

Fast Men & Women Duel at World's Oldest Snow Bike Race, 11th annual Flashpoint

Round 1, 2019 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series, January 26 – McCall, ID

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Round one of the 2019 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series featured some upgrades. Gone was the AMA (American Motorcyclist Association) sanction, replaced by NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association). Snow was back up to about normal from last year's scant coverage at the in-town course at Riverfront Park, and the weather couldn't have been nicer. Fifty-two racers from across the West were cheered on by approximately 1,000 spectators who frolicked in picture perfect Idaho sunshine with temperatures in the mid-30's.



Andrew Watson looked smooth all day and finished a strong 3rd in the Pro Men's class.

The event started in 2009, which makes it the oldest snow bike race in the world, and it featured some new twists and turns and was longer, yielding lap times of 90 seconds for the very fastest pros, and all brands of bikes were in attendance: Yamaha, Kawasaki, Honda, Husky, KTM and Suzuki were present, and they were bolted to just about every currently available snow bike kit: Timbersled, Camso, Mototrax, CMX and Yeti, and even an interesting, home-made kit from Oregon. There were no major mechanical failures during the day on the rough track, proving that bikes, kits and riders are all improving rapidly, and all are capable of performing at a national-caliber level. And, 509 rolled out their beautiful event trailer and \$10,000 series contingency program at McCall, rewarding racers with cold, hard cash who podium in their gear.

For the second year in a row, former national caliber pro motocrosser, Idaho's Ben Evans topped the Men's pro class, but he had to do it the hard way by winning the second moto, after the vastly-improved from last year, Jake Hedlund beat him in moto one. It will be interesting to see how both Evans and Hedlund fare against the ferociously fast Darin Mees, who missed

McCall to earn an impressive 4th at the X Games on the same day, but will be back for the remaining series rounds. Taking a well-earned third was long-time racer Andrew Watson, who rode a fast, smart race, with local pro Brady Lasher turning in some of the fastest laps of the day, to grab fifth, right behind the super smooth and consistent long-time pro racer Jimmy LaMastus who took fourth.

Rising female snow bike star, Madie Jo Taylor, went 1-1 to win the women's pro class, but Montana's Morgan Holte stayed close all day in her first-ever snow bike race to place second. Northern Idaho's Jake Neill served notice that he is the man to beat this season in the always-exciting Senior 40+ class, outracing Zach Evans and last year's Senior National Champion, Jeremy Deming, who copped third and took home \$200 in cash from 509 for competing in their awesome gear. Zach's son, Canyon Ashley nailed the win with 1-1 scores in the rapidly-growing 350 class, keeping his KTM 300 singing all day. Ashley also looked solid in the 18-rider Open Trophy class, but had to settle for second behind impressively-fast Trae Pecchenino who also recorded 1-1 moto scores. Both racers are approaching pro-level speed.



Round 2 of the 2019 NASBA National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at the Diamond Lake Resort in Oregon on February 9, and is the only snow bike event of the year held in the Cascades, as well as the state of Oregon. Anticipation is high for that event since it had to be cancelled last year due to lack of snow, (which there is plenty of this year), and there will be snow bike demo rides onsite at the Oregon event. Partners for the McCall, Round One Weekend were: 509 Racing, Seat Concepts, Trail Tech, VP Race Fuel, MotoTrax, 5CR Powersports, Mile High Powersports, Carl's Cycle, and Excel Fabrication. Special thanks to CITRA, (Central Idaho Trail Riders Association) and groomers Todd Clouser and Dave Byers, as well as Kurt Wolf and Ed Heiner with the City of McCall, and the McCall Chamber.

