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FRIDAY, JUNE 7: REVEAL THE HAMMER MARTY JONES '75.

The Howe Patio & Windows Outlaw Super Late Models return as part of the Reveal the Hammer Outlaw Late Model Tour. And they return, as of this writing, 36 drivers strong (listing on next page). You don't want to miss this one! We'll be running the Marty Jones '75 to celebrate the decades of contributions made by former track owner Marty Jones. The race will pay a cool \$7,500 to win and \$900 to start. The Late Models and both Front Wheel Drive classes join this night of power. All Super Lates will pit in the upper pits.

June 7, 2024	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Ticket Windows Open	3:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$20
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	\$10
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM



1.	X	Marty Crawford (Kalamazoo, MI)	19.	24	Tyler Roahrig (Plymouth, IN)
2.	0	Lenny Roberts (Roseville, MI)	20.	32	Steven Ulman (Tawas City, MI)
3.	4	Adam Terry (St. Joseph, MI)	21.	33	Monte Tolan (Caledonia, MI)
4.	5	Jimmy O. Smith (Owosso, MI)	22.	44	Zack Cook (Mattawan, MI)
5.	7	Justin Claucherty (Clarklake, MI)	23.	46	Buddy Head (Middleville, MI)
6.	8	Phil Bozell (Portage, MI)	24.	51	Scott Pemberton (Lansing, MI)
7.	9	Kevin Stewart (Mishawaka, IN)	25.	71	Harold Fair Jr. (Milan, MI)
8.	9	TK Whitman (Elkhart, IN)	26.	72	Scott Hantz (Angola, IN)
9.	10	Blake Childers (Flint, MI)	27.	76	Doug Rodanhisler (Dorr, MI)
10.	12	Brian Bergakker (Middleville, MI)	28.	77	Chase Wilson (Sault Ste Marie, MI)
11.	14	Steve Needles (Berrien Springs, MI)	29.	81	Kyle Drake (Dimondale, MI)
12.	14	Mark Shook (Schoolcraft, MI)	30.	83	Andy Bozell (Portage, MI)
13.	14	Michael Thayer (Plymouth, IN)	31.	88	Trever McCoy (Middleville, MI)
14.	14	Lane Head (Middleville, MI)	32.	93	Doug True (Dowagiac, MI)
15.	16	(TBA Bobby Blount Motorsports)	33.	95	Steve Stacy (Plymouth, IN)
16.	17	Justin Holloway (Richmond, MI)	34.	97	Matt Frazier (Kalamazoo, MI)
17.	17	David McManus (Birch Run, MI)	35.	101	Craig Everage (Angola, IN)
18.	22	Cory Pressler (Buchanan, MI)	36.	104	Max Fair (Milan, MI)

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REVEAL THE HAMMER
OUTLAW LATE MODEL TOUR

June 7

75 LAPS
for
MARTY JONES

\$7,500 to win

HOWE
LATE MODEL
Outlaw Super Late Model

Late Model

NOVAKS

FWD
Outlaw

SPARTAN INSULATION
FWD - DOT

Adults \$20
Youth 6-12 \$10
5 & Under FREE

Pits Open 2:30
FREE Parking
Coolers 14" MAX - NO Glass

Tickets at 2:30
Racing Starts 7:30

Racing to honor former track owner Marty Jones

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PAYOUT for MARTY JONES '75

7,500 to win. 3,500 - 2,200 - 2,000 - 1,500
1,400 - 1,300 - 1,200 - 1,100 - 1,000
975 - 950 - 900 to start

Last Chance Race. \$350 5th and back



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FRIDAY, JUNE 14: THE FOUR WEEKLY CLASSES RACE.

Friday, May 31	
Pits Open	3:30 PM
Adult Pit Pass (13+)	\$35
Youth Pit Pass	\$15
Ticket Windows Open	3:30 PM
Adult Grandstand	\$15
Youth Grandstand (6-12)	FREE
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30 PM

ALL WEEKLY classes are back to race on Friday, June 14. We welcome the AFC Metal Supply Late Models, Honor Credit Union Limited Late Models and the Techworks Trailers Street Stock. And that's not all, our Front Wheel Drive classes also race: the O'Reilly Auto Parts Outlaws (\$750 to win) and the Spartan Insulation DOTs (\$500 to win).

Thank you for visiting our 2024 class sponsors!



Don't forget! Autograph Night is Friday, June 21

CIRCE OF LIFE: TERRY KLINE PASSES AWAY.



Driver Terry Kline passed away on Monday, May 27 at his home after a hard fought battle with cancer; he was 66. Passionate about stock car racing, Terry operated Kline Racing for 50 years, racing a variety of cars in a variety of race classes. Terry was able to realize a life-long dream to race a Limited Late Model and did so in the #27 on Friday, May 17 at Kalamazoo Speedway. Our thoughts are with Terry's family and friends and we will all miss him.



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MAY 31: RECAP.

We thank all the fans and drivers who came out to spend their Friday night with us. to watch the five weekly classes race. The five weekly classes showed off their stuff on Friday, May 31.



We'll lead off with the **AFC Metal Supply Late Models**. Billy Shannon added another fast-time to his helmet with a time of 13.851 (97.466). A couple of heat races were run to accommodate the 13-car field with Chris Garrett (left) and Jerry Pierman (right) taking the checkered flags.



