TRACK TALK

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SEASON PASSES, PIT STALLS AND SKYBOXES

It's January and time to roll out 2023 information about seasonal skyboxes (weekly skybox rentals are not available until April), grandstand and pit pass punch cards and seasonal pit stalls. The following information is also posted on kalamazoospeedway.com under the fan and driver info tabs. Call 269.355.4628 or email barbara@kalamazoospeedway.com to rent a seasonal skybox or to purchase passes (passes may be purchased at the track on race night). E-mail gary@kalamazoospeedway.com to rent a seasonal pit stall.

PIT STALLS

Pit stall rentals have changed for the 2023 season. For weekly shows, Kalamazoo Speedway will be strongly encouraging teams to park in the infield. A full infield is a plus for fans and more efficient to manage. The infield holds 80 teams; late arrivals will be pitted in the upper pits. There will be no seasonal rentals in the upper pit areas until Super Show weekend.

For the Outlaw Super Late Models and the Modifieds race nights (4 shows each), some classes will be parked in the top pit area or be relocated to an alternate location in the infield. Drivers need to understand that anyone renting a parking spot in the infield may have to move to a different area in the infield or be parked up top for some of these shows.

All infield rentals are for full-time weekly cars only and will be subject to relocations (as indicated above) two or three times during the season. This will not be a last minute move; we will notify teams one week prior.

Pit stall rentals run from April 22 - September 1, 2023.

For teams that want to proceed with reserving an infield pit stall, e-mail Gary Howe (do not messenger or call) at gary@kalamazoospeedway.com. Pit stalls are not considered fully reserved until the \$100 rental fee is paid.

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GRANDSTAND PASS

The **10-Punch Grandstand Pass (\$125)** is good for 10 events with a ticket price of \$15. Use any number of punches per visit (e.g., bring 4 people, use 4 of the punches for that visit). When attending a higher priced event, simply pay the difference plus one punch. Passes are good for all Kalamazoo Speedway events on the 2023 schedule except leased events. Leased events are noted as such on the schedule.

SFASON PIT PASS

Pit passes may be purchased as a **10-punch (\$325)** or **15-punch (\$475)** pass. One punch is good for one day (e.g., three punches would be needed for the 3-day Super Shoe Nationals). Passes are good for any event on the 2023 Kalamazoo Speedway schedule except leased events. Leased events are noted as such on the schedule.

SEASON SKYBOX (8-PERSON)

The seasonal rental for an **8-person skybox is \$3,200**. The seasonal rental covers all events on the 2023 Kalamazoo Speedway schedule except practices and the November 25 Enduro. Priority is given to groups or individuals who desire to keep a box they rented in the previous year. For persons unable to manage stairs, an elevator is available for front stretch skyboxes.

SEASON SKYBOX (16-PERSON)

The seasonal rental for a **standard 16-person skybox** is \$6,500 (equipped with seating, a restroom and mini-fridge). The larger **deluxe 16-person skybox** is \$7,200; it's equipped with a restroom, microwave, counter/cabinets. The seasonal rental covers all events on the 2023 Kalamazoo Speedway schedule except practices and the November 25 Enduro. Priority is given to groups or individuals who desire to keep a box they rented in the previous year.

WEEKLY SKYBOX RENTALS

(when available)

Weekly Rental	\$15 Events	\$18 Events	\$20 Events	Kalamazoo Klash	Super Shoe Weekend
8 Person	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$500
16 Person (Standard)	\$450	\$550	\$600	\$625	\$850
16 Person (Deluxe)	\$500	\$600	\$650	\$675	\$900

NOTE: All skyboxes are owned by Kalamazoo Speedway. Reselling and/or subletting Speedway property to another party is not permitted and may result in the renter of record forfeiting their use of the skybox for the remainder of the season. We recognize that skybox renters may, from time to time, allow trusted family members, close friends or business associates to use the box in their place rather than let the box go unused on a race night. The renters of record will be held responsible for any damages. There are no refunds for rainouts for seasonal rentals. Weekly renters may elect to be moved to another night; when this is not possible, a refund will be processed.

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RESERVED SEATING

Kalamazoo Speedway is rolling out reserved seating for two 2023 events. Reserved seating may be purchased now and will remain open until all reserved seating has been sold. Tickets are only available by phone. (269.355.4628) Advanced ticket sales for other events or general admission for the Klash and Night of Destruction are not available at this time.

