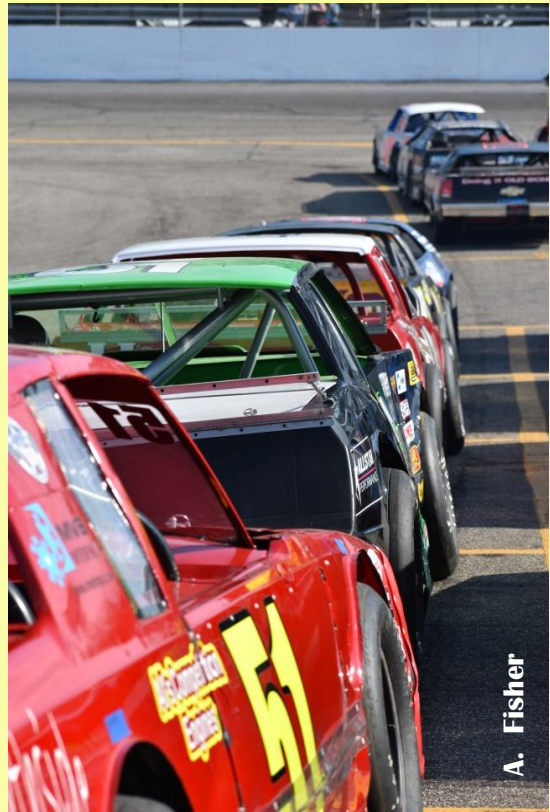




KALAMAZOO Speedway TRACK TALK OCTOBER 17, 2018



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FIRST PRACTICE OF 2019:
178 DAYS!!

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RACING NEWS FOR THE 2019 SEASON

Efforts are still being directed to wrapping up details from the 2018 season and winterizing the track but a few pieces of the 2019 schedule have fallen into place: Mark your calendars now for several big nights next season.

	Pre-Season Testing	Saturday, April 13
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	SEASON OPENER	Friday, April 26
	Red, White & Boom!!	Thursday, July 4
	Kalamazoo Klash XXVII	Wednesday, August 7
	SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS	Friday, August 23
	Call of the Wild	Saturday, August 31
	Pit Party at the Zoo	Saturday, September 7
	Night of Destruction	Saturday, September 14
	SUPER SHOE WEEKEND	Friday, September 27 – 29

Class and General Racing Rules for 2019 will be published no later than Thanksgiving. Track officials note few if any rule changes so start building those cars now to be ready for Pre-Season Testing! Some discussion is underway to change the time a driver can post before being graduated from the Zoo Stocks to the Outlaw FWDs. Stay tuned.

2019 SEASON: 70TH YEAR OF CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS!

The track may be shuttered for the winter but many of us are hard at work getting ready for 2019. The upcoming season marks the 70th consecutive year that the track has been in operation. 70 YEARS! Check out Track Talk next month for some track history as we begin the countdown to the 70th Anniversary Season. Following are some Kalamazoo Speedway quick facts.



- 🌸 **Opened in 1950 – 70 consecutive seasons of racing (in 2019)**
- 🌸 **Located off US 131 – 10 minutes from Kalamazoo; 40 minutes south of Grand Rapids**
- 🌸 **Paved 3/8 mile high-banked oval**
- 🌸 **Fastest 3/8 mile oval in the world**
- 🌸 **Paved pit space for 145 cars with trailers/haulers**
- 🌸 **Seats 6,500 and includes 43 skyboxes (holding 8 - 16 guests each)**
- 🌸 **Racing April through September**
- 🌸 **Designated family seating with no alcohol or smoking (capacity of over 1,000)**
- 🌸 **Paved accessible parking, modern restrooms and 30 acres of general parking**
- 🌸 **Top of the line safety equipment staffed by paramedics**
- 🌸 **Visiting series include the ARCA/CRA Super Series, Winged Super Sprints and the Midwest Compact Touring Series**
- 🌸 **Special events include the Red, White & Boom, Kalamazoo Klash, the legendary Night of Destruction, Call of the Wild, Super Shoe Nationals and Fireworks**
- 🌸 **Six unique concession stands, two party decks (capacity of 240 and 100) plus hospitality services for groups up to 500**
- 🌸 **Proud supporter of numerous local non-profit organizations, schools and churches**

HAUNT PARK AT THE KALAMAZOO SPEEDWAY – A TOP 10 MICHIGAN HAUNT!

The Haunt Park has been a Halloween fixture at Kalamazoo Speedway for many years. This year the Park owners upped its fright factor with a new clown event and intensified another. The House of Terror “promises to be the most intense trashing of the senses you’ve ever had the misfortune of experiencing”. Visit one or all four of the attractions during your visit. (The Extreme House of Terror has limited capacity on any given night).





Says the Haunt Park, “When we warn customers that Haunt Park attractions are an intense experience, and not recommended for the faint of heart, we are serious. Each year, hundreds of people can’t muster the courage to finish their visit because

they are just too terrified”. Taking that a step further, the Park developed a “Chicken List” which is published on their website and updated over the course of the season. We’ve included the list for the first 2 weekends of the 2018 season plus the 2016-17 results. The list goes back to 2009 and there are always 200 plus people who have to leave mid-“scare” or who have experienced other, shall we say, incidents. During the season, the Park plays host to thousands of thrill seekers. We thought of taking a photo of all the cars in the parking lot and the Park all lit up. We could hear screams all the way out to the gate. We changed our minds. There might be monsters in the parking lot.



2018 Chicken List: (updated 10/15/2018)

Chickens: 69

People wetting their pants: 11

People leaving something extra in their pants: 1 (there’s just something about clowns)

2017 Chicken List: (updated 10/31/2017)

Chickens: 297

People wetting their pants: 24

People leaving something extra in their pants: 1 (self-reported)

Pukers: 3

2016 Chicken List: (updated 10/31/2016)

Chickens: 267

People wetting their pants: 27

People leaving something extra in their pants: 2 (verified through smell only)

Pukers: 4

Remaining dates:

Friday, October 19 (7:30 – 11:00 PM)

Saturday, October 20 (7:30 – 11:00 PM)

Friday, October 26 (7:30 – 11:00 PM)

Saturday, October 27 (7:30 – 11:00 PM)

Tuesday, October 30 (7:30 – 10:00 PM)

Wednesday, October 31 (7:30 – 10:00 PM)

As long as visitors are in the ticket line by the designated closing time, guests will be able to purchase tickets and go through the attractions.



<http://www.hauntpark.com/>

NICE OUTFIT BOSS MAN!



G. Wheaton

Track owner, Gary Howe, takes advantage of a little downtime.

TIME OUT CHAIR – It'll be back for 2019 and it might have a brother!



Kalamazoo Speedway Track Services



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