

# KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

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## TRACK TALK

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024. WEEKLY RACE. FAN APPRECIATION T-SHIRT TOSS

RACE DAY INFORMATION	
<b>Ticket Windows Open</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Pit Passes (13 years and up)</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Junior Pit Passes (12 and under)</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Adult General Admission</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Youth (6-12) General Admission</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Kids 5 &amp; under</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Pits Open</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Hot Laps Begin</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Qualifying Begins</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Fan Appreciation T-Shirt Toss</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>
<b>Racing Starts</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>

AUGUST 30 is the last night of weekly racing before Season Championship Night. Be there to watch your AFC Metal Supply Late Models, Honor Credit Union Limited Late Models, Techworks Trailers Street Stock, O'Reilly Auto Parts Front Wheel Drive Outlaws and the Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drive DOTs.

At 7:15, it's the Fan Appreciation T-Shirt Toss! Drivers will be tossing T-Shirts (and more) into the grandstands for fans. Thank you, Donnie Brest and Gina Krick, for all your time and energy putting this together!!

We will see YOU at the races



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT.

RACE DAY INFORMATION	
<b>Ticket Windows Open</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Pit Passes (13 years and up)</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Junior Pit Passes (12 and under)</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Adult General Admission</b>	<b>\$18</b>
<b>Youth (6-12) General Admission</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Kids 5 &amp; under</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Pits Open</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Hot Laps Begin</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Qualifying Begins</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Racing Starts</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>

SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP night represents the conclusion to Kalamazoo Speedway's regular racing season. The track champion for each of the five classes is determined. As of this writing two of the races are very tight.

Following on Saturday, September 14, it's the Legendary Night of Destruction, then Super Shoe (September 27-29) and the leased Bad Santa event on November 30. Where did the season go??

We will see YOU at the races.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024. OPEN DRIFTING. (Leased)

AutoMODIFIED has another leased Open Drifting event on August 31. Experienced and first-time drivers are welcome. Spectator tickets are \$5, youth 12 and under are free. \$20 pit passes (driver pit passes are \$80 and include one crew member). Ride-a-longs are possible with a pit pass!! Drifting events are rain or shine (spectators sit under the skyboxes to stay dry). Ticket and pit windows open at noon. Tech runs at 1:00 and the track is hot from 2-9 PM.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE.

**Tickets** for the Legendary Night of Destruction (Saturday, September 14) are available by phone (269.355.4628). Avoid the lines at the ticket windows! Please note there is a \$3 per ticket convenience fee for advance tickets. Advance tickets are only available by phone. **Information is on the Kalamazoo Speedway website about the event (home page).**

It's **Super Shoe Camping Reservation time!** Persons renting a campsite in 2023 have until September 5 to claim and pay for their same campsites in 2024. Didn't camp in 2023? We're also taking reservations for any site not rented in 2023. Call or text 269.355.4628, or email [barbara@kalamazospeedway.com](mailto:barbara@kalamazospeedway.com).

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**Super Shoe Pit Stalls.** Now taking reservations for pit stalls. Call 269.685.3543.

**Looking for drivers for the Night of Destruction** on September 14: Demolition Derbies (one for cars, one for minivans/midsize SUVs), Trailer races (one for cars, one for midsize SUVs/minivans/trucks), Spectator Drags, Send It Challenge. Rules for each participant event are posted on the home page of the Speedway website. **DRIVERS.** For events that require a transponder (trailer races), don't forget to bring your protective pouch if you have one! Save yourself \$20!

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

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024. RECAP.

Let's get right to it! It was great to have sprint cars back at the Zoo!



Ryan Huggler took fast time (13.959, 96.712 MPH) in the **Kenyon Midget Series**. Despite the Midget label, these self-starting Sprints are pretty peppy. Huggler went on to win his heat while Clayton Gaines won the second heat. Both drivers skipped Victory Lane. In the 20 lap feature, 13 Midgets vied for the checkered flag. In the end it was Ryan Huggler sweeping the night. Clayton Gaines was the runner-up and Evan Hammond placed third.



Clockwise: Ryan Huggler makes a sweep of the series on August 23, fast-time, heat and the feature. Joining Huggler in Victory Lane was runner-up Clayton Gaines (who won his heat) and Evan Hammond (far right). Huggler's Sprint car.



