



# KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK July 11, 2018



\$1,000 to win 35 lap features for the Late Model Sportsman & Street Stocks

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IT'S 35 LAPS FOR THE STREET STOCKS & LATE MODEL SPORTSMAN THIS FRIDAY

## FRIDAY JULY 13: STOCK FOUR NIGHT

The Street Stocks and the Late Model Sportsman run 35 laps each in the Howe Patio & Windows \$1,000 to Win Twin 35s. The Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stocks run their regular length features to round out the night. After a "BYE" last week,



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

the Street Stocks are ready to rumble. Good hard racing: qualifying, heat and features. We will see YOU at the races!

## NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

FRIDAY, JULY 20

### STOCK FIVE NIGHT

All classes race

The Midwest Compacts join the Outlaw FWDs for the night



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

## RECAP OF JULY 6 AT THE RACES

Kevin and Vern Sauer, owners of the South Bend Motor Speedway, are familiar faces at the Kalamazoo Speedway. Even if you don't know Kevin Sauer personally, you've likely noticed his Disney themed Outlaw Super Late Model. Last week Kevin Sauer's company, Bran Roofing, and the South Bend Motor Speedway offered a bonus for each class. The winning driver in each class threw one of the big pink dice typically used to determine the inversion for the night. The face value of the toss determined the winner of the bonus. A six signified that the 6<sup>th</sup> place finisher got the bonus, a two meant the 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher was walking away with the bonus, etc. We thank them for their generosity!



Three heats were needed for the 24 **Zoo Stocks** that competed last Friday. Heats were won by Adam VanAvery, Buster Martin Jr and Leonard Diamond. Colin Bozell had fast time (17.127). Jerry Ballard captured the early lead and maintained the lead while the field sorted out behind him as Curtis Towne moved into the second spot. Ballard held Towne off deep into the race but Ballard made a wide turn in four and Towne got by him. A late race caution shook up the field a bit and Bozell moved into the second spot to challenge Towne but Towne was too much for the rest of the field. Towne (left) finished in the top spot followed by Bozell, Van Avery, Ballard and Martin Jr. in his second top five finish in as many weeks. Matt Eley (pictured with fellow driver Christina Rantz) won the 15 lap B feature. Towne had a lucky bounce when he threw the dice and took home the \$100 bonus. Towne leads the point battle for the second week in a row followed by Bozell (-32), Ballard (-112), Nick Failing (-164) and Rielly Meade (-210).



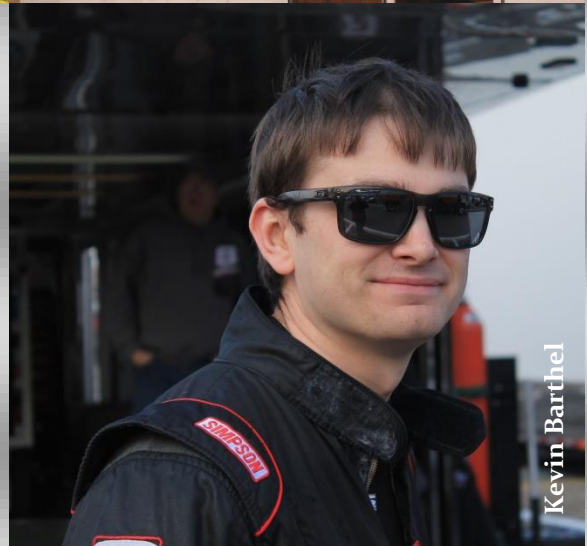
Paul Bittle claimed the fastest (15.170) qualifying time of the 20 **Outlaw FWD** contenders. Pete Doxey (right) won his second feature of the season and met a personal goal of prevailing over powerhouses Paul Bittle and Jason Essex when all three drivers went the distance. Gabe Carr, a 15 year old rookie, also had a noteworthy night. His first appearance at the Zoo was May 18 when he ran a 16.701 in qualifying and was graduated from the Zoo Stocks into the Outlaw FWD having exceeded the 17.0 second lap speed limit for the class. This week Carr (pictured next to his #15) won his first heat race against such notable drivers as Nick Layman and last week's feature winner, Ricky LaDuke. Layman is third in the point standings, LaDuke is second and Carr is a respectable 12<sup>th</sup>. Brock Sweeter won the other heat. In the feature, it was fast and furious from the moment the checkered flag waved. The 95 of Brandon Sweat was piloted by brother Kevin Sweat (due to the Street Stocks having the night off) but limped off the track before the completion of the race. Carr started midfield and had the lead with 15 to go. Essex led at the halfway point with Doxey in second and Jeremy Young running third. Doxey took aim at Essex and moved into the top spot. Young, Essex and Bittle engaged in a race within a race for the second through fourth spots; Young won that battle. At the checkered, it was Doxey, Young, Essex, Bittle and Kyle Jansen. Essex remains the point leader followed by LaDuke (-71), Layman (-121), Doxey (-129) and Kyle Jansen (-129). Doxey rolled a 6 on the dice which gave the \$200 bonus for the Outlaw FWDs to Will Slaughter.