Pro Men:	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (2-1)	Ben Evans #235	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle, Zach Evans Construction, KTM, Fly	
2 (1-2)	Jake Hedlund #59	Rathdrum, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	FXR, C&M Suspension, Burly Racing	
3 (5-3)	Andrew Watson #44	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Jerm Designs, SXS Slide Plates, Lawie Bros.	
4 (4-4)	Jimmy LaMastus #847	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Extreme Motorsports, Valley Powersports, PDR, Idaho Land Dev	
5 (3-6)	Brady Lasher #22	Boise, Idaho	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Timbersled, Carl's Cycle, Lasher Enterprises, FXR, AirPro, Kouba Link, Parents, Wife & Baby	
6 (6-5)	Tommy Thompson #89	Graham, Washington	HON, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel Racing, , Fly Racing	
7 (7-8)	Jordan Rock #415	Marysville, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	SRT, O'Neal, RockZtreme, ODI, Rekluse, Factory Backing	
8 (8-9)	Jon Seehorn #96	Rockford, Washington	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	SXS, Jem Designs	
9 (12-7)	Waylon Caldwell #12	Asotin, Washington	YAM, CMX
10 (9-10)	Austin Barber #721	Rathdrum, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Mash Motorsport, Lone Mountain Metalworks	
11 (11-11)	Mark Fowler #340	Orofino, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Cascade Falls Construction	
12 (10-12)	Aaron Trzyna #191	Sunburst, Montana	KTM, Camso
	Sponsors:	Apex Sports, Rockwell Watches, Ryno designs, Girlfriend, and Tryell and Chad Muheim	
Pro Women:	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Madi Jo Taylor #171	Emmett, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction, Dave Evans Construction, KTM, Fly Racing	
2 (2-2)	Morgan Holte #52	Bainville, Montana	YAM, Timbersled
3 (4-3)	Kapri Maupin #12	Nampa, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Superior Construction, Modern Machinery	
4 (3-4)	Tina Weis #88	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
Senior +40	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Jake Neill #10	Hayden, Idaho	KTM, Yeti
2 (2-3)	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
3 (4-2)	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	St. Maries Saw and Cycle, Timbersled, Bell, Rekluse, SXS, FMF, Vonzipper, Volcom, Jerm Designs	

4 (3-4)	Mark Fowler #340	Orofino, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Cascade Falls Construction	
5 (5-5)	Jason Weis #23	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
6 (7-6)	Bo Jones #342	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
7 (6-7)	Ted Lukecart #64V	Galvin, Washington	HUS, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Atlas Construction Advisors	
8	Tom Thompson #89	Graham, Washington	HON, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel, JMC Motorsports	
9	Ben Thompson #130	Summerville, Oregon	HON, Moto Hybrid
10	Ken Williams #119	McCall, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
Open Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-2)	Trae Pecchenino #111	Eagle, Idaho	HUS, Timbersled
2 (4-1)	Canyon Ashley #19	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction	
3 (3-3)	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Timbersled, St. Maries Saw & Cycle, Jerm Designs, Bell, 509, SXS, Rekluse, Fasthouse, FMF, Defiant Coffee, Volcom, Fast Co./Flex, Artcolab	
4 (2-6)	Courtney Rich #541	Emmett, Idaho	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles	
5 (8-5)	Curtis Tanner #41	Post Falls, Idaho	HON, Yeti
	Sponsors:	Evo Idaho, CDA Powersports, Kenda Tires	
6 (10-4)	Corey Kelley #27	Lewiston, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Mac's Cycle Honda, Roger's Motors Lewiston, Motorfist, IREV Apparel	
7 (6-8)	Matt Teichert #32	Nampa, Idaho	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Project Filter, Idaho Custom Ironworks	
8 (5-9)	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
9 (9-7)	Mark Symmons 19X	Puyallup, Washington	KTM, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel	
10 (7-11)	Tom Brace #626	Tollgate, Utah	YAM, Snow Tech MX
	Sponsors:	SnowTech MX, Zbroz, SnowBike Alliance, Skullcandy	
11 (11-10)	Ward White #810	Kamas, Utah	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	509, Jerm Designs, SX Slideplates	
12 (12-12)	River Rogers #46	Clarkston, Washington	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Rogers Motors, Gateway Materials, Macs Cycle, Carl's Cycles, Leighton Motorsports, EC Enterprises	
13 (14-13)	Noah Borgman #23	Spokane, Washington	KAW, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Parris Racing, JMC, Stix & Stones, Mike's Power Sports, Fly Racing, Rekluse, PST, Thermobob, Quiver Skis	
14 (15-14)	Dana Jensen #14	Puyallup, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	I-90 Motorsports	
15 (16-18)	Nathan Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
16 (13-18)	Madie Jo Taylor #171	Emmett, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled

	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction, Dave Evans Construction, KTM, Fly Racing	
17	Bryce Martinez #51	McCall, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
18	Ranger Downs #25	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Fly Racing, Sum+it Riders	
350 Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Canyon Ashley #19	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction	
2 (4-2)	Noah Borgman #628	Spokane, Washington	HUS, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Parris Racing, JMC, Stix & Stones, Mike's Power Sports, Fly Racing, Rekluse, PST, Thermobob, Quiver Skis	
3 (3-3)	Ranger Downs #25	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Fly Racing, Sum+it Riders	
4 (2-5)	Garrett Secord #88	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
5 (6-6)	Nathan Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
6 (5-8)	Jamie Kelley #556	Meridian, Idaho	HUS, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Podium Home Inspections	
7 (DNF-7)	Read Young #11	Nampa, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Idaho Custom Iron Works, Fastway, Promoto Billet	
8 (DNS-8)	Jordan Rock #415	Marysville, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	SRT, O'Neal, RockZtreme, ODI, Rekluse, Factory Backing	