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In the Auto Value 500 Sprint Car Tour, Tyler Roahrig was at the top of the leaderboard in single car qualifying. Roahrig's lap time was 13.021 (103.679 MPH). Aaron Pierce continues to hold both the winged and non-wing records at Kalamazoo Speedway. Tyler Roahrig won the 50-lap feature. In the runner-up position was Kody Swanson and Jake Trainor pulled out his place on the podium with a third place finish.



Tyler Roahrig won the 50-lap feature and later posed with the top three. Kody Swanson (left) was the runner-up and Jake Trainor placed third. Unlike the Kenyon Midget Series sprints, the 500 Series Sprints need a push. At left, the view from one of the push cars flying down the track until the sprint car fires and can run on its own.



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In the **Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drive DOT** class, 4J Trucking sponsored handsome purses for the A, B & C features. Corey Woods was the fastest in the practice session with a time of 16.366. Gunner Gale had the fastest time of the 40 who qualified, clocking a 16.234 (83.159 MPH).

The 15-lap 'C' feature was won by Steve Thomson (right center) paying out \$150 to win. Jeff Phibbs was the runner-up (far right) and Cayden Verburg placed third. Bailey Pauwels won the 15-lap 'B' feature taking home the \$250 to win feature money. Zach Bozell was the runner-up and Brianna Brady made another trip to Victory Lane, taking the final spot on the podium.



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Bailey Pauwels won the 'B' feature. At right, Zach Bozell (runner-up), Bailey Pauwels and Brianna Brady (third place) on the podium in Victory Lane.

In the 'A' feature, people were on the edge of their seat wondering (hoping!?) that one of the top three would have their car claimed! Everyone left with the car they brought and no one was disqualified (except for breaking out). In the 25-lap, \$1,000 to win feature, Landen Deplanche took the early lead before Austin McKee drove to the head of the pack and then broke out. That left Colin Bozell with the lead for a few laps before Jordan Brinkert took a turn at the head of the pack. Then it was Spencer Wortinger to the lead; one he didn't give up. At the checkered it was Wortinger, Corey Woods and Gunner Gale. Colin Bozell finished fourth followed by Jordan Brinkert, Dillon Rose, John Gonzales, Jeremiah Bouma, Christina Rantz and Desmond Watkins. This was a non-point race.



Congratulations Spencer Wortinger for winning the Front Wheel Drive 'A' feature. Right, it's Corey Woods, runner-up and Gunner Gale (far right) joining Wortinger on the podium.



And that leaves the **Techworks Trailers Street Stock** and their 4J sponsored \$2,000 to win 'A' feature. Kyle VanSparrentak was the fastest in the 33-car field in practice (15.050). Brock Ganus was the fastest qualifier (14.770, 91.401 MPH). Blake Hybels won the 20-lap 'B' feature and the \$500 that went with the win. He started at the tail of the 13 car field and moved into the lead with four laps remaining. Tyler May was the runner-up and Patrick Kirkendall placed third.



Blake Hybels and dad, Budd, celebrate young Hybels 'B' feature win. Tyler May was the runner-up (upper left). At right, Patrick Kirkendall placed third and missed Victory Lane so we caught up with him later.

In the 'A' feature, Alex Sexton took the early lead before the race was stopped due to a brutal crash in Turn 1. A couple of cars made contact going into turn 1 resulting in Nick Pressler being turned and another car slamming into him. Thankfully both drivers were OK. When the race resumed, Sexton again took the lead, though it was short-lived. Tyler Hufford moved to the lead. With 22 laps remaining, Kyle Ribble moved to the head of the pack. Ricky LaDuke was in the runner-up position with Brock Ganus pushing hard. Ganus made it around LaDuke and Ribble and Ganus battled for multiple laps. With three laps remaining, Ganus took the lead and when the checkered flag was waved it was Brock Ganus with the win, Kyle Ribble in the runner-up position and Ricky LaDuke finishing third. Andrew Rutherford followed with Kyle VanSparrentak rounding out the top five. Jeff Town led off the second half of the order, Logan Maynard was next followed by Alex Sexton, Jeremy Young and Tyler Hufford, all finishing on the lead lap. Defending champion Kyle VanSparrentak is the point leader by a comfortable margin over Alex Sexton (-217).



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