



# KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK July 18, 2018

The Outlaw Super Late Models are back in the lineup this Friday night!



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THE MIDWEST COMPACTS JOIN THE OUTLAW FRONT WHEEL DRIVES

## FRIDAY JULY 20: STOCK FIVE NIGHT

All five classes see action this Friday plus the Midwest Compact Touring Series will join Kalamazoo Speedway's Outlaw FWD class for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual World Series of Compacts (\$2,000 to win and \$200 to start). Fans who missed last Friday's races



<b>Details:</b>	Pits Open	2:00	missed some of the most intense racing of the season. Whether competing for a championship, a top 10 season finish or a personal best, the racing has become serious. All of the point races are tight with merely five points separating the top two in the Late Model Sportsman, eleven in the Outlaw Super Late Models and three in the Zoo Stocks. We will see YOU at the races!
	Pit Passes	\$30	
	Adults	\$12	
	Youth 6-12	\$5	
	Kids 5 & Under	FREE	
	Racing Starts	7:30	

## NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

**SUNDAY, JULY 22**

**200 LAP FWD ENDURO**

(\$1,000 to Win [75 cars & over]; \$750 to Win [under 75])

**\$500 to Win Trailer Race**

**FRIDAY, JULY 27**

**STOCK FIVE NIGHT**

All classes race

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 3**

**STOCK FOUR NIGHT**

Burg Stocks vs Zoo Stocks Round II

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8**

**KALAMAZOO KLASH XXVI**

**ARCA/CRA SUPER SERIES**

**125 LAP FEATURES**

The KLASH

IT ONLY COMES ONCE A YEAR

BE THERE

Already named one of the top five events in the nation, Kalamazoo Klash XXVI returns to a **\$10,000 TO WIN** race for the Outlaw Super Late Models. Thank you to new sponsors GT Products and Fish Buck Lake Camp for making this possible. GT Products and Fish Buck Lake Camp join 26-year sponsors Sweet Manufacturing and Lane Automotive in adding even more prestige to this classic event.

**\$10,000 to win. \$5,000 for second. \$3,000 for third.**

Then 2500 – 2000 – 1800 – 1600 – 1400 – 1200 – 1000 – 950 – 900 – 850 – 800 – 750 – 725 – 700 – 675 – 650 – 625 – 600 – 600

## JULY 13 AT THE RACES (RECAP)

Fans were treated to some of the most intense racing of the season last Friday night, proving again that on any given night, anything can happen. Four classes, 112 cars. Matt Elsey, either loving racing or looking for a big payout, competed in three of the four classes, slamming hard into the wall in the Outlaw FWD feature and advancing to the Street Stock feature through the last chance race. Several winners knew how to find their way to the checkered flag but not to Victory Lane on the midway.

It was the Dave Miller show in the 28 cars strong **Zoo Stocks**. Miller, a long-time enduro racer, was tuning up in a Rent-a-Ride for the July 22 200 Lap FWD Enduro at the Speedway. Son, Shane Miller, was also driving a Rent-a-Ride in the class for the night. Dave Miller (in front of the new Victory Lane sign) was fast qualifier (17.125), won his heat race and went on to win the 20-lap feature from the back of the field. First time at the track in years, he drove to a perfect 160 points. Larry Byrie and Mason May took the green flag from the front row. May took the lead until Jerry Ballard passed him with 17 laps to go. Meanwhile Miller was flying through the field and passed Ballard on the backstretch with 11 laps to go.



Rielly Meade got around Ballard for second place followed by Ballard, Jessie Van Avery Jr. and May. The point leaders both had tire issues. Curtis Towne had a tire go down early in the race and finished two laps down. Colin Bozell made a quick pit stop during a caution and had to restart at the tail of the lead lap; he was able to work his way back through the field to finish sixth. Towne's point lead was cut to 3 over Bozell. Ballard retains the third spot (-84) followed by Nick Failing (-164) and Meade (-179). In addition to Miller, Grant Lofquist and Blake Piper won heat races. Jonathan Tysen (right) won the "B" feature.



