

# Legend will join racing tour rolling into Colby

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Motorcycle Hall of Famer and "On Any Sunday" movie legend David Aldana's roaring into Colby for one Saturday that all fans of racing should not forget.

Aldana, 14-time Pikes Peak race champion Davey Durrelle and Australian Peter Lee are all expected to be part of the 2013 Interstate 70 Flat Track Motorcycle Series arriving on Saturday, Aug. 10.

"Guys on the tour plan their vacations all year just to race in western Kansas," promoter Paul Covert said in a phone interview with the *Free Press* this week. "I know Peter (Lee) hadn't been home in Australia for a week before he'd bought his plane ticket to come back."

Races will again take place on the Thomas County Fairgrounds track, which Covert said drew a crowd of nearly 1,000 during one visit about three or four years ago.

For new fans, flat track is considered the oldest and most traditional discipline of motorcycle racing. Riders often "finesse" their machines sideways through turns only inches apart from each

other while moving at speeds 90 miles per hour and above.

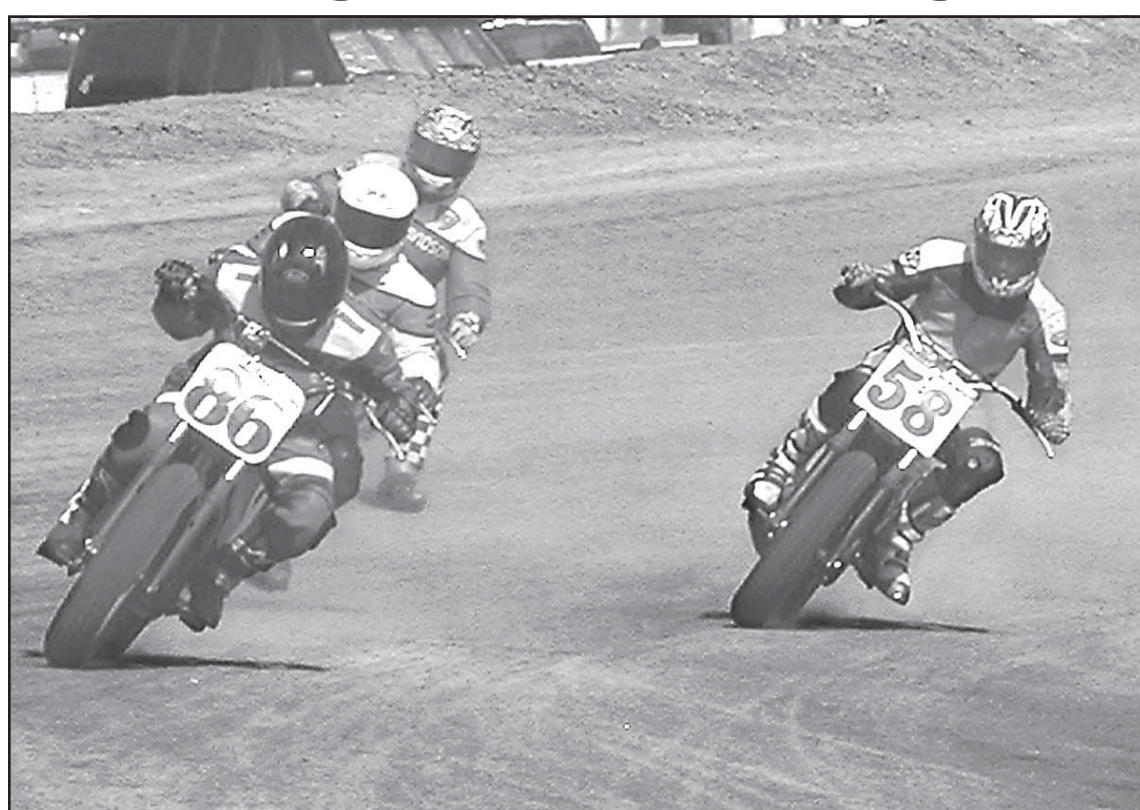
No wonder the legendary Aldana was once quoted as saying "if you don't fall off now and then, you don't know how fast you can go."

Yet motorcycling mishaps and wrecks have really been an event during the Colby tour stop.

"I think we've had two wrecks at the track, only one where a guy had to go to the hospital and have his thumb sewed up," Colby promoter and racing fan Marc Ostmeier said. "In fact, our track has gotten rave reviews. Some of the riders have mentioned how they haven't seen a track this good for a long time. And some of them race all over the country."

Though Aldana was already well-known, he became nationally and perhaps even internationally famous after being featured in the Academy Award-nominated documentary "On Any Sunday". Late great actor Steve McQueen called this film "the best thing that has ever happened to motorcycling."

Aldana went on to many great victories, including four American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) national championships. He also led an American team to its first Trans-Atlantic Match series win over the top British team.



The I-70 Flat Track Motorcycling Races visited Colby last year and will return again on Saturday, Aug. 10 at Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Now age 63, Aldana retired from professional racing in 1985 but hasn't slowed down much. He'll join Durrelle, one of motorcycling's current most

dominant racers, along with wife Kamsey Durrelle and Colorado star Mark Gibson among an expected 80 or 90 competing at Colby.

