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*Preserving the history of Motocross, the machines and the racers of this great sport!*

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## Dave Coombs Sr. to be honored at High Point National

**Merced, Calif. – June 8, 2011:** The Legends & Heroes of Motocross Tour is proud to be honoring the legendary motocross race promoter, Dave Coombs Sr. this Saturday, June 11, 2011 during the Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championship round at the prestigious High Point Raceway in Mt. Morris Pennsylvania,



Photo: L-R; Dave Coombs Sr., Tony D. and Mark Blackwell

As pioneer in the moto industry, it was in the early 1970s when enterprising motocross race promoter, Dave Coombs Sr., went on the search for the perfect motocross track. In the fall of 1976, he moved his races to Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, just across the state line above Morgantown, West Virginia, using the rich soil of a farm owned by the Holbert family, who were racers themselves. To his credit, not only was Mr. Coombs responsible for developing a world class facility at Hi Point and Steel City he spearheaded the first Supercross at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the first Arenacross event in Columbus, Ohio, the Blackwater Enduro and the development of the GNCC series .

***Professor Gary Bailey states “Not only was Dave Coombs Sr. a great promoter, he was an all around good guy! A guy that was always there to help out. If you had a problem, no matter how busy he was, he would find the time to assist you. If you never got a chance to know Dave Sr., you missed knowing a great man with a big heart and big love for your sport.”***

The motocross world lost Dave Coombs Sr. on August 3, 1998, after a long battle with leukemia, but his family and the Holberts continue to produce the High Point National in his honor. The family business, MX Sports, is also the driving force behind the AMA Amateur National Motocross Championships at Loretta Lynn's Ranch, the Can-Am Grand National Cross Country Series, the AMA Pro ATVA Series, and now the Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championship.

In a tribute to his moto promotions accomplishments the first live network television broadcast of an AMA Motocross race took on June 13, 2009, with the High Point National being featured live on NBC, and a first for Professional Motocross in America.

***“Dave Coombs inspiration and dedication to our sport was paramount and his legacy is a tribute to his success” states Alex Moroz, General Managing Partner of the Legends & Heroes MX Tour.***

### ***About the Tour***

*The Legends & Heroes Motocross Tour is a professional historical display and time-line of Americas greatest motorsport. The tour includes the machines and the champs of Motocross. The project was conceived by a dedicated group of Motocross Enthusiasts who, over the years, have discovered the value of the rich 40+ years of Motocross legacy and its impact on the American motorsports history. “The dedication and passion of the sport has brought the Legends & Heroes Motocross Tour to the next level of sharing this legacy, the history of the machines and men, as well as the women of Motocross. The history of the Classic Iron and its' champions is a dynamic model ever changing. We see this rich history as a great learning lab for all ages” according to Alex Moroz the tours managing partner.*