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APRIL 15 🚩 TAX DAY KRASH & BASH

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Pits Open	11:00 AM
Adult Participant Pit Pass	\$35
Junior Pit Pass (12 & under)	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	11:00 AM
Adult Grandstand	\$20
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	5:00 PM

Looks like spring is going to stick around at least for Saturday for the first event of the 2023 season: the Tax Day Krash & Bash. Bringing a "wreck something" mindset into this fun, family event we've got the following events on tap:

- 🚩 Spectator Drags
- 🚩 Trailer Race
- 🚩 Stacker Cars
- 🚩 Tough Truck/SUV Contest
- 🚩 Gut & Go Mini Enduro
- 🚩 Three-Wide Road Rage Drags



Want to be a performer in the show? Check out the Krash & Bash posting on the Speedway website for safety requirements, event rules and payout (\$1000 for the trailer race, tough truck contest, mini enduro!) Bring out your own enduro car, tough truck or SUV to be a part of the show. Mandatory driver's meeting at 3:00 PM. If those options are too adventurous, bring out your street legal car/van/truck to compete one on one against other drivers. (No rally or race cars or those trailered in). \$250 to win and \$100 to the runner-up.

The Road Rage Drags are like Spectator Drags on steroids, explains Kenny Head. Open to almost any vehicle, three vehicles will race down the front stretch, circle a tire then race to a second tire, round it, and race to the finish line. Contact expected! Winner advances.

DRIVER REGISTRATION

Drivers: Make getting your pit pass and transponder quick and easy! If you haven't already done so, complete your **2023** Driver Registration on MyRacePass. For quick access through the Speedway website, click on the MRP link on the right side of the homepage. Drivers who registered in 2022 and received a hard pass must still register for 2023.



For April 19 and April 22, drivers and crew will purchase a pit pass at one of the first three windows. Drivers will need to pick up their transponder at the last window and complete any outstanding paperwork. Drivers who haven't registered in advance may step out of line and register on their phone and then get back in line. Drivers who need help registering will be assisted by a staff member. Drivers registering at the track will add tax information and sign the printed version of the registration at the payout window in order to receive their payout. We anticipate that by April 28, drivers will use the last window to obtain their pit pass and transponder.

Please remember to update your driver information if you move, change phone numbers, etc.

APRIL 19 🏁 OPEN TESTING

OPEN TESTING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19	
Pit Windows Open	4:00 PM
Pit Passes (13 years and up)	\$20
Junior Pit Passes (12 and under)	\$10
Pits Open	4:00 PM
Testing Starts	5:30 PM
Grandstands (open at 4:00 PM)	FREE

Get in some extra practice time before racing for those big purses at the Season Opener on Saturday, April 22.



APRIL 22 🏁 SEASON OPENER

All four weekly classes race for points and solid purses at the 73rd Season Opener at Kalamazoo Speedway.

Hutcherson Construction Late Models (formerly Template Late Models) (class and purse) \$2,000 to win, \$250 to start.

Techworks Trailer Sales Street Stock (\$2,000 to win, \$175 to start)

O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaw FWD (\$1000 to win, \$300 to start)

Spartan Insulation Zoo Stock (\$500 to win, \$100 to start "A" feature, \$100 to win "B" feature)
(Howe Patio & Windows purse)



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SATURDAY, APRIL 22	
Pits Open	1:00 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Minor Pit Pass	\$15
Tickets Windows Open	1:00 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Program Starts	6:00 PM



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DRIFTING SIMULATION

Many of you will recognize Michael Dunn-Haley, Nightmare Racing, from his two appearances at the track in 2022. His red Corvette stands out in a crowd! With AutoMODIFIED running a full season of drift events at Kalamazoo Speedway in 2023 (first event on April 29), Dunn-Haley, a serious drifter!, has put a simulation together that he kindly shared with us (photo below right).



APRIL 8 OPEN TESTING 🏁 RECAP

The weather turned out better than forecast and 79 drivers brought out their cars to test and tune. Ryan Diamond (16.604) was at the top of the Zoo Stock who tested (a time that would have gotten him disqualified on a regular race night), Matthew Elsey Jr. clocked a 16.646 (also too fast), followed by CJ French (16.701), Michael Kerber (16.782) and Charles Anderson Jr. (16.788). This year's top speed in the Zoo Stock is 16.700.

Matthew Elsey Jr. drove to the fastest time in the Outlaw FWD (15.038) followed by Dave Leonard Jr. sporting a flashy new color scheme, (15.344), Rodney Russell II (15.622), Ryan Kinsey (15.781) and Kodee Thompson (16.064).

In the Street Stock class it was Kyle Ribble (14.805), defending champion Ricky LaDuke (14.934), DJ Oxford (14.942), Jeremy Young (14.977) and Scott Whetzel (15.980).

In the Late Models, defending champion Billy Shannon headed the pack (13.786), Chris Shannon logged a 13.930, 8 time champion Buddy Head (13.961), Jeff Bozell (14.024) and 2021 champion Nick Pressler (14.026).

Jeremy Pletz (14.167) was at the top for the Modifieds and two time track champion Phil Bozell (12.269) for the Outlaw Super Late Models.



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