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64 (!) Days to the Season Opener



Safety Summit: Saturday, February 23

Check out the top of the line equipment on the Kalamazoo Speedway safety truck, pick up any Kalamazoo Speedway rule packet or the tutorial for new racers (or those new to racing at the Zoo) and there should be no doubt that Kalamazoo Speedway is all about safety. So, we want you to know about the Safety Summit that long-time sponsor Lane Automotive is hosting Saturday, February 23 in Watervliet (8300 Lane Drive). For racers and crews, the summit runs from from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Top safety manufacturers will be onsite for the day plus there will be special pricing on select safety equipment. Learn about the newest trends for safety equipment through presentations, demonstrations and product training. Need some custom made earmolds? Racing Electronics can help you out. If you haven't had an opportunity to try and exit a safety harness hanging upside down, try out the Kalamazoo Speedway's "FlipR" (pictured on the next page).



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Testing, Testing, Testing!

Open hot-lap sessions will run on the two Saturdays prior to the season opener. Pit passes for the April 13 and April 20 sessions are \$20. Both sessions run from noon – 5 PM. We’re sure to have a big crowd of drivers and crews shaking down their cars before opening night. The grandstands are FREE so come on over and check us out.



All drivers must fill out the 2019 Driver Information Form. Forms will be available at both testing sessions or download your form now (click on the link below) and bring it with you to one of the practice sessions. Completed forms must be on file before any payouts will be made. If a car owner is to be issued the 1099 (rather than the driver), the owner must also include their information. Thank you for your cooperation.



<http://www.kalamazospeedway.com/driver-info/forms/>

For private track rentals, click below for details or call the Speedway Office (269) 692-2324.



<http://www.kalamazospeedway.com/driver-info/track-rentals/>

Season Opener: Friday, April 26

DETAILS:	Pits Open	3:00
	Pit Passes	\$30
	Adults	\$15
	Youth 6-12	\$8
	Kids 5 & Under	FREE
	Racing Starts	7:30

All this wild weather? Here’s to warm temps and clear skies for the 70th season of racing at Kalamazoo Speedway. We wouldn’t mind having clear skies and no snow on the track for the open practices either! No matter the weather, we will be ready to welcome fans, drivers, crews, staff and sponsors back to the track. The pocket schedules will be available in early April and an electronic version of the season schedule is always just a click away on the Kalamazoo Speedway website.



<http://www.kalamazospeedway.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/2019-Tentative-Schedule-11-25-2018.pdf>

Opening Night 2018 (clockwise): Minutes after the pits opened, Skeeter was directing traffic; tech was hopping; the Street Stocks line up for their crack at qualifying; and, the Outlaw Super Late Models hit the oval for their first session of qualifying.



Seasonal part-time help is needed in the concession stands for 2019. Contact the Speedway Office if you need some extra \$\$\$ and are interested.

HOWE WINS PROMOTER OF THE YEAR

A leader in short-track racing and a hands-on track owner/promoter, Gary Howe was honored by the Michigan Speedway Promoters Association (MSPA) as the 2018 Dick Beebe Memorial Promoter of the Year at a ceremony in January. Unfortunately the ceremony was held on the other side of the state on one of the nights when weather conditions were hazardous. Howe serves on the Board of the MSPA and has been honored with this award on four previous occasions, the last in 2016. We can't think of a more deserving recipient.



Daytona Workshop Series - 2019

Gary Howe and Race Director Shawn McLaughlin were off to Daytona Beach for 5 days. The story was that they were panelists at the 46th Annual Racing Promotion Monthly (RPM) workshop series. A likely story, but they backed the claim up with photos.



Clockwise: Shawn McLaughlin listens to a presenter; McLaughlin's return to Kalamazoo (check out the footgear); Gary Howe makes a point at one of the workshops where he presented.

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