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HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT HOLIDAY!!!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT.

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	\$18
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

SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP night represents the conclusion to Kalamazoo Speedway's regular racing season. The track champion for each of the five classes is recognized at the end of the night. The top two contenders (above) in the Late Model race are separated by only 8 points. Last week that race was an epic battle (see recap). Fifty points separate the top two in the Limited Late Models. Anything can happen!

Thank you to our 2024 Class Sponsors

We will see YOU at the races.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024. NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION

EVENT INFORMATION	
Ticket Windows Open	11:00 AM
Adult Grandstand Tickets	\$25
Youth (6-12) Tickets	\$10
Kids 5 & under	FREE
Pit Party & FREE bus rides	4:30 - 6:30 PM
Pit Pass and Pits Open	1:00 PM
Pit Passes (13 years & up)	\$35
Junior Pit Passes (12 & under)	\$15
Event Sign-up Cut Off	5:00 PM
Mandatory Drivers' Meeting	5:15 PM
PROGRAM STARTS	7:00 PM
FIREWORKS!	following program

ON SATURDAY, September 14, it's the Legendary Night of Destruction. As usual we've got the trailer and bus races plus some surprises!

Pit passes are limited to performers, crew and those involved with the management of the program. Fans, no pit pass required, may visit the infield pits from 4:30 to 6:30 to hop on a school bus to ride around the track (free, of course), play some games, talk to some of the performers and see the vehicles up close. Plus we'll have some other games and surprises to keep you entertained. COME EARLY to the event. Don't get stuck in traffic lines or ticket window lines by arriving late. Fans may mark their seats beginning at 11:00 AM on September 14. Blankets placed prior to that time

will be removed. We are selling tickets in advance (there is a \$3 convenience fee per ticket) over the phone. No waiting in line to buy your tickets! Pick up your ticket envelope at the table to the left of the grandstand entrance in a couple of minutes and you're good to go. Skybox envelopes will also be at this table; skyboxes are sold out. The upper level of the small deck is reserved for persons in wheelchairs or walkers who need accessible seating. Persons accompanying them may also sit in that area as long as it's not a large group. Please no strollers or wagons for this event unless they can be folded up and placed under a seat and out of the way. They may not take up a seat. We will allow coolers 14" x 14" x 14" and smaller. No glass. Coolers must be placed by your feet; they may not take up seating. Thank you for your cooperation! Please no drinking or smoking or vaping in the 1000 person Family Section (immediately to the left of the grandstand entrance). We want everyone to be able to find a seat and have a great time. We appreciate your cooperation!

WRECK SOMETHING! Below, vehicles are still managing to move through the mess of boats, disabled vehicles and debris all over the track during the trailer race! We do like our fire!! Whether it's the SPECTACULAR fireworks display at the end of the program or surprise fires during an event!



Wanted: 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. Spectator Drags are back. **DRIVERS.** For events that require a transponder (trailer races), don't forget to bring your protective pouch if you have one! Save yourself \$20! See next page for additional information and payout; visit the website for rules.

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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2024



ALL NOD RULES ARE POSTED ON WWW.KALAMAZOOSPEEDWAY.COM

NO ENTRY FEE - BUY A PIT PASS & BE A STAR AT THE BIGGEST NOD EVENT IN MICHIGAN

Spectator Drags

\$1000 to win - \$250 for runner-up

-Street legal, licensed cars that are driven to track

Trailer Race for Trucks/

MiniVans/Mid-Sized SUV's

\$1000 to win - \$500 - \$250 - \$150 - \$100 5th thru 10th

-Read the rules online - Trailers will be up to size & weight to be able to run

-Officials have the right to disallow any vehicle or trailer prior to the event

Trailer Race for Cars

\$1000 to win - \$500 - \$250 - \$150 - \$100 5th thru 10th

-Same rules as the SUV/ Trailer Race

Demo Derby for Compact Cars

\$1000 to win - \$500 - \$200

Demo Derby for

MiniVans/Mid-Sized SUV's

\$1000 to win - \$500 - \$200

"Send It" on The Front Stretch

\$1000 to win - \$500 to the runner-up

-Who has the guts to send it like a Rock Star down the front stretch?

Email gary@kalamazospeedway.com for questions regarding rules, participants, etc.

Email barbara@kalamazospeedway.com for ticketing or event information.

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024.
OPEN DRIFTING. (Leased)**

AutoMODIFIED makes it two weekends in a row and brings you another Open Drifting event on Saturday, September 7. Experienced and first-time drivers are always 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.

