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FRIDAY, AUGUST 16. WEEKLY CLASSES.

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 (13+)	\$15
Youth (6-12) General Admission	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Hot Laps Begin	5:00 PM
Qualifying Begins	6:00 PM
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

THE FIVE weekly classes race on August 16. On tap are the AFC Metal Supply Late Models, Honor Credit Union Limited Late Models, Techworks Trailer Street Stock, O'Reilly Auto Parts Front Wheel Drive Outlaws and the Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drive DOTs. The Street Stock are racing for a \$1,300 to win purse.

This is one of two weeks (the other being August 30) when all classes race before Season Championship Night on September 6. Get your racing fixes now!



FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024. SPRINTS. STREETS. DOTs.

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	\$20
Youth (6-12) General Admission	\$5
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Pits Open	2:30 PM
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

We take a break from racing the five weekly classes and bring on the 500 Sprint Car Tour and the USSA Kenyon Midget Series. Also on the card it's the Techworks Trailer Street Stock running the 4J Trucking Spectacular (a point race) with \$2,000 to win (\$300 to start) for the 'A' Feature and \$500 to win (\$150 to start) for the 'B' feature. Added to the program are the Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drive DOTs (not a point race) running the 4J \$1,000 to win 'A' Feature (\$125 to start). The 'B' Feature will pay \$250 to win and the 'C' Feature will pay \$150 to win.



Photo provided by 500 Sprint Car Tour

We will see YOU at the races.

NOTEWORTHY THIS & THAT.

Tickets for the Legendary Night of Destruction (Saturday, September 14) are available now by phone (269.355.4628). Please note there is a \$3 convenience for tickets purchased over the phone. Advance tickets are only available by phone.

Super Shoe Camping Reservations begin Monday, August 19. Persons renting a campsite in 2023 have until September 5 to claim and pay for their same campsites in 2024. Any camper can book a campsite not rented in 2023, also beginning on August 19.

Super Shoe Race Classes: Rear Wheel Drive Outlaws, Street Stock, Front Wheel Drive Outlaws, Front Wheel Drive DOTs.

Looking for drivers for the Night of Destruction on September 14: Demolition Derbies (one for cars, one for minivans/small SUVs), Trailer races (one for cars, one for midsize SUVs/minivans/Trucks), Spectator Drags, Send It Challenge. Rules for each will be posted late on Wednesday, August 14.

Lost & Found. Currently looking for owners: cell phone, two rings, toddler shoes, kid's and adult sunglasses and several sets of keys. Call 269.355.4628.

Revised Break Out Times for all classes are now 0.25 seconds. (Qualifying time less the 0.25 seconds is a driver's break out time). Drivers are disqualified from their heat or feature if they clock 2 laps in a single race under their break out time.

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AUGUST 9, 2024. WEEKLY RACING RECAP.

It was Autograph Night at Kalamazoo Speedway and the pits were full of fans meeting drivers and visiting. Thank you to the drivers/teams for participating and the fans for attending.



And then it was on to racing!

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The **Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drive DOT** class was the only one to run heat races on April 9, so we'll start with them. Out of a field of 29, Gunner Gale was the top qualifier with a time of 16.223 (83.215 MPH). It was Steak 'n Shake Wild Card (West Main) night and seven drivers saw extra jingle in their payout checks as a result of Steak 'n Shake's generosity. The first beneficiary being Andrew Randt for qualifying in the 17th position. Scott Elsej (top right), Brandon Chadwick (below) and Bri Brady (bottom right) won the heat races.



In the 'B' feature, Johnathan Jacobs took the early lead and fought to keep it for the 15-lap feature. He did just that and captured his first feature win of the season. Josh Forney finished second and Bri Brady was awarded the third place medal. Steak 'n Shake (West Main) Wild Card Night continued for the 'B' feature and Jacobs saw an extra \$50 in his payout check plus Bentley Foote received \$100 extra and Calvin Forney received \$50 extra.



Above left, the Jacobs group help celebrate Johnathan Jacobs' win, to the right, Josh Forney (runner-up), Johnathan Jacobs and Bri Brady (3rd place) take a box in Victory Lane.

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The DOT 'A' 20-lap feature was a mess; there's really no other way to describe it. Ethan Emerson had the early lead; a caution came out with 17 laps remaining. The race got underway and Emerson again had the lead with Ryan Osborne having moved into second place. The race then stalled out with 15 laps remaining. Multiple cautions flew. The 20 minutes allotted the race (one minute for each lap of the feature) and only a quarter of the race was complete. The race went back to green with the understanding that, now past the 30 minute mark, the next caution would mercifully end the race. The yellow flew again with 13 laps remaining and Ryan Osborne took the checkered flag (right). Duane Green was the runner-up and Bo Brady medaled in third place, neither coming to Victory Lane. Scott Elsey finished in the fourth position followed by Gunner Gale, CJ French, Desmond Watkins, Ethan Emerson, Anthony Foote and Hannah Zwart rounding out the top 10. Osborne drew for the Steak 'n Shake extra purse money. His chip was pulled so an additional \$50 was added to his check and Desmond Watkins (\$100) and Brenden Keene (\$200) were the beneficiaries of Osborne's other random draws. Thank you, Steak 'n Shake!! Scott Elsey remains the point leader over Bo Brady (-195). Close behind Brady are Desmond Watkins (-201) and Dillon Rose (-203).



