



# KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK July 12, 2017

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## IN THE MAKE READY CHUTE: FRIDAY, JULY 14

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Whether it's racing for the love of racing, trying to secure a share of the points fund that goes to the top 10 in each division, winning just ONE feature in 2017 or going for the Season Championship, the Outlaw Super Late Models, Super Stocks, Pro Stocks, Outlaw Cyber Stocks and the Flip Flop Cyber Stocks/Rent-a-Rides will be racing on Friday night. The points fund pays \$75 for 10<sup>th</sup> place in the Flip Flop Cyber Stocks to \$3,500 for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Outlaw Super Late Models plus the top 10 leave the awards banquet with a trophy. Only 47 total points separate the top two point leaders in 3 of the divisions (the Super Lates, Pro Stocks and Flip Flops).

This week is the second **Classic Car Night** of the season. Classic car drivers get in free, park together in a staging area so fans can get a look at the cars up close and personal AND take a few parade laps around the track during intermission. We had a great showing of cars the first time the classics joined us. Come on out and take a look.



**Admission for July 14: Adults \$12; 13-15 \$8; 6-12 \$2; 5 and under FREE**

## UPCOMING #FASTFRIDAYS (and other days!)



Super Stocks racing for season championship points. Pictured is Davey Hamilton, Sr., a driver on the King of the Wing circuit.

The winged super sprints will be at the Speedway on **Thursday, July 20**. And not just any winged sprints, July 20 will mark the first time the King of the Wing Winged Super Sprints visit the Zoo. Already we have commitments from drivers as far away as California, Florida and Texas. The King of the Wing Winged Super Sprints are presented by Royal Purple and sponsored by Auto Value. Auto Value will have a contingent of 100 strong on the party deck to take in the action for this must see event. Joining the program will be the Outlaw Super Late Models and the



**IT'S A DOUBLEHEADER!** We also race on **Friday, July 21** when the GT Products Pro Stock Bash is the headliner. The Pro Stocks bring fast, intense racing week in and week out. Only 19 points separate the top three in



points with 58 separating the



top four. The Pro Stocks will be joined by Round #2 of the Outlaw FWD Burg vs Zoo "DOT" Tire Spectacular contenders and the Midwest Compact Touring Series (pictured above) boasting teams from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Ohio.

## LOOKING BACK: July 7, 2017

The entry level **Flip Flop Cyber Stocks** packed a full field of 22 cars into their 15-lap feature and the result was an exhibition full of lead changes, passing and crashing! The crowd is primed for a Rent-A-Ride driver to win the feature and claim the \$500 offered by Kasten Insulation Blasting & Coatings. Rent-a-Ride driver Jerry Ballard had the early lead but Tony LoBretto worked his way up from the 15<sup>th</sup> starting position to take the lead before giving it up to Valerie Bozell who started 21<sup>st</sup> and went on to win the feature (pictured with the drivers of tomorrow). LoBretto was second followed by Nick Failing, Denver Sweat and Juliet Sweeter. LoBretto headed for the pits following contact in lap 1 of his heat race, missing the race while Brad Town and Don Porter quickly put the car to rights so LoBretto could make the feature. The points lead flip flopped with Bozell taking back the lead over LoBretto (-5) with Failing trailing by six. Failing won the first heat. Ballard was awarded the second heat win when Chris Letts was disqualified for a breakout violation. Fifteen year old Camaron Barthel first raced at Kalamazoo Speedway on June 23 and posted quick time 17.382.



No one broke any lap speed records this week in the **Outlaw Cyber Stocks**, but they did set a mark for hard racing without any cautions, making short work (less than 5 minutes) of their 20-lap feature. Paul Bittle (fast qualifier at 15.444) charged from last to first to find victory lane again this week. He was followed by newcomer Corey Woods, Pete Doxey, Nick Layman and Ricky LaDuke. Layman won the heat race after Andrew Losey's win was tossed due to a breakout time violation. Larry Richardson has the point lead over Layman (-84) and Jeremy Young (-85). Bittle (-385), pictured with family and friends, started racing at the Zoo on June 2 (a non-points event) and has jumped into 9<sup>th</sup> place with his dominant performances.



The Pro Stocks rolled off with 20 cars to start their 30-lap feature. Hard racing led to some contact down the front stretch but no caution flew. Drivers were flying and hanging on to their real estate racing side by side. Four of the drivers were able to grab a little extra space and the lead changed up several times. Greg Brown, coming into the race two points out of the lead, and Keith Wilfong made contact early on with Brown's car incurring some damage; still Brown coaxed it to a seventh



place finish. Following a caution, Kyle Ribble got the restart he wanted and set himself up for the win with Greg Haynes, Bob Miller, Zach Cook and Wilfong following him to the finish line. Haynes was back behind the wheel of the 81 after repairs were made following the spectacular last lap dash (pictured) to the finish line during the Pro Stock Rumble



with Buddy Head as the pilot. Barry Jenkins captured fast time (14.829). Haynes and Brad Hall won the heats. Zach Cook continues his point lead over Brown (-11), Wilfong (-19), Ribble (-58) and Jenkins (-95).

Buddy Head, point leader for the **Super Stocks** since week two finally found victory lane. A tangle of cars brought out the first caution a few laps into the race. Lap 10 saw three-wide racing for second place with the caution flag coming out when two cars went



spinning. Josh Trammel's early lead was taken by Eric McGlothlen who led for a couple of laps until Buddy Head took the lead and went on to win. McGlothlen finished second followed by young gun Keegan Dykstra, Kenny Head and AJ Foote. The Pressler brothers, Nick and Cory, each with two feature wins, had issues that shot their nights. Young Dykstra's driving in the last couple of weeks says his one year plus orientation to the Super Stocks is over and he is ready to make his mark. Kenny Head (fast qualifier at 13.706) and Trammel won the heats.



Adam Terry had the early lead in the **Outlaw Super Late Models** before getting loose. This gave Matt Frazier the opening he needed to move into the lead. Todd Harrington and Frazier traded the lead and paint. Rick Senneker (fast qualifier at 12.945) had his most



dominant race of the season and jumped out as the leader on lap 19 after a double file restart. Despite hard challenges, he managed to hold the lead until pulling into the pits leaving a trail of fluid with six laps remaining. This gave the lead to Todd Harrington who went on to win the 40-lap feature. Second place went to Mark Shook followed by Doug True, Terry and Tom Thomas. Heat race wins went to Billy Shannon and Jeff Bozell. Bozell returned to the track after a June 9 crash (pictured).



July 7 was Motorcycle Night, with some of the bikes seen (above) on parade during intermission. Kids could participate in the pre-race scooter races; two kids (above) show off their trophies and scooters.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Gear Race Car Driving Experience

Saturday, July 8 the 5<sup>th</sup> Gear Race Car Driving Experience rented the track and individuals had a chance to drive one of two cars around the track. Officials noted they hadn't lost a car yet but they only sent one car out at a time. Each driver uses standard safety equipment and officials are able to communicate with the driver. Angela and Eric Brokus were two of the individuals who took part. Angela is pictured (top) entering the track to take her laps and next to the 5<sup>th</sup> Gear's second car.



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