It's **Super Shoe Camping Reservation time!** Persons renting a campsite in 2023 have until this Thursday, September 5 at 5:00 PM, 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.

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

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. Items not claimed will be destroyed (debit/credit cards) or donated (if of any value) after 30 days.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024. RECAP.

There were some great races on Friday night at the Zoo. This week, Friday, September 6, is the last weekly racing night until 2025. Don't miss it. Here's what happened last Friday.



THE AFC METAL SUPPLY Late Models put on the race of the night last week. An epic battle that went down to the last lap and a difference of 0.045 seconds. Jerry Pierman drove to a fast time of 13.872 (97.318 MPH). For the 35-lap feature, 15 cars lined up with Ken Papesch and David Guarino in row one. Jordan Brinkert made a run for the lead and led lap one. Time out for a quick caution for a spin. Back to green, Luke Krick quickly assumed the lead with Jordan Brinkert, Steve Stacy, Kenny Head and Phil Bozell trailing. Five laps in, Rick Senneker had made it into the top five and Bozell had moved up to third, quickly moving into second from there. At the halfway point, Krick continued to hold off Bozell, Head was in third with Chris Garrett and Jerry Pierman running as the top five. Pierman, who led the point race for most of the season, was in his own battle with Billy Shannon, the current point leader. Following qualifying, Pierman had gained two points bringing him to -12. With one eye on that battle and one eye at the lead, the race continued. Krick and Bozell engaged in the kind of race we all come to see. With seven laps remaining, Bozell made the pass on Krick, but Bozell couldn't pull away. Krick had the lead with five remaining. Bozell had the lead with three. Krick had the lead for the white flag lap. Both eyes had long moved to the leaders. Last lap, last corner. Bozell inched ahead. What a race! Rick Senneker had his best race of the season and joined Bozell and Krick on the podium with a third place finish. Chris Garrett and Jerry Pierman followed to complete the top five. Billy Shannon started off the second half of the order followed by Kenny Head, Taylor Sexton, Jared Blanchard and Steve Stacy. The top 13 cars all finished on the lead lap. Billy Shannon holds a slim 8 point lead over Jerry Pierman likely making next week's race the race of the week again. The last race of the season will determine the track champion for the AFC Metal Supply Late Models.



Left: Phil Bozell in Victory Lane and to the right, Rick Senneker (3rd), Lucas Krick (runner-up) and Phil Bozell.



Bryce Bozell took fast time in the **Honor Credit Union Limited Late Models** with a time of 13.577 (99.433), this from a young man who can't even take driver's ed yet. In the 30-lap feature, Mike Landon had the lead in lap one and Louis Miller for lap two. A.J. Foote moved to the lead and with 10 laps in, it was Foote in the lead followed by Caleb Bisacky, Logan Delayre, Louis Miller and TC Burgess. A quick caution at 17 laps remaining put Caleb Bisacky in a position to take the lead shortly after going back to green. With 10 remaining, Bisacky retained the lead, Foote was in second followed by Delayre, Cody Hawn and Bryce Bozell. The fluid leaking from Foote's car increased and he was black flagged with 6 laps remaining. The field continued to drive for position and at the checkered it was a jubilant Caleb Bisacky with his first win, followed by Bryce Bozell, Cody Hawn, Mason May and Logan Delayre in the top five. TC Burgess led off the second half of the

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order followed by Louis Miller, Bob Bliss, Mike Langdon and Paul Jakubik (-1). Bryce Bozell has a 50 point advantage over Cody Hawn in the race for the championship.



Caleb Bisacky in Victory Lane with his first win and, right, Cody Hawn (3rd), Caleb Bisacky and Bryce Bozell (runner-up).



Kyle VanSparrentak was at the head of the 20-car leaderboard in qualifying (14.872, 90.775 MPH) in the **Techworks Trailers Street Stock**. Adam VanAvery took lap 1 in the 35-lap feature, with Danny Oxford taking the lead for the next lap and then outpacing the rest of the pack. With 20 laps remaining, it was Oxford, Chris Garrett, Matt Corliss (starting 15th), Kyle Ribble (starting 16th) and Jerry Ballard (in his first appearance of the season). Kyle VanSparrentak (starting 18th) was in the #6 position. Five laps later, Garrett had dropped back to the fifth position with the others moving up. The field continued its door-to-door and nose-to-tail racing as the scoreboard flashed 10 laps remaining. Oxford still led, VanSparrentak had moved into the runner-up position, Ribble, Corliss and Greg Brown trailing. Oxford pulled into the pits with seven laps remaining. A few cautions marred the last few laps and when the dust settled, it was Kyle VanSparrentak across the line in the lead, followed by Kyle Ribble, Matt Corliss, Greg Brown and Alex Sexton in the top five. Chris Garrett (racing also in the Late Models), Kenny Head II, Mason Montgomery, Jesse VanAvery Sr. and Clyde Milliken rounded out the top 10, all on the lead lap. Kyle VanSparrentak has a 241 point lead over Alex Sexton and has successfully defended his track championship for the class. Congratulations on a solid season.



