

# Hartford Speedway sets 2016 Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt presented by ARP dates



Owner/promoter Tim Dibble has announced that SOD will return to Hartford Speedway where SOD first raced in 1995, for two dates in 2016.

While the track may have formally become a race track in 1931, there are records of racing there dating back twenty years earlier. A YouTube circa early 1950s video titled "Building Hartford Motor Speedway" shows the beginning of the transition from the Van Buren County Fair race track to Hartford Speedway stating that Hartford Motor Speedway was born from a vision by a woman! Her name was Betty Lue Cross, now Betty Lue Burton. The speedway started as a dirt track, was eventually paved, and then converted back to its current dirt surface.

Promoters Tim and Leah Dibble were quite familiar with Michigan's largest and fastest dirt track when they took the reins of the speedway in 2014. Tim raced factory stocks at the speedway for several years prior to taking over its operation in 2014. Under their ownership, the speedway has seen numerous improvements and in 2016 will see the track racing surface widened to 120 feet in the turns.

Hartford Speedway, home of the wicked fast half mile, 2016 dates for the ever-popular Engine Pro Sprints On Dirt

presented by ARP races are Friday, May 20th and Friday, September 2nd.