

KALAMA 70 YEARS SPEEDWAY

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TRACK TALK

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16 (!) Days to the Season Opener featuring the Intimidator 100



OPEN PRACTICE SESSIONS

A few drivers have gotten an early start and rented the track to test out their 2019 cars. This Saturday (April 13) and the following Saturday (April 20) is Open Practice from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Come on out and take your car out for a pre-season shakedown run. Grandstands are FREE! Pits open at noon; pit passes are \$20.

SEASON OPENER

#FastFridays return on Friday, April 26. It's the 70th consecutive racing season at Kalamazoo Speedway! What a milestone! Come on out to see all five weekly classes start their seasons off plus the Outlaw Super Late Models run their signature opening night event: the Intimidator 100.



APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Open Practice 1:00 – 5:00 PM \$20 Pit Pass
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Open Practice 1:00 – 5:00 PM \$20 Pit Pass
21	22	23	24	25	26 Season Opener Racing starts 7:30	27
28	29	30				

Free Grandstands

DETAILS: SEASON OPENER

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

Opening Night 2018: Terry Senneker driving through the infield pits with Chris Terry looking on.



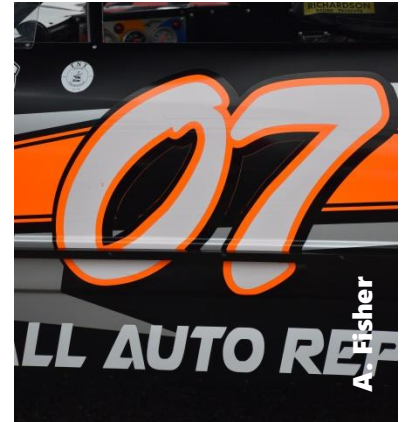
2018 CHAMPIONS (REAR WHEEL DRIVE)

Outlaw Super Late Model track champion, Todd Harrington, will be defending his first title at Kalamazoo Speedway and hopes to pick up a few more wins along the way. Harrington has set some goals for the season including running a little more consistently this year, earning a second championship and he'd like to run better in the longer lap races like the Intimidator 100 and the Kalamazoo Klash.





Street Stock champion, Greg Brown, and his team are looking forward to a little relief from the pressure of trying to win that first championship. This year he's hoping to earn a spot in Victory Lane a few more times than in 2018 and be competitive week in and week out. Brown started his racing career in 1997 running go karts. His first season in a Street Stock was at M-40 and he ran the Enduro circuit for a while. Brown's goal for 2019 is adding a second championship to his resume but knows this will be a tough order given the competition in the class. He offers that he is really looking forward to Raber's Rumble and hopes to add a win in that event to his racing resume as well.



Buddy Head ended last year's season with a smashed car and his 6th consecutive championship (7th overall) in the Late Model Sportsman. He'll be going for his 7th consecutive win in 2019. We'll include Buddy's thoughts on the 2019 season in next week's edition; a few technical difficulties at both our ends made it impossible to include his thoughts this week. We'll close by observing that someone is closing in on Andy Bozell's record of 8 consecutive championships.



CIRCLE OF LIFE

Jerry "Buster Jr" Martin passed away on March 31 after a long, hard fought battle with cancer. Son of long-time Kalamazoo Speedway employees, Buster & Jan Martin, the younger Martin grew up at Kalamazoo Speedway and will be remembered for his love of racing. He was always working on race cars, creating art work for drivers and designing Kalamazoo Speedway apparel. In 2017 Jerry took the wheel of a Rent-a-Ride and in 2018, he built a Zoo Stock, winning events in his inaugural season at both Kalamazoo (pictured on next page) and Galesburg Speedways.

A Memorial Account (Jerry "Buster Jr" Martin) has been set up at 5/3 Bank to help with funeral expenses. (1282 M-89 Highway, Plainwell, MI, 49080)

Details for a celebration of Jerry's life will be announced at a later time. Please keep the Martins in your thoughts over the coming months.



TRAILER RAFFLE IS BACK!

The trailer raffle is back! Thanks to Team Spirit Custom Trailers and Accessories & Techworks Trailer Sales, Kalamazoo Speedway will be raffling off a nicely equipped 24' Track Champ enclosed trailer valued at \$9,500. We're humbled to receive such a generous donation for the 4th consecutive year. All raffle proceeds go to the Zoo Kares for Kids program, bringing a little extra cheer to about 40 kids and their families at the holidays.

The \$5 raffle tickets (5/\$20) will only be sold at the track beginning Saturday, April 13 and continuing throughout the 2019 season. The winning ticket will be drawn on Super Shoe Sunday (September 29) and if the winner isn't there, we won't give the trailer to someone else.

Let's show our support to Team Spirit Custom Trailers and Accessories & Techworks Trailer Sales by contacting Walt (www.techworkstrailers.com) or Mike (www.teamspirittrailers.com) for your trailer needs.



The 2018 enclosed trailer raffled off on Super Shoe Sunday.



FAST FAMILY FUN FOR 70 YEARS
We will see you at the races.