




# Kalamazoo Speedway TRACK TALK April 18, 2018

FRIDAY **KALAMAZOO** APRIL 27  
*Speedway*  
**SEASON OPENER**  
**INTIMIDATOR**  
**100**  
**GI Products** FAST FRIDAYS RETURN 8 DAYS **GI Products**



**OPENING NIGHT - BE THERE!**

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## PRE-SEASON TESTING



Really? Rain, wind, ice? As Ray Loughan, Director of Competition for LaCrosse Speedway (West Salem, Wisconsin) observed as LaCrosse cancelled their April 14 practice, "Mother Nature must have her knickers in a bind." Perhaps with not quite so much flair, track owner Gary Howe took to Facebook to announce Kalamazoo Speedway's practice was history before it started. Given the dire weather forecasts all week, it can't have come as too much of a surprise, but after counting down the days for months, it was a big disappointment.

About a dozen drivers took advantage of the tire barn being open.

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There is one remaining practice. Come on out. A number of drivers plan to unveil their new car designs at the practice and several plan to surprise fans with running in a new division. No charge for the grandstands.

## Saturday, April 21 (1:00 - 5:00)

Need a current 2018 race schedule? There is a printable schedule on the website. Look for the pocket schedules in local shops and trackside.

 <http://www.kalamazoospeedway.com/schedule/>

Teams trying to rent the track for a little private testing have found themselves at the wrong end of the forecast as well. Day after day! Mark Shook (blue) and Matt Frazier (green) had a bit of weather-luck on their rental day on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>.



## SEASON OPENER

EIGHT MORE DAYS! The 2018 season opener! Friday, April 27 at 7:30 PM

The Zoo Stocks, Outlaw FWD, Street Stocks, Late Model Sportsman and the Outlaw Super Late Models all take the green flag at the opener. Early reports on participation indicate the car count at the opener might possibly be the highest in the history of the track.

And what would the season opener be without a couple of special features? The Midwest Compact Touring Series joins the Outlaw FWDs in a \$1,000 to win feature. The final race of the night is the GT Products Intimidator 100 for the Outlaw Super Late Models. Opening Night – 100 lap feature!!!



Pictured Adam Terry (#4) and Doug True (#93) competing in the Outlaw Super Late Models and Taylor Sexton in her 2017 Outlaw FWD. Sexton plans to race in the Street Stocks this year.



For drivers who haven't seen the Intimidator 100 Information Sheet posted on the homepage of the Kalamazoo Speedway website, check it out.



Opener Details: Pits Open 3:00 PM  
Pit Passes \$30  
Adults (13 and up) \$15; Kids (6-12) \$8;  
5 and under FREE  
Racing Starts 7:30 PM

## HOT LAPS – FAST FACTS

**Kalamazoo Speedway Sponsors** – We thank our sponsors for their generosity. Please let them know you appreciate them with your patronage. This week's featured sponsors follow.

**O'Reilly Auto Parts.** With stores brightly sporting their familiar bright colors, O'Reilly Auto Parts shops are conveniently located throughout the area including stores in Plainwell, Kalamazoo and South Bend. There are 277 stores in Indiana and Michigan alone and there is a store near you! This year O'Reilly Auto Parts is sponsoring the Outlaw FWD class.



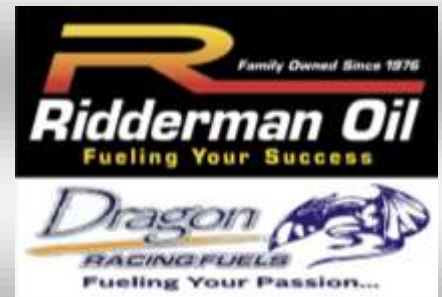
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 <http://riddermanoil.com/>

### **Team Spirit Custom Trailers and Techworks Trailer Sales**

Did you miss the news last week? For an unprecedented 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, Kalamazoo Speedway will be the beneficiary of an enclosed hauler to raffle off. The hauler has been generously donated by Team Spirit Custom Trailers and Techworks Trailer Sales. Be sure to express your support and thanks to Walt Obrieski (Techworks) and Mike Stutzman (Team Spirit).



Raffle tickets will go on sale at the season opener for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 and will be available to purchase all season long. The winning ticket will be drawn during Super Shoe weekend. All proceeds go to the Speedway's Zoo Kares for Kids program to bring kids (and their families) a little extra cheer at Christmas.



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