



# KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK June 20, 2018



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**FRIDAY, JUNE 22**  
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## FRIDAY JUNE 22: DOUBLE FEATURE STOCK FIVE NIGHT

Features, features and more features for all five classes: It's **Howe Patio & Windows Double Feature Night**. AND it's **Classic Car Night** at Kalamazoo Speedway. Car owners bring those classics out to the Zoo and fans take a look at them up close and personal on the midway Victory Lane (the winner's circle for race winners will be trackside this week). Double feature night doesn't just



apply to the "A" features; it applies to ALL features. Double features/double points. We will see you Friday for some great stock car racing. For more information click below:

<b>Details:</b>	Pits Open	3:30 PM
	Pit Passes	\$30
	Adults	\$15
	Youth 6-12	\$8
	Kids 5 & Under	FREE
	Racing Starts	7:30 PM

<http://www.kalamazooSpeedway.com/howe-patio-plus-double-feature-night-details-announced/>

## NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30** **RED, WHITE &**

**BOOM!**

**Monster Trucks  
Bus & Trailer Races  
Novelty Races  
Mayhem & Scarecrow  
“Wreck Something!”  
FIREWORKS**



**Come early and take a free bus ride around the track**

**FRIDAY, JULY 6** **STOCK FOUR NIGHT**

**Allstar Firecracker 75 for the Outlaw Super Late Models  
Zoo Stocks, Outlaw FWD, Late Model Sportsman**

## JUNE 15 RECAP

Ben Raber, a two-time Speedway champion, was killed in a single car accident a week ago Saturday and Kalamazoo Speedway paid emotional tribute to his memory throughout the night. A number of drivers experienced their own emotional moments along the way. Ricky LaDuke won his first Outlaw FWD feature. Brandon Zachary, driving Ben Raber's Street Stock, took quick time and won his first "A" feature. Phil Bozell ran in two classes and won the Outlaw Super Late Model race, giving Todd Harrington the point lead. A bridesmaid in the past two years when the final Street Stock points were tallied, Greg Brown ended the night with the point lead. Kenny Head (Ben Raber's step-dad) put up quick time in the Late Model Sportsman and looked to be on his way to a fairy tale first place finish in the make-up feature when he suffered mechanical issues and had to retire. AJ Foote (sporting Raber's "3") went on the win that race. Kalamazoo Speedway welcomed back Brandon Sweat. Sweat suffered a serious injury while riding his motorcycle on the Silver Lake dunes with his family and underwent surgery. It was good to see him walking around the pits, if a bit gingerly. His car sat on its trailer all night but let's all remember to welcome him properly next week.



Jack Goodrich offered the invocation and Heath Bronk of the Bronk Bros. sang the National Anthem. Instead of holding up one finger to signify one lap to go, tonight it was 3. To honor Ben, three laps were added to each feature.

First up was the Late Model Sportsman make-up race from the April 27 season opener. The field was already set from opening night and 16 drivers participated in the 33 lap feature. Contact on the backstretch almost took AJ Foote, Kenny Head and Jerry Jansen out of the race but everyone was able to keep racing without a caution flag being thrown. Louis Miller brought out the second caution of the night when he spun went around with 20 laps remaining. Lane Head, AJ Foote, Kenny Head and Josh Trammell were having



a race within a race jockeying for the lead. With 16 laps to go, Kenny Head made it around Lane Head. With 10 to go it was Kenny Head, AJ Foote, Josh Trammel and Lane Head. Buddy Head was charging and normally we wouldn't mention this, but we'll make an exception because it was all in the family, Buddy Head was thwarted in his charge when Lane cut him off allowing Keegan Dykstra to make up some ground. A lap later, Kenny Head's car gave out and he was finished for the race. There are a lot of Kenny Head fans and a lot that, well, aren't Kenny Head fans. But we're guessing everyone could have celebrated Kenny Head taking the checkered flag given his family's recent loss. AJ Foote went on to win the race followed by Josh Trammel, Buddy Head, Lane Head and Phil Bozell.