For the O'Reilly Auto Parts Front Wheel Drive Outlaws, it was Dave Leonard Jr. at the top of the leaderboard for qualifying with a time of 14.979, 90.126 MPH. For the 25-lap feature, 15 cars competed. Charles Anderson and Bryan Gates led the field to green. A few laps later Nick Layman moved into the lead and Matthew Elsey Jr. (starting in the 13th position) had moved into third place. Elsey Jr made short order of moving to the lead position (with 19 laps to go). Dave Leonard Jr., Tyler May and Jake Doxey (coming from the tail of the field) along with Matt Elsey, vied for a top five or podium position. At the finish line it was Matthew Elsey Jr., Dave Leonard Jr. and Jake Doxey going to Victory Lane. Tyler May scored a fourth place finish with Matt Elsey, Mason Metzger, Bryan Gates, Charles Anderson, Don Vroman and Amanda Weatherwax finishing in the top 10. Matthew Elsey Jr. retains the point lead over Matt Elsey (-137).

Below: The Elsey clan celebrate another win by Matthew Elsey Jr. and Jake Doxey (3rd), Matthew Elsey Jr. and Dave Leonard Jr. (2nd).



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Kyle VanSparrentak (14.612, 92.39 MPH) was the fastest qualifier in the **Techworks Trailers Street Stock**. In the 35-lap feature, Danny Oxford and Greg Brown led the field to green. Kyle Ribble, starting 9th, led the pack with 22 laps remaining. Matt Corliss was running second and the VanSparrentak brothers (Kyle, then Chad) followed; Andrew Rutherford was in fifth place. With 12 laps left, Ribble still led followed by Kyle VanSparrentak, Andrew Rutherford, Chad VanSparrentak, Matt Corliss and Brock Ganus. In the blink of an eye the race was complete and Kyle Ribble found himself as the holder of the checkered flag again and the winner of the \$1,250 purse (thank you

to WaterWorx Pressure Washing for the extra \$500!). Kyle VanSparrentak was the runner-up and Andrew Rutherford medaled in third place. Chad VanSparrentak scored a fourth place finish followed by Brock Ganus, Matt Corliss, Alex Sexton, Blake Hybels, Greg Brown and Kenny Head II. Kyle VanSparrentak is the point leader over Alex Sexton (-189).



Left, Kyle Ribble in Victory Lane with his grandparents and above with Kyle VanSparrentak (2nd) (left) and Andrew Rutherford (3rd) (right).



Billy Shannon took the honors for fast time in the **AFC Metal Supply Late Models** with a time of 13.801, 97.819 MPH. Thanks to AFC Metal Supply for donating their skybox for the night

plus a food package to the lucky winner of a Facebook contest. Brianna Town was the lucky beneficiary of the sponsor's generosity. In the 35-lap feature, Jerry Pierman (tied for first place in the points coming into tonight) was out of the running (but not the race) before it started with a crash on a restart at the beginning of the race and could only manage a 10th place finish. Bryan Vanzile, starting in the pole position led for the first 10 laps. Jeff Ganus wasn't in the top five at the start of the race but had driven past the rest of the field for the lead before the midpoint. Luke Krick and Andy Bozell were part of the head pack having quite a lead over the rest of the field. With about 10 laps left in this race, it was Jeff Ganus, Andy Bozell, Luke Krick, Jared Blanchard and Kenny Head. When the checkered flag waved it was Jeff Ganus, Andy Bozell, Luke Krick, Jared Blanchard and Kenny Head in the top five. The second half of the order started with Chris Garrett, followed by Billy Shannon, Taylor Sexton, Bryan Vanzile and Jerry Pierman, all on the lead lap. Billy Shannon takes over the point lead from Jerry Pierman (-14).



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The final race of the night was the \$5,000 to win **Honor Credit Union Limited Late Model 50-lap** feature. Jeff Ganus had fast time (13.108, 102.991 MPH) over the 21-car field. Five laps into the feature, it was Logan Delayre in the lead. The race encountered multiple cautions before finally moving past 41 laps remaining. Mason May led for a lap or two, Brock Ganus was towed off the track and Jeff Ganus, not taking a breath between the races, took the lead with 37 laps remaining. Jeff Bozell had been in the top five and moved into the runner-up position at about the half-way point. Mason May held his own and held on to the third position. As cars crossed the finish line it was Jeff Ganus, Jeff Bozell, Mason May, A.J. Foote and Logan Delayre (-1) rounding out the top five. The second half of the order started with Caleb Bisacky (-1), Cody Hawn (-1), Bryce Bozell (-1), TC Burgess (-1) and Louis Miller (-2). Bryce Bozell holds the point lead over Cody Hawn (-42).



Jeff Ganus in Victory Lane for his second win of the night. Mason May (3rd), Jeff Bozell (runner-up) and Jeff Ganus were the top three for the 50-lap feature. Joining them for the picture and presenting the medals is Keith Dunham, Plainwell Member Center Manager, Honor Credit Union.



Photo provided by Sarah Maxwell

Alamo Elementary School is getting a supply of school supplies and snacks for the kids to start the new year! Thanks to Kalamazoo Speedway and everyone who participated in the 50/50 raffle at the Kalamazoo Klash! Below, the Kalamazoo Speedway Mini-Wedge program is thriving! Thank you to everyone who helps make that happen.



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Drivers - \$80 (includes 1 pit person)	Gates Open Noon
Pit Pass - \$20	Tech at 1 pm
Spectators - \$5	Track Hot 2-9 pm
Skybox Rental - \$180 (includes 8 GA Tickets)	

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Saturday, August 17, it's Open Drifting at the Zoo!

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