



## CANTERBURY PARK

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1100 Canterbury Road

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# AMA Pro Flat Track Motorcycle Racing Saturday

*Minnesota Mile returns to Canterbury Park*

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Shakopee, MN -- AMA Pro K&N Filters Grand National Championship presented by Motorcycle-superstore.com makes it return to Canterbury Park Saturday, September 11. The 'Minnesota Mile', part of the AMA Pro Grand National Series, will be held on Canterbury's one-mile dirt oval. Gates open at 11:00 am. Practice begins at 1:30 pm and Championship racing begins at 6:00.

It has been 13 years since AMA Pro Racing has hosted flat track motorcycle racing in Minnesota on a mile track. The last such event, also at Canterbury Park, was in 1997.

Bill Davidson, Vice President, Harley-Davidson Museum, and great grandson of Harley-Davidson founder William A. Davidson will attend the event at the suburban Minneapolis racetrack. The Harley-Davidson XR750cc has been the most successful motorcycle in the history of the sport.

Canterbury's track, used primarily for horse racing, has been converted by AMA Pro Racing Operations Manager Steve Morehead. Speeds exceeding 120 mph are expected. The track cushion has been stripped away to the limestone base and several safety features, including air fences will be added. "Mile racing is the most spectacular form of motorcycle racing," Morehead said. "The changes we are making to the track surface will allow side by side racing with riders racing only inches apart. The action is unbelievable."

The Minnesota Mile is one of 19 national dates this year. Flat track racing on mile ovals is a rarity; Canterbury is one of just two such tracks west of the Mississippi. The oldest form of motorcycle racing, flat track racing has seen a surge in popularity over the last few years.

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Last weekend, the series was in Springfield, IL for the annual Springfield Mile. Bryan Smith, riding the Monster Energy Kawasaki, won the event. The margin of victory over seven-time Grand National Champion Chris Carr, riding a Harley-Davidson, was 0.047 seconds. The top five finishers came across the finish line together separated by only a quarter of a second. Both Smith and Carr are expected to participate this weekend.

Ticket prices for adults are \$20.00 for General Admission. Children under 5 are free, and 5- 12 are \$10.00. VIP reserved seating is available for \$35.00. General admission and reserved VIP tickets are available at the Canterbury box office, [www.canterburypark.com](http://www.canterburypark.com) or by calling 952.445.7224. General admission tickets can also be purchased at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) , or by calling 800-745-3000. Parking is free.

The AMA Pro Flat Track Grand National Championship is the oldest and most traditional form of motorcycle racing, tracing its roots back to the early 1900's when young daredevils tested each other on county fairground ovals all around the United States. In 1954, Joe Leonard was crowned the first Grand National Champion, accumulating the most points in the new series. Since then, the series has seen major changes but remains strong 56 years later. At the end of the 2010 season, the rider who accumulates the most combined points in Expert Twins and Expert Singles events will be crowned the 2010 AMA Pro Grand National Champion and carry the #1 plate. A rider will be crowned champion in each of the following classes: Pro Singles, Expert Singles and Expert Twins.

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