

## **1/7/11//GRANITE STATE MINI-SPRINTS WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO CANAAN DIRT SPEEDWAY IN 2012**

**A long term relationship between the Granite State Mini-Sprints and Canaan Fair Speedway has come to an end due to a dispute between the leadership of the traveling club and Canaan Speedway General Manager, Dick Therrien.**

**“The problem lies because of the split between the Granite State Mini-Sprint Series 600c.c. racers two years ago stated Therrien. There are now two quality organizations, the newest being the Northeast Mini-Sprints 600c.c. class. As a promoter there are only so many dates that you can devote to Mini-Sprint racing in the season. I chose to give the groups six combined dates, and each one a stand alone event. The Northeast Mini-Sprints promoter, Terry Reil was very satisfied with the schedule and I thought GSMS President, Dean Hanson was as well as we posted our schedule. The Granite State 500 c.c. cars would run under that title and the 600c.c. would run under the N.E.M.S. banner. All of a sudden I got a call from a Granite State club member complaining and making threats about their club pulling out and talking trash about the other clubs members, and how many people he brought into my pits. I refused to budge on the plan, and soon after I received a call from Dean Hanson stating Terry Reil hadn’t contacted them with information needed for their next meeting. Reil was gone for two weeks on a hunting trip and was unavailable. Next thing I know Hanson called back and stated his guys voted to not return to Canaan in 2012. He was told by me that if they leave, they won’t be coming back as long as I am here, and he said that’s what the club has voted. So the result is that the Granite State Mini-Sprints have been removed from the schedule. The Northeast Mini-Sprints will fill the void left by the departure of the Granite State Mini-Sprints for 2012 season and beyond at Canaan Dirt Speedway. It’s very sad that it came to this, but as promoters we try to look at what is best for our facility and the plan we laid out was the best for both worlds. Track owners Chick and Sandy Henry support this decision whole heartedly, and are also disappointed about the situation.**

**Canaan Dirt Speedway is located on Orange Road, just off from Route 118 in Canaan, New Hampshire. For more information, visit the track website at [www.canaanspeedways.com](http://www.canaanspeedways.com), or call the track hotline at 802-274-8823.**