

KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

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FRIDAY, JULY 19. WEEKLY RACING.

RACE DAY INFORMATION	
Ticket Windows Open	3:30 PM
Pit Passes (13 years and up)	\$35
Junior Pit Passes (12 and under)	\$15
Adult General Admission	\$15
Youth (6-12) General Admission	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Hot Laps Begin	5:00 PM
Qualifying	6:00 PM
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

WE ARE back to our weekly racing program for the first time in a month with the AFC Metal Supply Late Models, Honor Credit Union Limited Late Models (racing for \$1,000 to win), Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock, O'Reilly Auto Parts Front Wheel Drive – Outlaws and the Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drive – DOTs all back in action.



FRIDAY, JULY 26. MODIFIEDS. VROA. MARFC. FWDS.

RACE DAY INFORMATION	
Ticket Windows Open	2:30 PM
Pit Passes (13 years and up)	\$35
Junior Pit Passes (12 and under)	\$15
Adult General Admission	\$18
Youth (6-12) General Admission	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Pits Open	2:30 PM
Hot Laps Begin	5:00 PM
Qualifying	6:00 PM
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

IT'S A big night at the Zoo on July 26. The 4J Modifieds have their big race of the season with a \$5,000 to win purse. The Engine Pro Vintage Racers (Vintage Racing Organization of America) add their presence to the card. The Techworks Trailer Street Stock run plus the Front Wheel Drives race for extra money (Outlaws for \$750 and DOTs for \$500). It's also the Michigan Auto Racing Fan Club's Night at the Speedway. We will see YOU at the races.



SATURDAY, JULY 27. OPEN DRIFTING. (leased event)

Brought to you by AutoMODIFIED, it's another Saturday of Open Drifting. Experienced and first time drivers are welcome. Non-driver pit passes are \$20 (ride-a-longs possible!), adult grandstands \$5 with kids 12 and under FREE! This is a rain or shine event.



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REMINDERS.

Tickets for the Legendary Night of Destruction (Saturday, September 14) can be purchased now by phone (269.355.4628). Book now and avoid the rush. Advance tickets will only be sold by phone. A nonrefundable convenience fee of \$3.00 will be charged per ticket. Skip the long lines at the ticket office on race day; a separate "will call" table will be located to the left of the grandstand entrance and will open when the ticket office opens at 11:00 AM.

Autograph Night is August 9!

Lost & Found. Currently looking for their owners: cell phone, gold ring with diamond like stone, several sets of keys, debit card. Call 269.355.4628.

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ADULT 13+

\$25.00

\$3.00 convenience fee

JULY 13, 2024: KALAMAZOO KLASH RECAP

Thank you to the thousands of fans, drivers/teams and staff who came out for the 32nd running of the Kalamazoo Klash. For those of you who missed it:

Raber's Street Stock Rumble

Brock Ganus (15.131, 89.221 MPH) and Michael Brooks (15.127, 89.244 MPH) were the fastest in the two practice sessions. Kyle Ribble (right) was the top qualifier in the 40-car field clocking a time of 14.886 seconds (90.689 MPH) in single car qualifying. Ribble also picked up the Lucky Dog \$100.

The top 18 qualifiers were locked into Raber's Street Stock Rumble. Two 11-car Last Chance Races were run with the top two planned to advance in each race. Race #1 was plagued with cautions before Zach Westdorp (below) crossed the finish line with the win; Danny Oxford and Phil Bozell crossed the line in a photo finish and both advanced. Greg Brown (right) was victorious in the second; his first appearance in a few years. Danny Oxford also advanced.



In the 50-lap Raber's Street Stock Rumble, a field of 23 drivers pulled out onto the front stretch and were introduced. Blake Hybels and Billy Roberts led the field to green; Roberts leading lap one. The race paused with

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a caution a lap later. Back to green, Nick Pressler took the lead and with 20 laps of the race complete, it was Pressler, Austin Maynard, Jeff Town, Blake Hybels and Tyler Hufford. Austin Maynard planted himself at Pressler's door and made the pass. Hybels had fallen out of the top five 30 laps in with Ricky LaDuke taking his place. Caution struck again with 17 laps remaining. Back to green and it was Tyler Hufford in the lead and the 99 of Ricky LaDuke chewing up the track. With 12 laps remaining LaDuke had moved into the runner-up slot trailed by Austin Maynard, Nick Pressler and Blake Hybels, having reclaimed his place in the top five. The field continued to shift as the laps wound down with LaDuke taking the lead. At the finish it was 2022 Street Stock Champion Ricky LaDuke, Tyler Hufford finished in the runner-up position, Blake Hybels finished third followed by Austin Maynard and 2021 Late Model Champion Nick Pressler rounding out the top five. Jeff Town led off the second half of the order followed by Logan Maynard, 2019 Street Stock Champion Brandon Zachary, Brock Ganus and Andrew Rutherford (all on the lead lap). Last Chance winners Zach Westdorp finished 13th (on the lead lap) and 2018 and 2021 Street Stock Champion Greg Brown (-17) finished 17th.

Below: Ricky LaDuke with car owner and with (left to right) Blake Hybels and Tyler Hufford.



