

Competitor Bulletin # 2024-04

TO: All Progressive American Flat Track Competitors
SUBJECT: Event Information Update – Bridgeport, Lima & Sturgis TT
DATE: June 26, 2024

Progressive American Flat Track Community,

This bulletin is intended to communicate competitor information about recent and upcoming events to the AFT community. We welcome feedback and discussion from the community on any items listed within this bulletin, or any other AFT competition-related questions that you may have, please email AMA Pro Racing's Competition Department at competition@amaproracing.com.

1. Arai Bridgeport Half-Mile presented by Drag Specialties Post-Race Information

- a. **FS1 Premiere Telecast:** Saturday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m. ET (11:00 a.m. PT)
- b. **Event Recap:** <https://www.americanflattrack.com/assets/view/28661/crScheduleRecapDetail-F2435.pdf>
- c. **Tech Log:** <https://www.amaproracing.com/assets/view/28660/2024-AFT-Bridgeport-HM-Tech-Log.pdf>
- d. **Penalty Report:** No penalties issued.

2. Lima Half-Mile Event Information

- a. Event Schedule w/ FloRacing Live Streaming Coverage on Saturday, June 26 (all times local):

10:00am	Registration Open; Pit Gates Open. Teams enter the pits through Gate 1.
1:30pm	Tech Inspection
2:00pm	Chapel Service
2:45pm	Mandatory Riders Meeting
3:30pm	Bikes on track for first practice session
6:40pm	Opening Ceremonies
7:00pm	Heat Races & LCQs
8:30pm	Fan Walk/Open Paddock
9:25pm	Parts Unlimited AFT Singles presented by KICKER Main Event (8 Minutes + 2 Laps)
10:00pm	Mission AFT SuperTwins Main Event (10 Minutes + 2 Laps)
- b. Complete Event Schedule: <https://www.amaproracing.com/assets/view/28646/2024-AFT-Lima-HM-Comp-Schedule.pdf>

3. Sturgis TT Event Information & Updates

- a. **Competition Format:** The Sturgis TT will be an AFT Championship round. Points and purse will be paid according to the standard AFT championship structure for the following classes:
 - i. Mission AFT SuperTwins
 - ii. Parts Unlimited AFT Singles presented by KICKER
 - iii. AFT AdventureTrackers
- b. **Event Schedule with FloRacing Livestreaming Coverage on Sunday, August 11 (all times local):**

12:00pm	Practice & Qualifying
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Opening Ceremonies
3:00pm – 4:35pm	Heat Races & LCQs
4:30pm – 6:00pm	Main Events
- c. **FOX Broadcast Coverage on Sunday, August 17 (all times ET):**

1:00pm – 2:00pm	Sturgis TT Pre-Show on FS2
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Sturgis TT on FOX Broadcast Network
9:00pm – 10:00pm	Sturgis TT Pre-Show on FS1 (Re-Air)
10:00pm – 11:00pm	Sturgis TT on FS1 (Re-Air)

d. **Track Map (DRAFT*):**

- i. Course Layout Images: <https://sturgistt.com/course-layout/>
- ii. 3D Flyover: <https://vimeo.com/942240335>
- iii. Google Earth: <https://earth.google.com/web/@44.4140675,-103.51368347,1041.07832318a,325.86010417d,35y,2.9495h,0t,0r/data=OgMKATA>

* Pending final adjustments to expanded dirt section.

e. **Track Details:**

- i. **Length:** The total track length of the Sturgis TT track is 0.29 of a mile, which is the same length as the Castle Rock TT.
- ii. **Composition:** The track is approximately 25% dirt and 75% asphalt, which is the same ratio of dirt to asphalt as the 2020 DAYTONA TT track.
- iii. **Straights:** The longest straight is 365 feet, which is the same length as the straight at the DAYTONA Short Track.
- iv. **Width:** The majority of the track is 40' wide, the same width as the DAYTONA Short Track.
- v. **Corners:** The narrowest portion of Sturgis TT track is 28' wide in two locations (Turn 1 and Turn 4). Peoria's right hander is 18' to 20' wide. Buffalo Chip TT was 25' wide in Turn 1 and 28' wide through the right-hand turn complex surrounding the bar.
- vi. **Barriers:** The course will be defined with interconnected sections of longitudinal barriers (Yodock 2001 and Yodock 2001 MB) which have fencing attachments rising above to a height of over 9' tall. The barriers will be deployed in a manner to provide extended runoff in the corners, in combination with Airfence and ToughBlocks.

f. **Sturgis On-Track Testing:**

- i. Bryan Smith rode the full Sturgis TT circuit at pace during a closed-course test on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.
- ii. The motorcycle was equipped with DUNLOP flat track race tires.
- iii. The asphalt provided consistent grip throughout the course.
- iv. Street features such as painted lines and manhole covers did not cause any noticeable reduction in traction.
- v. The transitions from street into the dirt section and back to the street were consistent.

g. **DUNLOP Tire Testing:**

- i. DUNLOP has conducted tire testing on two separate occasions with full-time test riders Taylor Knapp and Jesse Wentland at the DUNLOP Proving Ground in Huntsville, Alabama.
- ii. Test circuits included asphalt course based on Sturgis TT dimensions as well as offroad portions of facility.
- iii. Multiple continuous forty (40) lap sessions were conducted.
- iv. DUNLOP DT4 tires were tested in the F5, R5 and R7 compounds. Based on this thorough testing regimen, DUNLOP DT4 flat track tires possess the required level of performance, endurance and integrity for use on the Sturgis TT course.
- v. The F5 and R7 will be mandated for Mission AFT SuperTwins and Parts Unlimited AFT Singles presented by KICKER at the Sturgis TT.
- vi. The DUNLOP Trailmax Raid and Trailmax Mission models were also tested for consideration in AFT AdventureTrackers.
- vii. Recommended starting tire pressures and other relevant information will be forthcoming in the Sturgis TT Event Supplementary Regulations.

h. **Additional Sturgis TT Information:** <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/do0siw0xykw6wqh6ugm3l/Sturgis-TT-2024-Proposal-v2024MAY13-PRINT-REDUCED.pdf?rlkey=o9k6idia76f2v8vk0nu2cy78g&st=ptccbyz6&dl=0>