

# KALAMAZOO 700 YEARS SPEEDWAY

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## TRACK TALK

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**JUNE 14 features the Non-Winged Super Sprints joined by the Outlaw Super Late Models, Late Model Sportsman and the Outlaw FWDs**



### WEEK #7 – FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Kalamazoo Speedway welcomes the Auto Value/Bumper to Bumper Non-Winged Sprint Series as the headliner for this Friday night's program. This is the first of two visits the Sprint Series will be making to the Zoo in 2019. The Outlaw Super Late Models will also be on hand to add their brand of speed to



the night and rounding out the program, we've got the Late Model Sportsman and the Outlaw FWDs. There'll be heats. There'll be features. We will see you at the races!

DETAILS: JUNE 14 (WEEK #7)	
Pits Open	3:00
Pit Pass (12 & up)	\$30
Adults	\$18
Youth 6-12	\$10
Kids 5 & Under	FREE
Racing Starts	7:30

### WEEK #8 – FRIDAY, JUNE 21

June 21 marks the return of all five classes for racing action. From the Zoo Stock to the Outlaw Super Late Models, they'll all be here to entertain you. Fast, Family Fun on Friday Night!!

## TIRE SOAKING

Kalamazoo Speedway rules have clearly stated that tire soaking is a prohibited practice. On May 21 we posted a Tech Bulletin (51719) about Tire Soaking.

We are disheartened to say that the first time we raced (May 31) after the posting, we took a sample from one tire on one driver's car and it came back positive for a cocktail of substances. The driver has been suspended and will be paying a \$500 fine before he will be permitted to race at Kalamazoo Speedway again. All money and points were forfeited for May 31. We are disappointed and want to state again in case any driver or team thought we weren't serious.

**ABSOLUTELY NO TIRE SOAKING OF ANY KIND.  
Tire soaking is not healthy, it's expensive and it's illegal.**

## RETRO MOMENT

Eighteen years is a long time to hold a grudge but every once in a while we still run across someone who hasn't forgiven Gary Howe for putting up the backstretch wall at the track. Howe put up the wall the year he bought the track (2001). Though inherently unsafe, there was something both exciting and occasionally funny when cars vanished off the backstretch, particularly when the car rejoined the action near turn 3. Hard to imagine the first eight years of the Kalamazoo Klash were run without the backstretch wall. Now we can't imagine cars being able to just fly off the track. And it wasn't just the back wall (see photo on the next page). No front wall! A few tires and a guard rail is all that's standing between a flying car and humans! The front wall was put in by previous owner Marty Jones in 1997. Check out Bob Holley and the #17 and Dale Harrington on the track in the #32 in the photo below.

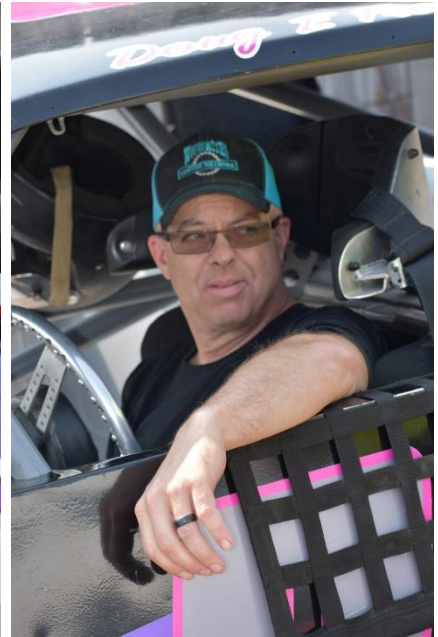






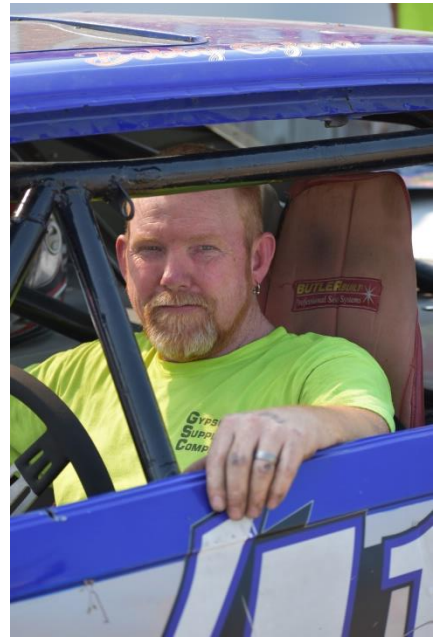
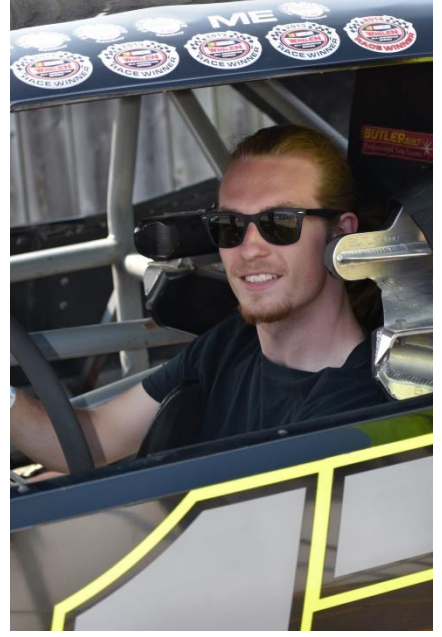
## PHOTO MEDLEY

Tech was a very busy place on May 31 so we took the opportunity to exercise the cameras. Below: Brock Sweeter in the #13 Zoo Stock; rookie Makenna Long in her #15 Street Stock; and, Doug Gallandt in his #88 Street Stock.



On the next page we've caught Zach Westdorp driving the #16 Street Stock; Outlaw FWD's Joe Lambright in the #69 and Chaz Hook driving the familiar #17 Street Stock. In the second row, there's Jake Hopwood in the #71 Street Stock; Ryan Stutz driving the #31 Late Model Sportsman and Bob Miller driving the #34 Street Stock. The third row starts with Barry Jenkins in the #44 Street Stock; Taylor Sexton in her #7 Street Stock; and last but not least, Bobby Oxford in his #41, also a Street Stock.







## PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS



So the top car lost its tires and needed a lift? Nope. The stacked set is one of the pairs that will race in a new novelty event coming to the Night of Destruction on September 14. The driver in the top car steers and the driver in the bottom car has the gas pedal. And no, there isn't communication between the drivers.



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