



# KALAMA 700 YEARS SPEEDWAY

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## TRACK TALK

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**MAY 24 features the Lane Automotive 75 for the Super Lates, the Street Stocks, Outlaw FWD & Zoo Stocks**



### WEEK #5 – FRIDAY, MAY 24

Week #5 features the annual Lane Automotive 75 for the Outlaw Super Late Models. The Street Stocks will be on hand for their regular weekly racing, getting in a final tune up for Raber's Rumble on May 31. The Outlaw FWDs return after their BYE the last time we raced. And, not to be forgotten, the entry level Zoo Stocks will be on hand showing off their racing energy.

Last week's Ben Beeler Memorial Trophy Night by Send Out Cards has been rescheduled for June 21. Autograph night (new on the schedule) looks like it will be August 16.

We will see you at the races!

DETAILS: MAY 24 (WEEK #5)	
Pits Open	3:30
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$15
Youth 6-12	\$8
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30

## **RABER'S RUMBLE FOR THE STREET STOCKS – Friday, May 31**

**Tough Coat Powder Coating presents:**

### **RABER'S RUMBLE**

*Sponsored by GT Products | Howe Patio & Windows  
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**FRIDAY, MAY 31 – 7:30 PM**

**Pit Gates Open: 3:00 PM**



**Practice Starts: 5:30 PM**

**TOP 44 QUALIFIERS ARE LOCKED INTO TWO (ODD/EVEN) FEATURES**

**\$333 Fast Time Bonus**



**Raber's 33 Lap Twin Odd & Even Feature Payout**

**\$1,333 to win 750-500-450-400-350-300-250-200-180-160-140-133 on back**



**Ben's Dash for Cash Payout (top 8 finishers from each odd/even feature & the two fast qualifiers [if not in the top 8] will race in this winner take all 33 lap shootout)**

**\$1,333 to win 333-222-200-150-133 on back**



**Ben's Revenge Consolation Race (45 and back qualifiers)**

**\$150 to win 133-120-115-110-105-100 on back**



**Turn 1 & 2 Gang "\$33 Lap Money Program"**

**(over \$2500!!!)**

**Funds supplied & collected by Justin LeRoy and Turn 1 & 2 Gang**

**Drivers: Make sure you read the Raber's Rumble Information Sheet.**

**AND there's more! The Late Model Sportsman, Outlaw FWD and Zoo Stocks will be running their weekly program for points! This is a non-points race for the Street Stocks.**

## **RETRO MOMENT**

Gary Howe started his racing career in high school. He caught the racing bug while working at Warnings Service Station in Otsego, owner Ralph Warning having an interest in racing. His first car is pictured at right and a subsequent car from circa 1977 on the following page. A budding businessman even then, Howe attended high school, did roofing for local builders (Howe Roofing) and worked at the gas station. Then as now, Donna Howe (then Donna Edwards and Howe's girlfriend) was by his side (check out the ♥ on the car). Howe went on to win 4 track championships between 1990 and 1998 and bought Kalamazoo Speedway in 2001. Warning owned Galesburg Speedway for about a dozen years. Warning is Ryan Warning's dad, one of Kalamazoo Speedway's current race directors.



Howe Family



## RECAP: WEEK #4 (MAY 17)



An unfavorable forecast forced the shuttering of the track for Week 4.

We will see you Friday May 24.

## PHOTO MEDLEY

In addition to rain washing out the races, it washed out our taking more photos of our racing families and the rest of our young (men) teen drivers. We'll start with this set and continue until we have made our best attempts to find everyone.



**Drew (left), Bryson (center) and dad, Ira Hosner (sharing the #19 and #29 Zoo Stocks) are keeping it all in the family. Bryson and Drew are both rookies in their teens. Drew, at 14, is one of Kalamazoo Speedway's youngest drivers. Brother Bryson turned 15 earlier in the year.**





Mike (#01) and Josh Zordan (#9) both drive in the Street Stocks. Josh is one of our teen drivers, turning 18 last week.

Mike was the 1994 and 1996 Late Model Sportsman track champion. Josh was the 2017 Rookie of the Year in the Street Stocks and finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the standings his rookie year

In week #2 of this season, Mike finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the feature with Josh finishing right behind him in 7<sup>th</sup>.



Matt Elsey Jr. is the youngest driver at the track this year at 14 and a few months. Matt is joined by the rest of his racing family, Christina Rantz, Matt Elsey Sr. and Matt's dad, Scott Elsey. Scott had success at the 2016-17 FWD Super Shoe Nationals with a couple of heat wins and a 'C' feature win. Christina won a 2016 RWD heat race and the 'D' feature Last Chance race. Matt also won a heat and the "D" feature that same year following it up with an 'E' feature win in 2018. Matt Jr. came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 'B' feature in his first race and has run respectably in the 'A' feature since.



Since the Sweat brothers (Kevin, Denver and Brandon) burst on the scene as rookies in the Zoo Stocks in 2017, they've made their mark. Who can forget Kevin's (far left) vertical bounce off the tire on Season Championship Night? Kevin now competes in the #06 Street Stock and Denver (center) in the #3 Late Model Sportsman; Brandon isn't racing this year. Dad, Jimmy Sweat, owns all the race cars and earned the 2017 Trooper of the Year Award. Denver is one of our teen drivers at 18. He was the 2017 Zoo Stock Rookie of the Year finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the end of the year standings. Kevin finished 6<sup>th</sup> in his rookie year and brother Brandon in 7<sup>th</sup>.



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

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