



## TRACK TALK

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### ZOO STOCK SPEED LIMIT

A speed limit in racing?? True that! The Zoo Stock is an entry level class that's designed to offer an affordable introduction to racing. To keep the class suitable for entry level racers, it's had a lap speed limit for some years now. This year the time has been set to 16.700 seconds. We've also made a couple of significant changes to the penalty for dipping below that speed. Starting in 2023, drivers may clock one lap faster than the cap without penalty. If the cap is exceeded a second time in the same night the driver will be moved to the Outlaw FWD class for the remainder of the night. For that night only, a driver may run in the Outlaw FWDs at the car's present weight if running on DOT tires. If a driver plans to run on Hoosiers for the remainder of the night, the mandated Outlaw FWD weight requirement will be applicable. If a driver picks up his or her second lap under 16.700 in the Zoo Stock feature, the driver will be disqualified but will receive their start money.

Drivers who exceed the cap will be allowed to return to racing in the Zoo Stock class after sitting out two weeks. The week a driver clocks two (2) laps faster than the cap may be counted as week one only if the driver was moved to the Outlaw FWD class prior to the feature. Exceeding the cap for one lap upon a driver's return will result in the car/driver being moved to the Outlaw FWD class for the remainder of the season.

### FRONT WHEEL DRIVE TOW STRAPS/CHAINS

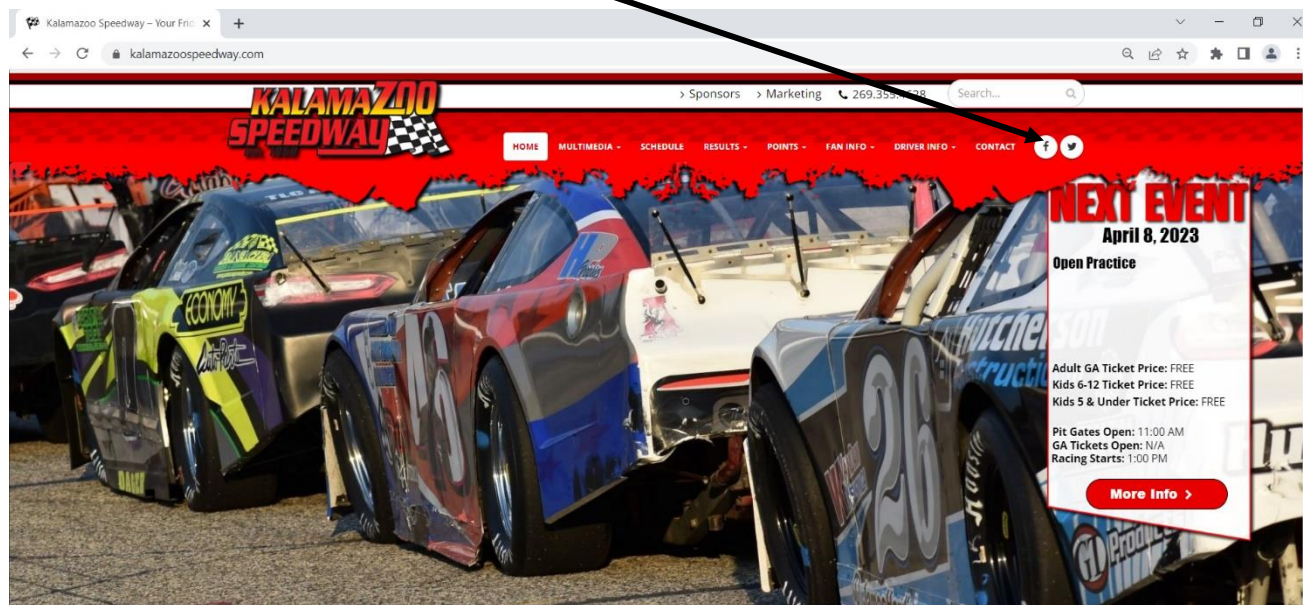


Front wheel drive cars must have straps, cables, chains or a solid welded bar on the front and back of the car that will support the weight of the car in the event it needs to be towed. Don't be the driver who drags out a caution because the car can't be quickly removed from the field.

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## FACEBOOK LINK

Did you know there is a link to the Kalamazoo Speedway Facebook page on the website? Although, the link has always been there, we thought we'd highlight that by clicking on the Facebook icon on the website, the Facebook page will open. No Facebook account needed.



## SEASON OPENER 🏁 APRIL 22, 2023 🏁 PURSES INCREASED

Get ready for the 73<sup>rd</sup> consecutive season opener on Saturday, April 22. All four of the 2023 weekly classes will be rockin' the Zoo as this year's point racing starts with bold payouts.

Adults are \$15. Kids 12 and under are FREE!

The Hutcherson Construction Late Models will be racing for \$2,000 to win.

The Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock will be racing for \$2,000 in the Zeigler Auto Group Special.

The O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWDs will be racing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dare to be Different Autism Awareness Race. Finish Line Fabrication is the title sponsor for this race which will be paying \$1,000 to win and \$300 to start for the A feature.

The Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock will be racing for \$500 to win (A feature) and \$100 to win for the B feature, sponsored by Howe Patio & Windows.



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## 2023 TIRE POLICY

The four Outlaw Super Late Model races and the four Modified races are all tire impound races; that's part of the published rules for each class. This year Kalamazoo Speedway will be implementing a new tire program for the weekly classes. The program is expected to be a cost savings for teams while leveling the playing field. It will also address the tire shortage that is already threatening to extend into 2024. Look for the program to be published on the website on Wednesday, March 22 by 5:00 pm.

## 2022 TOP TEN 🏁🏁 OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODEL

It's Part Five of the five-part series celebrating the top 10 drivers from the 2022 weekly classes. Again, our congratulations and thanks to all the Outlaw Super Late Model drivers who raced at Kalamazoo Speedway in 2022. In 2023, the Outlaw Super Late Models will run in 4 premier events over the course of the season, including the \$15,000 to win Kalamazoo Klash XXXI on July 8.

### OUTLAW SUPER LATE MODELS 🏁🏁 6 point races; heats run on 3 nights

Rank	Car #	Race #	Name	Points	Fast Time	Heat	Feature	Top 5	Top 10
10	12	2	Brian Bergakker	240			1	1	1
9	33	3	Monte Tolan	386		1		2	3
8	4	3	Adam Terry	399				2	3
7	93	4	Doug True	539				4	4
6	14	4	Mark Shook	549	1		2	3	3
5	51	6	Paul Jakubik	648				1	6
4	97	5	Matt Frazier	667	1		1	3	5
3	44	6	Zack Cook	703		1		2	5
2	57	6	Rick Senneker	739		1	1	3	6
1	31	6	Todd Harrington	774	3	1		2	5



Number of drivers who earned points in 2022: 30.

The class had more than its share of rain outs resulting in a shortened season. A non-point race, the Kalamazoo Klash is not included in the chart.

Todd Harrington won the championship with the same number of races and one less point than his win in 2021. He won his first track championship in 2018.

Zack Cook was the Street Stock champion in 2017; Mark Shook was the Outlaw champion from 2016-17; Brian Bergakker was the Outlaw champion in 2012 (plus the Modified track champion in 2008). Adam Terry captured the Outlaw Super Late Model championship in 2019.

(Pictured: Paul Jakubik)

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Rick Senneker finished in the runner-up position by 5 points in 2019 (also to Harrington) and went into the 2022 championship night one point out of the lead.

Matt Frazier was the fast qualifier in the Super Lates on August 19 and won the feature that same night in the (Template) Late Models.

(Pictured: Todd Harrington)



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