



# TRACK TALK

September 9, 2024

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024. NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION.



- TRAILER RACES
- BUS RACES
- SEND IT CHALLENGE
- SURPRISES
- SPECTATOR DRAGS
- STUNTS
- DEMOLITION DERBIES
- FIREWORKS

It's September and it's time for the Legendary Night of Destruction.

The event starts at 7:00 PM SHARP!

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

Guests 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). We'll also have games and other forms of entertainment to keep you busy. COME EARLY to the event to avoid getting stuck in traffic or ticket window lines. Fans may mark their seats on September 14 beginning at 11:00 AM (tickets must be purchased first). 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 tickets outside the grandstand entrance and you're good to go. 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 1,000 person Family Section (immediately to the left of the grandstand entrance). No pot is permitted on the premises. We appreciate your cooperation so that everyone can have a great time!

**WANTED: Stars of the Show!** Want to perform in front of thousands! **Taking registrations for the Demolition Derbies** (one for cars, one for minivans/midsize SUVs), Trailer races (one for cars, one for midsize SUVs/minivans/trucks), Spectator Drags and Send It Challenge. Rules for each event are posted on the home page of the Speedway website. Spectator Drags are back paying \$1000 to win and \$250 to the runner-up. **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 below for additional information and payout; visit the website for rules. ([kalamazoospeedway.com](http://kalamazoospeedway.com))

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**



**KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY**  
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**NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION**

ALL NOD RULES ARE POSTED ON [WWW.KALAMAZOOSPEEDWAY.COM](http://WWW.KALAMAZOOSPEEDWAY.COM)

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

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**Spectator Drags** \$1000 to win - \$250 for runner-up  
-Street legal, licensed cars that are driven to track

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**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

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**Trailer Race for Cars** \$1000 to win - \$500 - \$250 - \$150 - \$100 5th thru 10th  
-Same rules as the SUV/ Trailer Race

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**Demo Derby for Compact Cars** \$1000 to win - \$500 - \$200

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**Demo Derby for MiniVans/Mid-Sized SUV's** \$1000 to win - \$500 - \$200

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**"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?

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## SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024. SUPER SHOE WEEKEND.

AT THE end of the month it's Kalamazoo Speedway's scheduled event. (Leased events continue into November.) Next week we'll cover everything you need to know about Super Shoe. Classes, payout, groups, rules and schedules are all posted on the Speedway website: Click on the Super Shoe post (homepage) and there is a list of documents to select from.

We've added a **Crown Vic class**. The Crown Vics will have their own practice sessions on Friday, their own qualifying sessions on Saturday AND run their feature on Saturday night.

**There have been changes to the approved tires list. Rumors abound! Here's the real deal:**

RWD Outlaws: Hoosier 980. Also allowed: Hoosier 970, 880, 800 or D800. No F-70's allowed.  
Street Stock: Hoosier 890. Also allowed: 8" Comanches. (Street Stock Body rules apply).

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There are VERY few **pit spots** reserved pits spots left. Call 269.685.3543. **Golf cart** rentals are sold out. Camping fees for persons who have reserved a **campsite** are due now. Persons needing to book a campsite may call 269.355.4628.

**SUPER SHOE EVENTS AT A GLANCE:**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, September 25	4:00 PM	Campers may check in and start camping
Friday, September 27	Noon - 5:00 PM	Pits open for race car parking
	5:30 - 8:25 PM	Open Practice
	9:00 - 10:00 PM	Pits open for race car parking
Saturday, September 28	8:00 AM	Pit gates open
	10:00 AM	PA Drivers' Meeting
	11:00 AM - 4:55 PM	Qualifying
	6:10 PM	Invocation/National Anthem
Sunday, September 29	6:15 PM	Heats followed by 'C' features and Crown Vics 'A' feature
	10:30 AM	Pit gates open
	12:30 PM	Features

**SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024. DRIFTING 3-DAY EVENT.**

AutoMODIFIED hosts its last multi-day event of the year on Friday, September 20 - Sunday, September 22. Drifting starts at 1:00 PM each day, going until 10:00 PM on Friday and Saturday and 8 on Sunday. Music will run 4:00 - 11 PM on Friday and Saturday. There's a classic and modern car show Saturday from 3:00 - 7:00 PM and vendors will be onsite until 9:00 PM Friday-Saturday and Sunday through the afternoon. Ride-a-longs are possible with a pit pass!! Pit passes (for non-drivers) are \$20. Grandstand seats are \$5 for adults; 12 and under are free. Drifting events are rain or shine (spectators sit under the skyboxes to stay dry). Ticket and pit windows open at noon.



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# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024. SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS' RECAP.

You aren't the only one wondering where the season went! We started the season in chilly April and ended on an unusually chilly night in September.



Thank you to Spartan Insulation for sponsoring the Front Wheel Drive DOT class for 2024.

Spencer Wortinger was fast qualifier with a time of 16.265, 83 MPH. In the 15-lap 'B' feature, Jordan Wright (right) was the winner, followed by Nate Bennett (runner-up, middle) and Cayden Verburg (left) finishing third. Hard luck to Bentley Foote who was having a stellar night but broke out and was disqualified.