Pete Doxey was the fastest qualifier (15.336) in the **Outlaw FWD** class. Heat races were won by Ryan Hamm, Duane Green and John Munro. A couple of cautions marred the early going of the 20-lap feature with some cars leaving the track and others finding themselves at the tail of the field. John Munro was the early leader before incurring a breakout time violation. Matt Elsey's car was off pace a couple of times before slamming into the first turn wall bringing out the red flag 8 laps into the race. When the race went back to green Jason Essex was out to a strong lead followed by Ryan Hamm, Doug Smith, Brock Sweeter and Pete Doxey. Doxey took second place from Hamm and it looked like it was going to be an Essex-Doxey showdown. Essex blew a tire with 4 to go and Doxey tried to squeeze past him on the inside and didn't make it. Both were done for the night, thus ending that duel for the night. Hamm (top left) took the checkered flag followed by Ricky LaDuke, Sweeter, Smith and Kyle Jansen. Essex retains the point lead followed by LaDuke (-34), Jansen (-110), Layman (-112) and Doxey (-135). Alex James (left) won the "B" feature.

The **Street Stocks** fielded a group of 28 drivers for the \$1,000 to win Howe Patio & Windows 35 lap feature. Toby Montgomery put up fast time with a 14.915. Advancing in the 15-lap last chance race were Kevin Sweat, Adam Van Avery, Matt Elsey and Danny Oxford. Apparently the Street Stock drivers made a pact that there would be no smiling for the camera. Tom Rutherford and Chaz Hook lead off the first lap and 5 laps later they were still in the lead with Shane Miller, Kyle Ribble (right) and Todd Hall in pursuit. Much of the remainder of the field including point leaders Greg Brown, Zack Cook and Keith Wilfong was mired in a midfield pack. Barry Jenkins brought out a caution when his car put down a trail of sparks. Leader, Tom Rutherford headed to the pits with a tire down. With 10 to go it was Ribble, Cook,



Hook, Brown and Montgomery. With his first championship at stake, Brown was charging. Cook, looking to make it two championships in a row, made a move on Ribble from second place but couldn't get around him. Brown rounded Cook and there were 5 to go. A late race caution was thrown for a multi-car dust-up on the backstretch. Brown took his best shot on the restart but Ribble executed the restart flawlessly and it was Ribble winning his second feature of the season followed by Brown, Montgomery, Cook and Hook. Brown extended his point lead to 40 over Wilfong, Cook (-41), Ribble (-122) and Shane Miller (-128).



The **Late Model Sportsman** closed out the Howe Patio & Windows Twin 35s. AJ Foote clocked fast time (13.850). Brandon Zachary (bottom left), Louis Miller, Bob Bliss and Jordan Hunderman advanced to the feature through the last chance race. Buddy Head (sharing a laugh before the races) led from green to checkered and he not only earned the \$1,000 purse, he earned the win. The inversion and Bill Tomlinson electing to start at the tail of the field put Buddy Head and Austin Maynard in the front row followed by Chris Shannon, Phil Bozell, Andy Bozell, Keegan Dykstra, Kenny Head and AJ Foote.



A complete restart was needed when Maynard and Buddy Head made contact in turn 3 of the first lap. Head, Louis Miller and Derek Kearns spun; Terry Hard and Curtis Holt were done for the night. Once underway with Head in the lead, the Bozells were behind him trading paint vying for second and third place. Andy Bozell, driving the Lane Automotive owned #59 that John Long has been driving, won that match-up, and glued himself to the bumper of Head's car. Meanwhile Keegan Dykstra was taking to heart the message (right) propped over his tire before the night got started. With 13 to go, Buddy Head was barely holding off a relentless Andy Bozell. A caution flew with 13 laps remaining sending Andy Bozell to the tail. This put the other Bozell on Head's tail with Dykstra, Foote and Shannon following. Dykstra wrested second place from Bozell with under 10 to go and then set upon catching



Head who had what appeared to be one of those insurmountable Buddy Head leads.

Dykstra cut the lead to a car length by 5 to go. People started sitting up straighter and shifting to the edges of their seats. And Dykstra kept gaining. In the end, it was Head over the finish line 0.045 seconds before Dykstra followed by Foote, Phil Bozell and Maynard. Kenny Head finished seventh and retains the point lead over Buddy Head (-5), Foote (-33), Dykstra (-106) and Lane Head (-203).

