



# KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK SEPTEMBER 5, 2018



The stage is built. The tents are going up and hundreds of chairs are being brought in to go with all the tables. It's the Pit Party at the Zoo. We will see you there!

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## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: PIT PARTY AT THE ZOO

Come celebrate the end to another season at Kalamazoo Speedway! Drivers asked for a laid back party instead of the traditional banquet, so we are giving it our best shot.

- 🏁 **When:** Saturday, September 8
- 🏁 **Where:** Infield at Kalamazoo Speedway
- 🏁 **Times :**  
7:00 – Dinner  
7:45 – Awards (no boring speeches!)  
9:00 – midnight Bronk Bros.
- 🏁 **Who:** Drivers, crew, car owners, sponsors, families, fans & friends
- 🏁 **Awards:** Top 10 in each class, Gary's Gatekeeper Awards & specialty awards
- 🏁 **Tickets:**  
\$20 Adults  
\$ 5 (6-12)  
5 & under FREE  
  
Tickets are available at Howe Patio & Windows in Plainwell or at the ticket windows on the day of the event.
- 🏁 **Access:** Enter infield through main grandstands only (next to ticket windows)
- 🏁 **"Howes":** Dinner, snacks, dessert, water & lemonade included in ticket price  
\$1 soft drinks & draft beer  
Cash bar for domestic beer, wine & wine coolers

## NEXT UP AT KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY

The September post-season continues! Don't forget to enter the drawing for the enclosed trailer donated by Team Spirit Trailers and Techworks Trailer Sales. Tickets run \$10 per ticket or 6/\$50. All proceeds go to the Zoo Kares for Kids Christmas Program, bringing a little extra cheer to families at the holidays. The winning ticket will be drawn on Super Shoe Sunday; the winner doesn't have to be present to win. Let's all remember to thank Walt Obrieski and Mike Stutzman for donating a trailer for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 NIGHT OF DESTRUCTION**

You know the one: monster trucks, trailer & bus races, mini-enduro, mini-van demolition derby and Scarecrow will be back. **FIREWORKS** close out the evening.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

### **SUPER SHOE SHOTGUN CAMPSITE FOOTRACE**

Race to get your campsite for Super Shoe weekend! Add time and what you need to do

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 SUPER SHOE NATIONALS**

Hundreds of cars. Last Chance Races. Heats. Plus Features, Features, Features. Likely there'll be some partying!

For all listed events, go to [www.kalamazooSpeedway.com](http://www.kalamazooSpeedway.com) for information, rules, race programs and payouts.

## **CALL OF THE WILD & 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WORLD SERIES OF COMPACTS (in review)**

For the second week in a row we had some ill-timed sprinkles, humidity and a bumper crop of cars in the pits (147 to be exact). Add in trailers and haulers and that's a lot of machinery trying to get around on 4 tires. The track received some extra attention when WOOD-TV posted a photo taken from the grandstands showing a potential tornado forming. No harm but it made for some interesting conversation to make sure we attended responsibly to everyone's safety. Jack Goodrich offered the Invocation and the Remix Barbership Quartet offered the National Anthem (and posted this selfie on their Facebook page).



Corey Woods posted quick time (15.550) for the FWD-DOT group of 32 drivers. It took three starts for the drivers in the 'B' feature to finish the first lap and an equal amount to make it through all 20 laps. In the end it was John Russell, Ira Hosner, Valerie Bozell (driving her old Zoo Stock; the one her brother Colin drove to his track championship last week), Drew Ketola and Kyle Knapp. Russell elected not to meet us up in Victory Lane so we can't offer a photo of him or the fine trophy he won.

For the caution free 25-lap 'A' feature, fast qualifier Corey Woods made a race for the head of the pack, taking the lead from Collin Whitfield who had led for the first 8 laps. Woods experienced mechanical issues and coasted into the pits without bringing out a caution. Jeff Sayles took advantage of Woods' misfortunate and maintained the lead until Don Rufener III passed him with under 5 laps



remaining. Rufener took the checkered flag followed by Jeff Sayles, Robert Siegel. Jason Harmon and Whitfield. Rufener was running in more than one race and opted to forego Victory Lane.



The Midwest Compact Touring series boasted 75 cars competing in the World Series. Brandon Delacy put up quick time of 15.211.

In contrast to the opening race of the FWD-DOT class, the Compact's 35-lap 'B' feature ran with only a couple of quick cautions. Adam VanAvery took over the lead with 29 laps remaining when the race went back to green after the second and final caution. Once in the lead he put a lot of real estate between his car and the rest of the field, capturing not only the win but the \$1,000 payout. Mike Long finished second, followed by Doug Smith (who finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the regular season for the Outlaw FWDs), Curtis Gray and Case Roelofs.