Howe Late Model Hustle

In a field of 22 cars, Hunter Jack was at the top of the leaderboard for the first practice (14.349, 94.083 MPH). Billy Shannon was the fastest in the second practice session (13.967, 96.656 MPH). Taylor Sexton's engine caught fire following the second practice ending her night. In single car qualifying, Hunter Jack, right, (13.945, 96.809 MPH) was the top qualifier, earning the award for the Late Model class. Isaac Ross was 0.001 seconds behind him in qualifying. Ralph Wine didn't start the 75-lap feature leaving a field of 20 to race for the \$5,000 purse. John Trudell was the recipient of the Lucky Dog \$100.



Twelve-time Outlaw Super Late Model champion Andy Bozell took a familiar position (leader!) for the first lap before defending Late Model Champion Luke Krick moved ahead of him following the first caution of the race. With five laps in, Krick led followed by Andy Bozell, Chris Garrett, Jeff Ganus and Jared Blanchard. Jeff Ganus made quick work of those ahead of him and put himself in the runner-up position two laps later. Krick held off Ganus until 52 laps remaining when Ganus was able to pass him. Behind him, Lucas Krick, Buddy Head (eight time class champion), Andy Bozell and John Trudell were racing for position to make a run at the leader. The laps ticked off in the same fashion when under 30 laps remained and Billy Shannon moved into the top five. Shannon was later replaced by Kenny Head (three time

class champion and 2006 Limited Late Model Champion) for a couple of laps before 2022 Late Model Champion Shannon reclaimed his spot. With 15 laps remaining in the Hustle, caution flew (and flew again). Hunter Jack broke into the top five, replacing Shannon and moved ahead of Bozell who had slipped to fourth as Dylan Stovall charged into the top five displacing Hunter Jack to put himself in third. At the checkered it was Jeff Ganus, Luke Krick, Dylan Stovall, Hunter Jack and Andy Bozell. The second half of the order was led by Billy Shannon, followed by Eric McGlothlen, Kenny Head, Jared Blanchard and Jerry Pierman (all on the lead lap).

Below: The Ganuses in Victory Lane and (right) Dylan Stoval, Jeff Ganus and Lucus Krick. Ganus was the 2015 Kalamazoo Klash winner.



Kalamazoo Klash XXXII

And then it was the Outlaw Super Late Model's time to take to the track. With a full field of 25 cars, Brian Bergakker had the fastest time in the first practice session (12.767 (105.741 MPH). Tyler Roahrig was fastest in the final practice session (12.864, 104.944 MPH). In single car qualifying, Adam Terry (right) was the top qualifier (12.602, 107.126 MPH). Phil Bozell (2011 Super Late Model Champion, 2009 Late Model Champion and two-time Klash winner) took the Lucky Dog \$100.



Like the first race of the night (Street Stock Last Chance Race #1), the Klash was marred by cautions (24 of them). Scott Hantz took the early lead. With 10 laps completed, Hantz continued to lead followed by Kyle Crump, Andy Bozell (seeking to tie Terry Senneker's 5 Klash wins), Brian Bergakker and Lane Head. Tyler Roahrig (also seeking to tie Senneker's record) had been picking off competitors before having to retire after completing 30 laps. Fast forward through a few cautions and with 35 laps completed, it was Kyle Crump, Scott Hantz, Brian Bergakker, Adam Terry and Blake Childers. Steve Needles moved into the sixth position a couple of laps later. The race stalled out with a series of quick cautions and Bergakker, ultimately, had the stronger restarts and claimed the lead. At the half-way mark, Steve Needles was the leader followed by Brian Bergakker, Kyle Crump, Blake Childers and Mark Shook. With 35 laps left,



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Needles and Bergakker's position remained unchanged but Childers had taken the third position, Crump had slipped to fourth and Austin Maynard had claimed fifth. Mark Shook found new life and moved back into the top five displacing Maynard and in short order moved Kyle Crump back a position before passing Blake Childers. Due to all the caution laps, a red flag stop was offered for drivers to add 5 gallons of fuel; no working on cars was permitted. At the checkered flag it was Steve Needles for his third Klash win (2009, 2020). Brian Bergakker (2012 Super Late Model Champion, 2008 Modified Champion and 2023 Klash winner), Mark Shook (2016-2017 Super Late Model Champion), Blake Childers and Kyle Crump. Scott Hantz led off the second half of the order followed by Austin Maynard, Adam Terry (2019 Super Late Model Champion), Corey Ryman and Buddy Head. (The second half of the order all -1).



Right, Brian Bergakker (runner-up) and Mark Shook, below earning third place.



Kalamazoo Klash XXXII contenders. Back row: Gary Howe (Speedway Operations Manager/Promoter), TK Whitman, Marty Crawford, Matt Frazier, Kyle Crump, Steve Needles, Zack Cook, Corey Ryman, Scott Hantz, Lane Head, Blake Childers, Rick Hahn Jr., Kevin Stewart, Sarah Maxwell (Race Operations Manager). Front row: Brian Bergakker, Brandyn Ross, Doug Rodanhisler, Andy Bozell, Phil Bozell, Mark Shook, Adam Terry, Austin Maynard, Cory Pressler, Tyler Roahrig, Buddy Head and Matt Sullivan.



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