The 35-lap feature was plagued with cautions on the way to the checkered flag. Rick Senneker took the early lead before Chris Garrett relieved him of that position. Luke Krick, defending class champion in his first race back of the season, was charging to the front before a caution spoiled that. Jerry Pierman was in the wrong place a few times over the course of the night but managed to come out relatively unscathed each time and finish as the runner-up. Chris Garrett gave up his lead to the 2022 class champion, Billy Shannon. Former champion Kenny Head made a valiant effort to pick off Jerry Pierman but Pierman held on. At the checkered it was Billy Shannon, Jerry Pierman, Chris Garrett, Kenny Head and Rick Senneker finishing in the top five. The second half of the order led off with Matthew Sprague, Ken Papesh, Bill Tomlinson (-7) having had to pit after a caution and return with a song and a prayer held together car), Isaac Ross (-16) and Luke Krick (-20). Jerry Pierman holds a very slim point lead over Billy Shannon (-2).



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IN THE Honor Credit Union Outlaw Limited Late Models, we continue to see more cars each week. Young Bryce Bozell took another quick time (13.144, 102.708 MPH). Jeff Ganus took the first heat (and skipped Victory Lane) and Louis Miller (right) took the second heat.

Ricky LaDuke joined the field tonight in his new ride and led a few laps. Bryce Bozell and Brock Ganus quickly established themselves as the front runners in the 20-lap feature. At the finish line, it was Jeff Ganus (right) with another win in the class followed by Bryce Bozell in the runner-up position, Brock Ganus (below left) in third and Cody Hawn in fourth. Michael "Bubba" Brooks was fifth (-1), followed by Louis Miller (-1), Bob Bliss (-1), Josh Trammell (-1), Mason May (-1) and Paul Jakubik (-1) rounding out the top 10. Bryce Bozell (below right) has the point lead over Jeff Ganus (-28).



(THE TECHWORKS Trailers Street Stock, had a full field of cars with Blake Hybels topping the board for qualifying with a lap speed of 14.872 (90.775 MPH). Gage Harris won the first heat (left) and Jeff Town (right) took the second.



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The 20-car, 35-lap feature saw Gage Harris in the lead for lap 1. Alex Sexton drove to the lead and put up some distance between his #9 and the rest of the field. A caution changed all that and Nick Pressler took the lead after some classic Street Stock door to door racing. Kyle Ribble pulled into third. Pressler, Sexton, Ribble and Kyle VanSparrentak formed a formidable lead group. Sexton's car got an early start on the 4th of July laying down a swath of sparks down the backstretch. Kyle Ribble and Nick Pressler traded the lead. Kyle VanSparrentak moved around Pressler and Brock Ganus later pushed Pressler back. At the checkered it was defending champion Kyle VanSparrentak, Brock Ganus (in his second trip to Victory Lane this evening), Nick Pressler (2021 Late Model champion), Ricky LaDuke (2022 champion, and running in two classes tonight) and Blake Hybels all finishing in the top five. Jeff Town led off the second half of the order followed by Kyle Ribble, Zach Westdorp, Brandon Zachary and Gage Harris wrapping up the top ten, all finishing on the lead lap. Kyle VanSparrentak takes over the point lead with Ricky LaDuke (-40). Alex Sexton's 17th place finish was a set-back his having held the point lead.



Matthew Elsey Jr. made it a trifecta in the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Front Wheel Drive - Outlaws** by qualifying with a time of 15.124

(89.262 MPH), winning his heat (right) and going on to win the 20-lap feature. In the feature, there were several lead changes (Matt Elsey, Charles Anderson and Bryan Gates) before Matthew Elsey Jr. moved permanently into the lead. John Neal and Tyler May both made runs toward the front but it was Elsey's night. Bryan Gates was the runner-up followed by John Neal, Tyler May and Charles Anderson all finishing on the lead lap. Five additional cars either didn't start (Brad Ingle and Landen Brown) or finished down a number of laps (Matt Elsey, Eric Mepnyans and Amanda Weatherwax (-19). Matthew Elsey Jr. moved into the point lead trailed by Matt Elsey (-23) and Bryan Gates (-35).



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Below: FWD – Outlaw feature winner, Matthew Elsey Jr. and the top three. From left to right, Bryan Gates, John Neal and Elsey, Jr.



And last, but certainly not least, the **Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drives – DOTs** put on a show. Heat #3 was run so intensely (in a good way) that it could have been mistaken for a feature with its field of 12. John Gonzales prevailed (below left). But first things first. Dillon Rose was the top qualifier out of a field of 33. He clocked a 16.381 (82.413 MPH). In addition to Gonzales, Brandon Chadwick (below right) and Bentley Foote (bottom left) won their heat races. Duane Green won the 'B' feature (bottom right with flag). Bentley Foote (to the right of Green) was the runner-up with Andrew Randt medaling in third place.



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The 'A' feature gave the yellow flag a workout. Austin McKee took the early lead only to be towed off later in the race. Scott Elsey, starting 15th, seemed to shoot to the lead in the blink of an eye. Desmond Watkins moved up as far as third place before Brandon French moved him back to fourth. Meanwhile Matt Elsey had positioned himself to relieve his dad of the lead with about 10 laps remaining. Without a lot of fanfare, John Gonzales had been moving up the field. At the finish line it was Matt Elsey (below left and below far right), Scott Elsey (below right middle), John Gonzales (below right far left), Brandon French and Desmond Watkins. Brandon Chadwick led off the second half of the order followed by Ethan Emerson, Gunner Gale, Bo Brady and CJ French, all on the lead lap. Scott Elsey has the point lead over Desmond Watkins (-53).



JUNE 1: AUTOMODIFIED DRIFT RECAP.

THE AutoMODIFIED Drift Group runs rain or shine and it was all rain on June 1. The rain moved in earlier than predicted and once started it never stopped, but what's a little rain??



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