Before the main event for the Compacts, we talked to 4 of the top five qualifiers. Fast qualifier Delacy, making his first trip to the Zoo, was surprised he was in the top spot, sharing that his goal was to make the top 20. Ryan Hamm, who won the Outlaw FWD feature at the Zoo on July 13 was hoping to make the A feature. Doxey, who runs a partial season every summer at the Zoo finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Outlaw FWDs this year. He resides in Colorado where he teaches and flew back to Michigan to run in this race. Jason Essex won the Kalamazoo Speedway track championship in the Outlaw FWDs and has noted all along that there will be some really fast cars at this event. Paul Bittle is always a threat (and hard to find to get a few words). All the drivers in the field put on a skilled and spectacular caution-free 40-lap race. Kalamazoo Speedway's Drew Locey took



the lead off the green and held it until 21 to go when Chad Curtis passed him. Doxey started in the 9<sup>th</sup> position and quickly started working his way to the lead. With 25 to go, Doxey had moved into the 4<sup>th</sup> spot and steadily worked his way up through the field. With 10 to go, Curtis had added a little extra daylight between he and Doxey. Two laps later Doxey was at his door and got around him with 7 remaining. Curtis kept fighting but in the end it was



Doxey's race. Curtis finished second followed by Todd Metz, Jr (who won the Outlaw FWD feature at the Zoo on August 24 and last year's FWD Super Shoe), Adam Kryzkowski and Delacy. Doxey is pictured with Andy Jach, Midwest Compact Series Director, presenting the winner's check for \$2,000.

Brock Sweeter (pictured before the race) won the rain-shortened (but official) 'C' feature. Sweeter finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the regular season standings in the Outlaw FWD class. Drivers scheduled to run in the D feature split the pot equally.

The top 5 qualifiers for the RACEceiver Showdown were Brian Ross, AJ Foote, Andrew Brest, Bradley Blackburn and Marc Casey. AJ Foote posted the fastest time of 11.188. Marc Casey was unable to compete due to a hard hit in turn 2 after posting his best time and was done for the night.

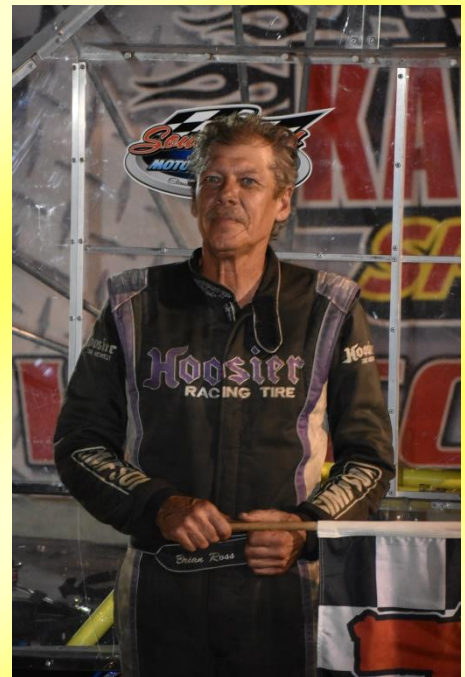
The rear wheel drive class saw 40 drivers qualify with Brian Ross taking fast time with a time of 11.810. Terry Senneker (in case anyone is wondering) holds the track record in the Outlaw Super Late Models with a blistering time of 11.759 (earned during qualifying at the 2014 Klash).



In the 35-lap 'B' feature Nathan Ely led the first lap with the lead changing numerous times over the course of the race. Travis Rozner moved his way to the front of the field from the rear and received the first of two black flags for a breakout time violation with 30 to go. He dutifully made his pass through the infield before being allowed to join the field at the tail. By lap 15 Rozner was back up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> position and gained the lead with 11 laps to go followed by the dreaded second black flag which meant he was parked for the remainder of the race. With that, TC Burgess took over the lead

and parked his car in Victory Lane. Jordan Hunderman finished second followed by Danny Oxford, Brent Drobny and Dylan Uminn.

The 50-lap RWD Call of the Wild feature had officials keeping one eye on the radar and another on the track. Brian Ross was dominant in the race and established a commanding lead lapping everyone except second place finisher AJ Foote (3<sup>rd</sup> in the regular season competing in the Late Model Sportsman), both of whom sported formidable boards. Andrew Brest (8<sup>th</sup> in the Outlaw Super Late Models) finished third with Jeff Bozell (10<sup>th</sup> in the Outlaw Super Late Models) and Matt Sullivan rounding out the top five.



We will see all of you at the Pit Party this Saturday night.