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JUST A reminder that Track Talk publishes monthly during the off-season (October – about March). As news comes up (like the 2024 Awards Party, the 2025 Race Schedule and Rules), we'll be sure to publish a Special Edition!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – OPEN DRIFTING (leased event)
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On October 12, AutoMODIFIED will be welcoming novices and seasoned drivers alike to show off their stuff on the infield courses and on the high-banked oval. The track is hot from 2:00 – 9:00 PM. There's a drivers' meeting shortly before 2:00 and tech starts at 1:00 PM. Driver pit passes (which include one crew member) are \$80. All other pit passes are \$20 and a ride-a-long can be scored! Grandstand seats run \$5 for adults (13 and older); youth 12 and under are always FREE. Drifting events are rain or shine. Spectators sit up under the skyboxes to keep dry when it rains!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 SUPER SHOE WEEKEND RECAP

JUST OVER 200 race cars registered, 400 plus campsites were booked and plenty of fans in the bleachers—thousands of us had a great weekend of racing, camping and partying. Even the weather cooperated! Thank you to everyone who came out to race, crew, camp, watch and work the event! You're the best.

Corey Woods #57 (15.619 seconds) was the fastest of the 32 **FWD DOT** cars that took advantage of the Friday practice session. He bettered that time in qualifying, as the class grew to 60, with a time of 15.509 (87.046 MPH) and earned the fast-time trophy for the FWD DOT division. (Photo on page 5). Spencer Wortinger, Josh Whitt, Jordan Kasten, Keith Adams, Justin Garrett and Kyle Lasley won the heat races. Robert Harris (below left) won the 20-lap 'D' feature. Jesse Terry was the runner-up followed by Jason Foist, Kyle Lasley and Justin Weed wrapping up the top five; all finished on the lead lap. Keith Adams (below right) won the 20-lap 'C' feature, (which was called for time with 14 laps completed); Ryan Hufford was the runner-up followed across the finish line by Duane Green, Bri Brady and Kameron Gaynor finishing in the top five, also all on the lead lap. On Super Shoe Sunday, Lonnie Green II (bottom left) took the checkered flag in the 'B' feature (below left). Christina Rantz was the runner-up followed by Dale Leonard, William Porter and Brandon Chadwick as the top five. Bryson Beebe led off the second half of the order followed by Steven VanVleet, Brenden Keene, Rusty Noyes and Jordan Kasten, all finishing on the lead lap. For the 25-lap Super Shoe FWD DOT Nationals, it was Spencer Wortinger (bottom right) taking the checkered flag. Ryan Osborne was the runner-up followed by Duane Green III, Corey Woods and John Reames. Bryson Hosner finished in sixth place followed by Bo Brady, John Gonzales, Dillon Rose and Jacob Sauer; all drivers finished on the lead lap.



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Derek Danley (16.926 seconds) was the fastest of the **Crown Vics** that practiced on Friday evening. He repeated at the top of the leaderboard in qualifying of the 12 cars in the division with a time of 16.850 (80.119 MPH). Michael Sullins won the heat race. Michael Sullins (right) repeated his trip to Victory Lane in the 10-lap 'A' feature, called for time. Derek Danley was the runner-up followed by James Binkley, Stephanie Long, Brian Slaton, Jeff Stetler, Brian Bates and Sam Helton. Dominic Anderson was 9th (-1). The other cars in the class didn't start the feature.



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Bring on those **FWD Outlaws**. Matthew Eelsey Jr. was the fastest in practice (14.997) and repeated that feat in qualifying with a lap speed of 14.887 (90.683 MPH) over 40 other competitors. Amanda Weatherwax, Charles Anderson, Bryson Hosner and Chris Harman won the heat races. Bryson Hosner (below left) returned to Victory Lane with a win in the 25-lap 'B' feature. Barrett Patton was the runner-up, Brandon French, Jason Stone and Braydyn Loop rounded out the top 5. CJ French led off the second half of the top 10 followed by Amanda Weatherwax, Marq Eaton, Phillip Mattingly and Jonathan Wood, all completing the full 25 laps. In the Super Shoe FWD Outlaw Nationals' 30-lap feature, it was Matt Eelsey Sr. (below right) taking the checkered flag over Matthew Eelsey Jr. (0.383 seconds behind). Jason Harman finished third followed by Dustin Crume, Chris Harman, Tyler May, Will Slaughter, Bobby Laughter, Sheldon Lindlag and Mike Smith, all on the lead lap. Arguably the worst crash of the weekend occurred during the feature when Nick Pressler and Jerime Damron tangled when another car spun and set off a chain reaction, Pressler shooting skyward like a rocket ship along the outside retaining wall coming to rest on Damron. Neither driver was hurt.



Twenty-seven **Street Stock** turned up for the practice session with Bug Schisler coming out on top with a time of 15.042. Toby Montgomery was the fastest of the now 35-strong field with a lap speed of 14.818 (91.105 MPH). William Waldon, Rich Hensley and Tyler

Hufford won the heat races. Kaylee Hufford (next page, top left) won the 25-lap 'B' feature. Adam Van Avery finished 0.155 behind her as the runner-up. Brandon Maynard, John Reames, Mike Long, Seth Gilbert, Rich Hensley, William Waldon, Anthony Duell and Kodee Thompson finished in the top 10, all on the lead lap. In the 35-lap Super Shoe Street Stock Nationals, it was Tyler Hufford (next page top right) finishing 4 seconds ahead of Ricky LaDuke. Nick Marcott, Billy Yates and DJ Oxford finished in the top five. Jesse VanAvery Sr. led off the second half of the order, followed by Cody Lollar, Christian Haisley (-1) and Tyler Smith (-1).



