



## MOTOCROSS HISTORY THE RIDERS AND THE BIKES...

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

### The Legends & Heroes of Motocross Tour to Honor Multi-National Champion, Doug Henry at Southwick!

**Merced, Calif. ~ August 24, 2011:** Three time motocross champion, Doug Henry, will be honored at this year's Lucas Oil AMA Pro Motocross Championship at Southwick on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

Doug Henry is a fan-favorite in the sport for his guts and determination, as well as his never-say-die attitude while making comebacks after comebacks. He had his first major success in 1993 as a member of Team Honda, where he claimed the 125 East Supercross and the 125 National Championship. In 1994, he repeated as champion in the nationals, beating riders such as Steve Lamson and Ryan Hughes. He later appeared on Fox's first motocross movie Terrafirma. Doug moved to the premier 250cc division for 1995, where he was immediately competitive, winning Supercross mains and Outdoor overalls.



For 1997, Yamaha approached Henry with the idea of riding their prototype YZM400 four-stroke in competition. Henry raced the bike at the final Supercross in Las Vegas, Nevada, and won the race in the prototype bike's first and only start that year making 4-Stroke history.

Alex Moroz, general managing partner of the Legends & Heroes Tour, states "Doug is just one of those good guys who came up the ranks from the east coast and dominated American Motocross. His accomplishments were epic including four national titles and pioneering the 4 stroke era with his impressive win at the Vegas Supercross in 1997. In 1998, Doug came back and elevated the "400 Stroker" to its

first national title making history for Yamaha and the Moto community".

Tom White, curator of the Early years of Motocross Museum, comments "Imagine! You are at the peak of your career, riding for one of the big 4 factories; and your boss asks you to ride a "trailbike!" Well, actually a Prototype Factory Works 4-stroke motocross bike! Yet, you knew that a 4-stroke motorcycle had not been competitive for almost 25 years.

Would you sign on? Well, Doug Henry did.....and not only in his first Supercross Race - Las Vegas - May 1997 did he win, but he came back on a "production" version in 1998 to win the AMA 250cc National Championship! Guess that would make him and Icon and Legend! This huge accomplishment would just be the beginning of his climb to Hero!"

Doug Henry will be at the Legends & Heroes Moto Museum at Southwick this Saturday from 11:00am to 12:00pm for a meet and greet with the fans.



***Congrats Doug, for a job well done!***

### **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.*