The 18 drivers competing in the **Late Model Sportsman** class put on a compelling show with Kenny Head (right), starting out of the 17<sup>th</sup> position and taking the checkered flag for his first feature win since 2015. Buddy Head and AJ Foote won the heat races. Kenny Head captured fast time (13.881). Curtis Holt started in the front row and led the first four laps before giving it up to Lane Head who started in the second row. AJ Foote and brothers Buddy and Kenny Head were moving up in the field, the latter having a brotherly duel getting there. Halfway through the race the caution flag flew when Jerry Jansen spun and the Head brothers managed to go left and right around Jansen unscathed. A few laps later, Lane Head got loose in Turn 4 resulting in Head and Foote tangling down the front stretch, the Head brothers once again having to skirt the cause of the caution. Foote left the track on the end of a wrecker and Lane Head went to the tail of the field. Buddy Head inherited the lead followed by brother Kenny. Kenny cleared Buddy with about 8 laps to go as Keegan Dykstra went around Josh Trammell. At the checkered it was Kenny Head, Buddy Head, Dykstra, Trammell and Terry Hard. Kenny Head reclaimed the point lead over Buddy Head (-17), Foote (-51), Dykstra (-122) and Lane Head (-181). Kenny rolled a 2 which gave Buddy the extra \$300.



It was a rough night for many of the **Outlaw Super Late Models** in the Allstar Performance Firecracker 75. Jeff Ganus and Dan Roodvoets were done before the feature started. Four laps into the feature one driver got into the back of another setting off a chain reaction that looked like “the big one” from a NASCAR restrictor plate race. Caught up were Andrew Brest, Matt Frazier, Craig Everage, Rick Senneker, Todd Harrington, Rick Hahn Jr. and Doug True. True was the only driver to return to the track and he retired after running another 27 laps in a car that had seen far better days. Jeff Bozell started the race in the front row and led for a number of laps before Mark Shook took the lead. Tyler Roahrig who had been moving up through the field took the lead from Shook with 49 laps remaining. Lapped traffic provided some engaging viewing as Roahrig tried to pass Bozell and Chris Garrett. Later Mark Shook and Adam Terry found themselves behind the same duo, still in unyielding mode, and it was Terry who made it out of the bottleneck first when Chris Garrett moved ahead of Bozell clearing the way for Terry to move up. Matt Corliss ran a steady race leading for a short time in the early laps of the race. In the end it was Roahrig (right), Terry, Shook, Corliss, and Garrett rounding out the top 5. Doug True and Jeff Bozell won the heat races. Harrington had fast time with a 12.942. Despite a bad night, Harrington is still the point leader followed by Shook (-11), True (-24), Terry (-75), Frazier and Senneker, both down 92. Adam Terry was the beneficiary of the \$400 bonus bucks.



Kevin Barthel

## KENNY HEAD – LOCAL CELEBRITY



WWMT did a feature on Kenny Head on Friday night, interviewing him before qualifying, between races and after the feature in Victory Lane. Way to go Kenny Head! For film and a touching story, click on the link below. Pictured with Head is WWMT Sports Reporter Jorge Rodas and photo journalist Zack Lawler.



<http://wwmt.com/news/local/west-michigan-racer-attributes-winning-streak-to-fallen-loved-ones>



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