And last but not least, 40 **RWD Outlaws** practiced with Matt Frazier sitting on top of the field with a time of 13.259. Virtually, the whole field practiced; however, seven additional cars joined the field on Saturday. Matt Frazier sat on top of the revised field as well with a time of 13.055 (103.409 MPH). Dale Cronenwett, Rodney Smith, Bobby Schisler, Zachary Maynard and Jacob Maynard won the heat races. In the 20-lap 'C' feature Caleb Barron (below left) prevailed. Avery Vanderhoof, Ryan Smith, Fred Brown and Brandon Brown rounded out the top five. Bryan VanZile (below right) won the 25-lap 'B' feature with Bobby Schisler finishing as the runner-up. Matt Sullivan, Tim Horvath and Ken Kirby wrapped up the top five. Rodney Smith, Andrea Miller, Jonathan Rangel, Kenyon Knight and Ralph Wine rounded out the top 10.



In the Super Shoe RWD Outlaw Nationals it was Matt Frazier (below) finishing up Super Shoe as he started in practice and qualifying: at the top. Adam Terry was the runner-up. Corey Ryman, Cory Pressler, Jared Blanchard, Barton Brooks, Louis Miller (-2), Bob Bliss (-2), Josh Trammel (-2) and Jeremy Vanderhoof (-6) finished in the top 10.

Congratulations to all the drivers who participated in Super Shoe XXXVII.



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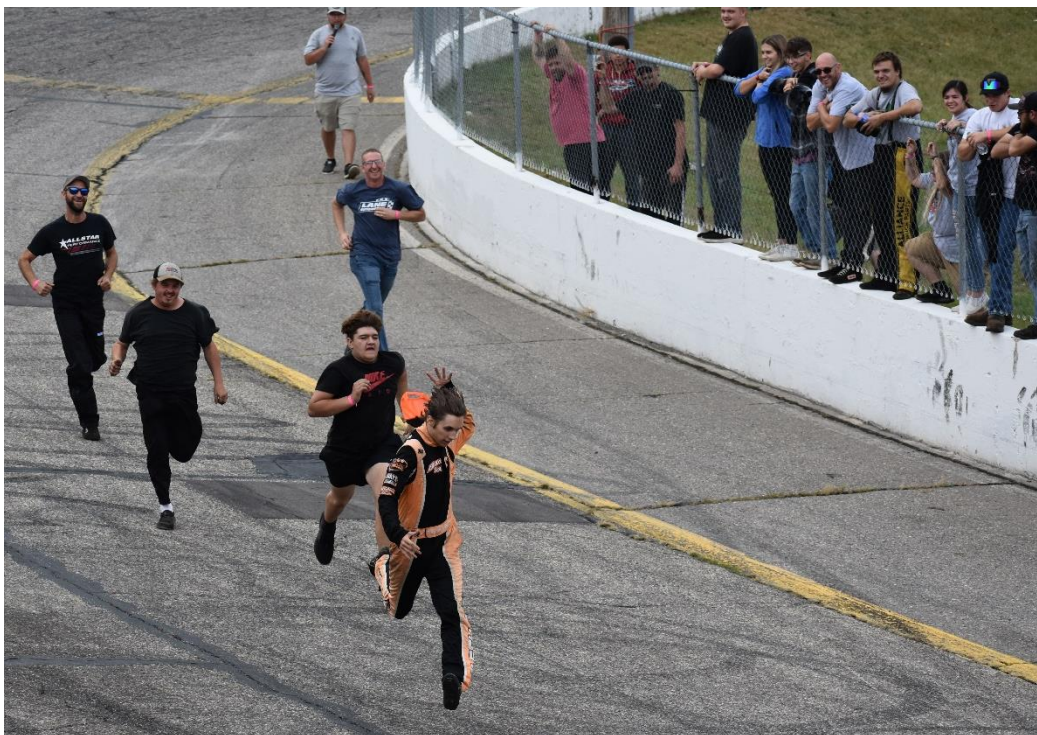
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Fast time awards from left to right: Directly below: Fast time drivers Toby Montgomery (Street Stock), Matt Frazier (RWD Outlaws), Matthew Elsey, Jr. (FWD Outlaws) and Corey Woods (FWD DOT). Derek Danley (Crown Vics) was not available. Below: Corey Woods, Matthew Elsey Jr., Matt Frazier and Toby Montgomery.



And, to close, we'll toss in a few photos from Super Shoe Weekend.



Left: The top five qualifiers in each class raced for a little extra jingle and the beer of their choice. Matthew Elsey Jr. won the FWD DOT race and lost his hat in the process! Pictured in addition to Elsey Jr., are Landon Brown, Dillon Rose, Spencer Wortinger and Corey Woods.

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The PA Tech, Grand Froelich (below), sits with the mini-command center to adjust the sound during practice. We just couldn't pass the gals all dressed up without shooting a photo! The bowling race to see who could achieve the greatest distance (there was a definite art to throwing the bowling ball!) around the track was a big hit with bowlers and spectators & the editor's choice for the most adorable camper!



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Blake Danku and Kurt Place won the Corn Hole Tournament. There were golf cart drag races! Campfires in the campgrounds! Happy people (many will recognize Bobby Oxford leading the happy!) A bar!



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And there were races! Clockwise: RWD Outlaw Nationals, FWD Outlaw Nationals, Street Stock Nationals, Outlaw FWD, FWD DOT Nationals.



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COMING UP FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2024.

AutoMODIFIED hosts four more Open Drifting events in 2024: October 12, October 19, November 5 and November 23.

The 5th Annual Bad Santa Enduro (also a leased event) is slated for November 30.

AND, stay tuned for news on the 2024 Awards Party (looking like January 2025).



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