	KALAMAZOO KLASH Saturday, July 8 Small Deck	NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION Saturday, September 16 Large Deck
Adults (13+)	\$40	\$30
Youth (6-12)	\$20	\$15
5 & under	\$5	\$5

AUTOMODIFIED TO RUN A FULL SEASON AT THE ZOO IN 2023



Kalamazoo Speedway is the new home for AutoMODIFIED, a car club that hosts drifting events for experienced drivers as well as novices, independent drivers as well as sponsored drivers. A total of 13 events will run from April – November on Saturdays. Two of the 13 events are multi-day competition events. Unlike Kalamazoo Speedway weekly race events, AutoMODIFIED runs in the rain (as it did on their final night of the 2022 season).

Grandstand tickets are only \$5 (12 and under are FREE). Limited skyboxes are available for all events. We've reprinted the 2023 schedule below plus it's on kalamazoospeedway.com under the Schedule tab.

SLIDEWAYZ AT THE ZOO 2023 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

DATE EVENT		PITS & GRANDSTANDS OPEN	DRIVERS	GRANDSTANDS	ТЕСН	EVENT STARTS
April 29	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
May 20	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
June 3	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
June 17-18	Competition Drifting	Noon	\$200	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
July 1	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
July 15	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
August 12	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
August 26	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
September 2	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
September 22-24	Competition Drifting	Noon	\$200	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
October 14	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
October 28	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM
November 11	Open Drifting	Noon	\$80	\$5.00	1:00 PM	2:00 PM

(Information continues on the next page.)

Driver fees include one team member.

Pit passes \$20.

Grandstand fees are ages 13 and older; 12 and under FREE. Multi-day driver fees include the camping fee.

Drivers please provide the driver fee via PayPal in advance.

Modern restrooms located on the midway & in the pit areas. Food available onsite.

Limited skybox rentals are available.

(To rent contact Kalamazoo Speedway directly) [269.355.4628])

Drivers (and passenger) must wear a helmet. Harness & seat belts must be worn.

A fire extinguisher must be mounted in each car within reach. Convertibles must have a hard cap or roll bar.

Message AutoMODIFIED on Facebook or call 269.841.2264.

All Slidewayz at the Zoo events on this schedule are leased.

Photos by Patman Droneography





2022 TOP TEN ** STREET STOCK

It's Part Three of the five-part series celebrating the top 10 drivers from each 2022 weekly class. Again, our congratulations and thanks to all the Street Stock drivers who raced at Kalamazoo Speedway in 2022.

STREET STOCK ** 11 point races run; heats run on 9 nights									
Rank	Car #	Race #	Name	Points	Fast Time	Heat	Feature	Top 5	Top 10
10	2	6	Jeffery Town	641				1	4
9	16	6	Zach Westdorp	678			1	1	5
8	22	8	DJ Oxford	686		2		1	3
7	58	8	Danny Oxford	962				4	8
6	25	8	Kyle Ribble	988		1		4	6
5	2	9	Matt Weenink	1075		2		5	7
4	9	11	Alex Sexton	1092		2		2	5
3	7 5	10	Keith Wilfong	1152	1			4	10
2	24	11	Jeremy Young	1401	2		1	7	10
1	96	11	Ricky LaDuke	1484	5		5	7	9

(Street Stock Top 10 continues on the next page.)





From left to right: Jeremy Young, Keith Wilfong, Alex Sexton, Katie Town (for Kyle Ribble), Danny Oxford, DJ Oxford and Zach Westdorp. Below: Ricky LaDuke (2022 Street Stock Track Champion)



Number of drivers in the class who earned points in 2022: 65

Continuing the 2022 Top 10 family connections, it's the Oxfords in this class.

Keith Wilfong won the Last Chance Race for the non-point Raber's Rumble. Jeff Town placed in the top 5 for the Rumble with both Jeremy Young and Matt Weenink placing in the Top 10.

Ricky LaDuke took fast time in Andy Jach's July 3 race for the Street Stock and went on to win

the feature, adding a feature win in the Ohio Wheelman Series at the American Speed US Nationals at the Zoo in May. LaDuke finished up his Speedway season with a RWD C Feature win at Super Shoe.

Kyle Ribble put up fast time for Raber's Rumble.

Rookie of the Year: Jeffery Town

Raber's Rumble was rained out and ran along with the Kalamazoo Klash and Template races. That line-up was such a success that we're doing it again in 2023!



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