"Davy Durrelle pretty much wins whatever he feels like winning these days," Covert confirmed.

Any local cycling enthusiasts are also invited to participate.

There will be amateur divisions, "kiddie" races and also brakeless racing which revives some of the old-school flat track tradition.

Tradition is a big reason why the tour continues to visit western Kansas. The I-70 Series will start in Goodland Friday night, reach Colby, then move on to Stockton next week before finishing at Hays.

Of course, tradition ties in with another major force behind the tour.

"Western Kansas is the only place we can put these races on because the entire thing is supported by local businesses," Covert said. "They want to not only see the races continue, but grow and get better. People around my area (Arkansas) might say they want to have races. They might show up and throw their trash around, but they won't really support it."

"It wouldn't go on without the local sponsorships," he concluded.

The I-70 Flat Track Series stop in Colby will open gates at 2 p.m. Practice is set for 2:30 p.m., followed by the 4 p.m. hot races.

Main events begin at 7 p.m. Check the *Free Press* early next week for information about admission prices.

# Rodeo titles decided at County Fair

The Kansas Professional Rodeo Association had its yearly rodeo here Monday and Tuesday as part of the Thomas County Fair.

Here are the results:

## Bare Backs

Wyatt Clark and Wesley Cole tied for first, and both men won \$307. Corey Evans came in second and won \$153.

## Calf Roping

Landon Koehn came in first and won \$595. Ty Spicklemier was second and won \$475. Cade Leeper was third and won \$350. Cleve Scheer was fourth and won \$227. Cody Rieker was fifth and won \$105.

## Breakaway Roping

Kashley Schweer was first and won \$579. Jan Brown was second and won \$460. Ashley Sherman, Ginelee Tierney and Lori Tierney tied for third and each won \$221.

## Saddle Broncs

Wyatt Clark was first and won \$723.

## Steer Wrestling

Miles Spicklemier was first and won \$549. Austin Hawkins was second and won \$436. Jeff Johnston was third and won \$323. Ty Lang was fourth and won \$210. Laine Herl, Blair Jones and Trevor Cox tied for fifth and each of them won \$32.

## Team Roping

Brian Dunning and T.J. Watts were first and took home \$514. Tyler Brockman and Tyrell Reynolds were second and won \$386. Michael Hendricks and Derrick St. Peter were third and won \$257. Ryan Cox and Garrett Estes were fourth and won \$128.

## Over 40 Team Roping

Rusty Tooley and Mike Weir were first and won \$534. Kevin Kessler and Brian Crist were second and won \$424. Kevin Morlan and Scott Moran were third and won \$314. Ray Holzmeister and



Brian Waugh were fourth and won \$204. Joe Reynolds and George Estes tied with Scott Sheets and Leland Wilson for fifth place. Both teams won \$47 each.

## Barrel racing

Becky Larson was first and won \$774. Rochelle Miller was second and won \$615. Cindy Rijkogel was third and won \$455. Tammy Peterson was fourth and won \$296. Ginelee Tierney was fifth

and won \$136.

## Bull Riding

Cody Tesch was first and won \$656. Dustin Stucky was second and won \$393. Clay Mattarocci was third and won \$262 which completes the 2013 results.

# Speedway gears up for season's last stretch

Loose Caboose Train Races join Sunday's schedule as Thomas County Speedway resumes its 2013 racing season.

All the regular classes return with only two dates remaining in this season's championship chases.

Econos, IMCA Modifieds, Sport Mods, Stock Cars, Eco-

nos and Hobby Stocks all feature points races that are close entering Sunday evening.

As usual, grandstands open at 5:30 p.m. with 6 p.m. hot laps. Main events should begin around 7 p.m.

The season finale at Thomas County Speedway is set for Sunday, Aug. 18.

# Golf tourney gets closer

The Colby Community College Men's Basketball Golf Tournament is set for Friday, August 16 at Meadow Lake Course with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Registration for this four-person scramble begins at 9 a.m.

The fee is \$280 per team and includes supper, or \$25 for the meal alone. Call and make ar-

rangements ahead of time if only interested in the meal.

Teams can also register early by sending check and registration form to Rusty Grafel, 1255 South Range Avenue in Colby, Kan., 67701.

Please make checks payable to Colby Community College men's basketball.

# Royals win ninth in row

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — James Shields watched Lorenzo Cain race back to the wall in left-center field, leap in the air and snatch Trevor Plouffe's drive away just before it landed in the bullpen.

The Kansas City right-hander thrust his arms in the air, Royals relievers erupted in jubilation and Cain bounded back toward the dugout with no worries about a

groin injury that had kept him on the bench earlier this week.

It's been a long, long time since the Royals were winning like this, and they're enjoying every minute of it.

The Royals won their ninth straight game, stretching their longest winning streak in more than a decade by beating Minnesota 7-2 Thursday.

# Troubled receiver leaves

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Riley Cooper has left the Philadelphia Eagles to undergo counseling after he used a racial slur, the team announced Friday.

The Eagles fined Cooper an undisclosed amount for his use of the N-word at a Kenny Chesney concert last month. Cooper said the fine was substantial.

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