Spencer Wortinger (below) won the 20-lap 'A' feature, 2024 Season Champion Scott Elsey (far right below right) was the runner-up. Bo Brady (center) finished third followed by Gunner Gale and Jeremiah Bouma. Leading off the second half of the order was Austin McKee, followed by Ethan Emerson, Desmond Watkins, Dillon Rose and Josh Whitt, all on the lead lap.



Scott Elsey (left with his sweetheart) is the Season Champion for the Front Wheel Drive DOT class. Bo Brady was the runner-up.

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Thank you to **O'Reilly Auto Parts** for their class sponsorship of the **Front Wheel Drive Outlaws**. Dave Leonard Jr. captured fast time with a lap speed of 14.963, 90.223 MPH. Nick Layman took the lead in the 25-lap feature and built up quite an advantage before a caution flew. When back to green, Matt Elsey (below left) took the lead and kept it through the checkered. Dave Leonard Jr. (in blue) was the runner-up with Matthew Elsey Jr. (center) finishing in third place. Nick Layman finished fourth followed by Mason Metzger (running in two classes tonight), Jake Doxey, Bryan Gates, Ira Hosner (-1), Charles Anderson (-1) and Brandon Darrow (-3). Matthew Elsey Jr. is the class season champion, successfully defending his 2023 championship; dad, Matt Elsey was the runner-up in the final standings.



At right, Matthew Elsey Jr., Front Wheel Drive Outlaw track champion for 2024.



Our gratitude goes out to **Techworks Trailers** for sponsoring the **Street Stock** for the **2024** season. Alex Sexton was the fastest qualifier in the 18 car field with a time of 15.103, 89.386 MPH. Mike Gain took the early lead. Danny Oxford, in another stand out night, took the lead about half-way through the 35-lap feature. He moved out well ahead of the field only to have his night end (through no fault of his own) on a hook to the infield with 5 laps remaining. With that turn of events, Mike Gain regained the lead. At the finish line it was Mike Gain (in his first year of racing). Alex Sexton was the runner-up with Kenny Head II finishing third. Zach Westdorp finished fourth, followed by Bug Schisler (warming up for Super Shoe), Chris Garrett, Cameron Schlabach, Kyle Ribble and Patrick Kirkendall, all on the lead lap. Kyle VanSparrentak successfully defended his 2023 Street Stock championship; Alex Sexton was the runner-up.



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Mike Gain (above) wins a feature against tough competitors in his first year of racing. Right, Kenny Head II, Mike Gain and Alex Sexton (runner-up). At right, Kyle VanSparrentak won his second Street Stock championship. He also has two Late Model championships.



**Thank you, Honor Credit Union, as a first year class sponsor for the Limited Late Models.** The class is back after a 17-year absence at Kalamazoo Speedway. Bryce Bozell took fast time in with a lap speed of 13.096, 103.085 MPH. In the 25-lap feature, Jeff Ganus moved into the lead early. A couple of cautions reduced the field, repairs were made to others and the race resumed. With 6 laps remaining, Jeff Ganus pulled into the pits with engine trouble. Cody Hawn was running in second at the time and took the lead with Bryce Bozell and Louis Miller behind him. Bozell was able to make the pass for the lead and at the finish line it was Bryce Bozell with the win and the Season Championship. Cody Hawn was the runner-up and Louis Miller placed third. Bob Bliss finished fourth on the lead lap followed by Mason May (-1), Mike Landon (-1) and Andrea Miller (-2). Jeff Ganus, Logan Delayre and AJ Foote did not finish the race. Bruce Bozell is the track champion in the Limited Late Models; Cody Hawn is the runner-up.

Bryce Bozell in Victory Lane with a multi-time track champion, Andy Bozell. Below, Louis Miller (3<sup>rd</sup>), Bryce Bozell and runner-up Cody Hawn.





Mason Metzger and Bryce Bozell pose after the races while track champions were congratulated and celebrated.



Thank you to new Kalamazoo Speedway sponsor AFC Metal Supply. **AFC Metal Supply was the 2024 sponsor for the Late Model class.**

With Billy Shannon only 8 points ahead of Jerry Pierman coming into season championship night, this was the race of the week. Billy Shannon qualified at the top of the 15-car field, putting him 10 points up going into the feature (this equates to 3 places in the finishing order).

Barely three laps into the race, Pierman pitted and rejoined the field at the tail with a lot of ground to cover. Kenny Head led, then Jeff Ganus lead. Rick Senneker was having his best race of the season. Billy Shannon was moving through the field and Jerry Pierman was making steady progress through the field as well. With 5 laps to go and at the checkered, it was Jeff Ganus, Rick Senneker, Kenny Head, Jerry Pierman and Billy Shannon. Chris Garrett led off the second half of the order followed by Bryan Vanzile, Taylor Sexton, Buddy Head and Mason Metzger, all on the lead lap. Billy Shannon took his 3<sup>rd</sup> track championship (2022, 1995); Jerry Pierman finished 6 points out of the championship.



Left: Upper left, Jeff Ganus, having better luck in his second race of the night; above, Rick Senneker (runner-up), Jeff Ganus and Kenny Head (3<sup>rd</sup>). Left, car owner Donnie Brest and Billy Shannon celebrate the championship.



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