

JUNE 30 TRASH DASH

The crashing started before the Red, White & Boom Night of Destruction when Otsego Middle School students ran their “trash dash” cars at an outing at the track on June 30. Each student made their own battery-operated car and then pitted their cars against others until all the rounds were complete and one student was determined to have the fastest car. Gary Howe provided a brief instructional session on the track, then loaded the kids onto one of the ride buses and off they went. Howe surprised everyone by exiting the track, weaving through the upper pits then thrilling the riders with a fast entry back onto the track.



JULY 2 & JULY 3 PHOTOS

The Allegan Brass Collective played the National Anthem for the Red, White & Boom Night of Destruction on Friday, July 2 where nearly 5,000 folks came out to see a family-oriented program capped off with fireworks.

Bob Snyder won the Spectator Drags and bragging rights. The Monster Trucks’ most (unexpected) thrilling moment was when one of the trucks flopped over on its side near a staff member and the safety truck. Yikes!



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Kevin Barthel video photo

Frank Gasko won the Road Rage Drags and the Reverse Chase Challenge. Tyler McGhan and Makena Snyder won the Mattress Race. Renae Letts took home a cool grand for winning the trailer race.

Brothers Logan Meade and Rielly Meade won the Stacker car race. Rielly Meade won the Fox & Hounds Race and took home extra cash for the Showman's bonus. Scarecrow flew through a barricade of stacker cars for his first stunt and then ignited a huge fire blast and emerged from it for his second stunt.



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For the leased event on July 3, the evening started off with an autograph session. Fans got to see up close and personal the various classes on hand, some of which most fans had never seen before.

The Howe Patio & Windows Michiana Mini-Wedge Series (left) run a course in the infield and saw Bentley Foote win the Junior Feature and Ella Terry win the Senior Feature.

The MCR Dwarf cars ran heats (won by Bruce Clay and Zack Nichols) with Matt Kemp winning the feature race. (bottom left)



The GLS Mini Cup cars (below) are one-quarter the size of a cup car and at first glance (or even a second or third glance) defy imagination on just how an adult can fit into one. Greg Stanley and Tim Phillips won the heat races; Phillips went on to win the feature.



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Logan and Rielly Meade (blue cars) looked to make it two in a row for the Stacker races, but it was not to be so, Zack Denton and Brock Sweeter (black cars) were the victors on Saturday night.



Last up on the program was the 200 lap “Merica Enduro with its \$5,000 to win payout. Fifty-one cars lined up on the track to start the race. Jay Orr (bottom) won the race followed by Scott Gardner, Jacob Schaub, Cory Kruzell and Matthew Elsey, Jr. Adam Terry finished 10th.

Fireworks put a period on the evening and weekend at Kalamazoo Speedway.

Friday, July 9 it’s back to the Zoo’s weekly race program.



Fast, family fun for 71 years

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