Jonathan Tysen and Michael Rozner's 23 lap Zoo Stock feature came to a rude end 2 laps into the race. The remaining 17 cars watched Logan Hiemstra (#43) take the lead and the checkered flag followed by Buster Martin Jr., Bryan Sawyer, Curtis Towne and Rielly Meade. Colin Bozell, who has held the point lead since opening night and had not finished out of the top 5, finished 15<sup>th</sup>, ruining his record as well as giving Curtis Towne the point lead. Bozell (-32), Jerry Ballard (-82), Nick Failing (-141) and Meade (-173) round out the top five. The 2016 Outlaw FWD champion Dan Rigoni (#70) picked up the victory in the 'B' feature followed by Don Teadt, Travis Petto, Cody Day and Don Porter.

It was feature win #1 for Ricky LaDuke in the 23 lap Outlaw FWDs with a full field of 21 drivers. MaKenna Snyder had the early lead and with 20 laps remaining, LaDuke and Pete Doxey were looking strong and driving with confidence. Both LaDuke and Doxey had to contend with lapped traffic to maintain their positions. Doxey was able to catch LaDuke but not make the pass and finished less than a car length behind. Doug Smith, Kyle Jansen and fast qualifier Jason Essex (15.303) rounded out the top five. Essex retains his lead in the points over LaDuke (-38), Layman (-82), Kyle Jansen (-114) and Doxey (-139).

Fast qualifier Brandon Zachary (14.710) started 11<sup>th</sup> in a field of 21 for the 33 lap Street Stock feature and took the checkered flag for his first "A" feature win doing so in Ben Raber's car. Thirteen laps in Greg Brown had the lead followed by Rob Hardy and it remained that way through 15 to go. Following a caution with 14 to go, the pack was nipping at Brown's heels. He held the lead until 10 laps to go as Ribble challenged Brown and Zachary put both of them in his sights. They made it 3 wide with Zachary taking the lead. A last lap caution couldn't stop Zachary from claiming the checkered flag. Greg Brown held on to second, followed by Rob Hardy, Barry Jenkins and Keith Wilfong. Brown came into the night sharing the point lead with Wilfong and leaves up by 14 points over Wilfong, Cook (-27), Shane Miller (-72) and Ribble (-118). You would think with as many professional and amateur photographers roaming the track that someone would have captured a better



photo to commemorate Zachary's win. We believe Zachary's arm may be seen on the trophy and his knee and foot on the pavement. We can only apologize.

The second lap of the 33-lap regular feature for the Late Model Sportsman wasn't kind to five of the drivers. Sparks were flying out of the lead car going into turn 1 and a major melee broke out. In all, Lane Head, Keegan Dykstra, Louis Miller, Frank Stager and David Guarino left the race following the red flag incident. Later in the race Ryan Minton and Jerry Jansen had a dust up in the backstretch and they, too, left the race. A couple of other drivers also departed early. Buddy Head got bopped and spun a couple of times but, as only he can do, managed to make a trip into the pits, not lose a lap and finish in the top 5. John Long took the lead early in the race and didn't give it up. Kenny Head and Josh Trammel put up a fight for position late in the race with Head prevailing. At the end it was John Long, AJ Foote, fast qualifier (13.893) Kenny Head, Josh Trammel and Buddy Head. AJ Foote holds the point lead followed by Kenny Head (-14), Buddy Head (-24), Keegan Dykstra (-123) and Lane Head (-127), making a strong showing in his last few races.



The Outlaw Super Late Models' 43-lap feature took a page from the Street Stocks: pack racing and jostling for position. Matt Corliss had the early lead. Andy Bozell was leading with 28 to go. Andy and Phil Bozell were battling for position, Andy Bozell's car started smoking and was black flagged. Billy Shannon, who has had a hard season thus far, pulled into 5<sup>th</sup> place with 17 to go. Rick Senneker, who also has had his share of trouble this season, pulled into 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 10 to go. In the end it was two-time track champion Phil Bozell taking the checkered flag in an intense race out dueling Doug True at the end. Craig Everage finished third, followed by Rick Senneker and fast qualifier Todd Harrington (12.873). Harrington is the new point leader over Phil Bozell, two-time champion Mark Shook (-40), Doug True (-42) and 12-time champion Andy Bozell (-50).



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