiers (of 32) were all under 16.750, the Zoo Stock speed limit during the regular season. Matthew Eelsey Jr. (running in both front wheel drive classes) picked up the win in the first heat race with Daniel Abercrombie and Andrew Weage winning their heats. The 25-lap 'B' feature was a photo finish that the video system had to sort out. Andrew Weage squeaked out the win over Ed Clawson by a margin 0.011. Former track champion Rielly Meade won the 30 lap 'A' feature in a tight race. Ryan Diamond was the runner-up followed by 2022 Zoo Stock champion Logan Meade, Kodee Thompson and Matthew Eelsey Jr. rounding out the top five.

Ben Wilcox claimed fast time in the Outlaw FWD group of 19 with a time of 15.038. As the fastest of all front wheel drive cars, he claimed the fast time bonus and trophy that went with it. Will Slaughter and Ira Hosner won the heat races. In another tight race, Matthew Eelsey Jr. pulled away toward the end of the 30-lap feature for the win followed by Ben Wilcox, Will Slaughter, Gavin McGuffey and Duane Green.

Former Zoo Stock champion Colin Bozell claimed fast time (13.499), and the bonus that went with it in the rear wheel drive division in a field of 26 cars. He went on to win one of the heat races with Danny Oxford and Boris Head taking the checkered flag in the remaining heat races. Mike Long captured the win in the 'B' feature. Jeff Bozell earned the checkered flag in the 40-lap feature, putting to rest assumptions that a "normal" looking car couldn't outpace the outlaw designed cars. Bozell was spun out by son Colin at one point but still claimed the win once things went back to green. Chris Garret was the runner-up followed by TC Burgess, Matt Sullivan and Caleb Barron rounding out the top five.

On Saturday, September 17 it's the Legendary Night of Destruction. Thrill seekers will see monster trucks, Scarecrow, a rollover contest plus a couple of enduro races, demolition derby and a trailer race. As always, the night will be capped off with fireworks. Coverage of the September 10th races, upcoming events and other news, plus plenty of photos may be found in the September 12 Kalamazoo Speedway e-newsletter, Track Talk.