Kyle VanSparrentak (with family and friends) in Victory Lane. Right: the top three finishers in the Street Stock feature. Kyle VanSparrentak, Kyle Ribble (runner-up) and Matt Corliss.



In the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Front Wheel Drive Outlaws**, it was none other than Matthew Elsey Jr. as the top qualifier with a lap speed of 15.175 (88.962 MPH). The feature led off the evening and was a great race. Amanda Weatherwax found herself leading lap 1, Ira Hosner led lap 2 then Nick Layman moved to the lead and kept it until 12 laps remaining of the 25, when Dave Leonard Jr. soared to the lead. A caution eliminated the lead he'd put up. Matthew Elsey Jr. passed him on the backstretch with 9 laps remaining; however, instead of outpacing the field as has been typical, Leonard Jr. kept pace making it a great race. Leonard Jr. could pull to the side of Elsey Jr., not quite getting nose to nose but couldn't get around him. Meanwhile, Nick Layman was fighting for the third spot on the podium with Mason Metzger making a persistent and valiant effort to get around him. At the checkered flag, it was Matthew Elsey Jr., Dave Leonard Jr., Nick Layman, Mason Metzger and Drew Hosner. Scott Gates led off the second half of the order followed by Bryson Hosner, Braydyn Loop and Charles Anderson Jr., all on the lead lap. With a 189 point lead, Matthew Elsey Jr. has defended his 2023 championship in the class. Matt Elsey currently is the runner-up with one race to go.



Matthew Elsey Jr. has dominated the Front Wheel Drive Outlaws this season and has successfully defended his track championship in the class. Right, Nick Layman placed 3rd in the feature with Dave Leonard (center) treating fans to a great race finished in the runner-up position.



And last but not least, Gunner Gale was the top qualifier in the **Spartan Insulation Front Wheel Drive DOT** class. He clocked a time of 16.447, 82.082 MPH. It was Danny Bunch (in his first appearance at the Zoo this year) winning the 15-lap 'B' feature; Tony Gonzales was the runner-up and Zach Bozell placed third. Jordan Wright and Mike Metheny placed in the top five as well. Kameran Gaynor led off the second half of the order while Al Blanchard (82 and quite possibly the oldest driver to ever race at the Speedway), David Caro, and Bentley Foote (-5) rounded out the top 10.



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'B' feature top three: Zach Bozell (3rd), Tony Gonzales (runner-up) and Danny Bunch.

In the 20-lap 'A' feature, Travis Petto passed the flag stand first for the first lap. A red stop caution occurred on the next lap for a hard crash on the backstretch. When the race got back underway, Petto continued with his lead until Bri Brady moved ahead. John Gonzales made short work of Brady's lead and kept the lead until Scott Eley, on a championship mission, moved into the lead with 9 laps remaining. Another Brady, Bo, had been following Eley with Dillon Rose and Ethan Emerson (who later broke out) in pursuit. Anthony Foote added some extra excitement when his car caught fire, thankfully it went out by the time he stopped in turn one. Gunner Gale made a late race run and moved around Bo Brady for a spot on the podium and got around Dillon Rose on the white flag but couldn't hold on to it by the time the checkered flag waved. At the end, it was Scott Eley taking the checkered flag, Dillon Rose was the runner-up and Gunner Gale wrapped up the podium drivers. Bo Brady came in fourth followed by Steve Thomson, Desmond Watkins, Brenden Keene, Ryan Hufford, Austin McKee and Bri Brady (-). Scott Eley is 203 points ahead of his nearest competitor and clinched his first championship with the win. Eley, shaking, noted that he has tried for a championship for 30 years and hits a milestone age on September 3; this championship meaning the world to him.



Congratulations Scott. Dillon Rose is currently the runner-up; however, points are tight and Season Champion Night could result in a different runner-up.



Above, Scott Eley won the feature and is the Season Champion for the Front Wheel Drive DOTs. Right, Dillon Rose was the runner-up in the feature, Gunner Gale placed 3rd. Congratulations to all drivers.



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