

LIMA HALF-MILE AMA Pro Flat Track

June 24, 2017

AMA Pro Flat Track is the world's leading flat track motorcycle racing series. The series champion is considered to be the #1 flat track racer on the planet. We're lucky to sit a mere 125 miles away from one of the premier events in the national series.

Lima, Allen County Fairgrounds to be exact, is the home of the Lima Half Mile. Lima features some of the best racing on the circuit. The pea gravel surface and 85 foot wide corners allow for exciting multi-line racing at insane speed. 7000+ spectators jam the grandstands and line track fences the last Saturday in June, for 2017 that'll be the 24th.

Racing goes late into the evening. If not spending the night, I-75 will get you home in a couple hours. But most prefer two lane country roads over freeway. Try one of these routes from Biker Bob's on the way down, or one down another back if you spend the night or are not in a hurry to get home. I don't recommend these routes at night to anyone not familiar with them. At night, after a long day at the track, just jump on the big road and get back to familiar country.

Lima, little to the west:

Biker Bob's

South on US-24

West on US-50 in Monroe

South on US-23 in Dundee

West on Us-24 near Maumee

South on Anthony Wayne Trail (2nd. exit)

South on Oh-64 in downtown Waterville

South/west on Oh-65 just over bridge

Bear right to stay on Oh-65 and follow the river

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If you're ready for a refreshment stop about now continue on Oh-65 into the town of Grand Rapids. You'll find food, beverage and ice cream in that neat little town. If I have my dress boots on I go to La Roe's for an appetizer and cabernet. Ask to sit upstairs on the deck. If I'm wearing the old work boots, it's across the street to Fernando's for taco's and a Bud.

Not ready to stop just yet and want to keep moving toward Lima:

South on Oh-235 (Obe's Country Store/gas station on the corner)

Follow Oh-235 thru Ada

3 Miles past Ada turn right

West on Oh-309

Destination about 10 miles on right

Allen County Fairgrounds

2750 Harding Hwy

Lima, Oh 45804

Lima, little to the east:

Biker Bob's

South on US-24

Bear left at fork in road just south of I-275 to M-125

Bear left on Summit connector to I-75 just north of Erie

South on I-75

Left – south on I-280

Continue straight on Oh-420 when 280 ends at Turnpike

East/South on US-23 when 420 dead ends at US-20

Right turn/South on US-23 a mile down the road at the traffic light

If you get to the light at US-6 and you're hungry or thirsty, or you think you might get hungry or thirsty soon, ya gotta try Snuffy's II. Turn right, west, on US-6, Snuffys is about 1/4 mile on your left (south side of road). Damn good burgers, cold beverage and the best juke box in the country. Very biker friendly.

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OK, back on 23 south

Pay attention and follow the signs in Fostoria. You'll do a couple of dog-legs but route is well marked, just stay on south US-23.

If you didn't try Snuffy's and in need of refreshment. Or if you did try Snuffy's and are in need of additional refreshment, try Splinter's Café in downtown Carey. Good food, biker friendly.

You may notice road signs are now showing Oh-103 in addition to US-23.

103 joins 23 in Carey and runs with it as far as the divided highway just south of town.

Don't take the entrance ramp onto US-23 just south of Carey.

Continue straight on Oh-103 when US-23 meets Oh-15 and turns into expressway.

103 makes a few 90 degree turns, follow the signs.

Left - South on Ohio-235

Right - West on Ohio-309

Destination: Allen County Fairgrounds on your left, about 10 miles.