

Big Fun and Wild Racing at Northern Montana's Newest Race Facility

Round 4, 2019 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series, February 23 – Whitefish, MT

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Round four of the 2019 NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association) 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series dropped into a great new location in 2019, moving from the Flathead County Fairgrounds in Kalispell to the new Action Rentals racing complex, 12 miles north of Whitefish. The new location is a bit more remote, but it has virtually guaranteed snow, and some fun terrain located in a natural amphitheater near the Stillwater River. The only downside was that because the property is located on state land, it still has to get some environmental impact studies completed before all of the land can be raced on. So the original concept of creating a 3-mile loop had to be scaled back to a ¾ mile MX type track. But there was still plenty of snow and terrain to work with, and things will only get even better in the future.



As usual, racing was wild and featured several big pileups, but zero injuries because snow is way more forgiving than dirt. Tommy Thompson has been steadily improving and he finally brought home his first pro win, as well as the first pro win for MotoTrax snow bike kits. Thompson won the first moto, but his arch-rival Ben Evans seemed to have the second moto win wrapped up until a last lap, last corner crash relegated him to second in the moto and second overall. Andrew Watson rode smooth and smart to grab third, with Jake Hedlund taking fourth, with local Phil Driggers fifth. At this point, both Evans and Hedlund still mathematically have a shot of winning the pro men's NASBA National Snow Bike Title, going into the fifth and final series round at West Yellowstone on March 17.

Idaho's Madie Jo Taylor kept her perfect season going with 1-1 scores in the women's pro class, and Jeremy Deming won the Senior, 40+ class for the second weekend in a row and once again grab even more cash from 509 for winning in their awesome gear. The 40+ class national title has a three-way tie going into the final round between Deming, Zach Evans and Jake Oneill, making it the most competitive class of all.



The 350 class continues to grow and is a blast to watch and compete in. Canyon Ashley #19, remains unbeaten so far, winning every 350 race in 2019.

Round 5, the final race of the 2019 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at West Yellowstone, Montana on Sunday, March 17. Racers will be able to purchase, world-class VP race fuel at this event, courtesy of Carl's Cycle from Boise. There are no fuel restrictions at NASBA events, so high-octane, leaded, and even oxygenated fuels can be utilized in all classes. Partners for the Whitefish race were: 509 Racing, Penco Powersports, Kalispell Toyota, Team Bar Bangers, Action Rentals, VP Race Fuel, MotoTrax, 5CR Powersports, Carl's Cycle, Excel Fabrication. Special thanks to: Brock Bolin, Scott & Shawnee Barge, Scott Matson, Flathead County Sheriff's Department, West Valley Fire & Rescue, Mobile Beats Sound, Hell Roaring Saloon, Chicos Blancas, Black Gold Espresso, Bobbi Taylor, and Joe, Kathleen and their entire family.

Results, Round 4, 2019 NASBA 509 National Snow Bike Series, Whitefish, Montana

Pro Men:	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Tommy Thompson #89 Sponsors:	Graham, Washington Mototrax, Alliance Steel Racing, , Fly Racing	HON, MotoTrax
2 (3-2)	Ben Evans #235 Sponsors:	Meridian, Idaho Carl's Cycle, Zach Evans Construction, KTM, Fly	KTM, Timbersled

3 (2-4)	Andrew Watson #44	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Jerm Designs, SXS Slide Plates, Lawie Bros.	
4 (6-5)	Jake Hedlund #59	Rathdrum, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	FXR, C&M Suspension, Burlly Racing	
5 (5-6)	Phil Driggers #319	Kalispell, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
6 (4-9)	Riley Anderson #1	Kalispell, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Penco	
7 (DNF-3)	Austin Barber #721	Rathdrum, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Mash Motorsport, Lone Mountain Metalworks	
8 (7-7)	Jay Jelinek #390	Fordville, North Dakota	HON, Snow Tech MX
	Sponsors:	Jelinek Brothers, Zackfast Racing, Britta Helland, Inc.	
9 (9-8)	Lee Jelinek #493	Pisek, North Dakota	HON, CMX
	Sponsors:	Jelinek Brothers	
10 (8-10)	Chad Jelinek #594	Forest River, North Dakota	HON, CMX
	Sponsors:	Jelinek Brothers	
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 (3-2)	Tina Weis #88	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
3 (2-4)	Morgan Holte #52	Bainville, Montana	YAM, Timbersled
4 (4-3)	Heather Matthews #106	Kalispell, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
Senior +40	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	St. Maries Saw and Cycle, Rekluse, Timbersled, Bell, SXS, FMF, 509, Vonzipper, Volcom, Jerm Designs	
2 (3-2)	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
3 (2-3)	Jake Neill #10	Hayden, Idaho	KTM, Yeti
4 (4-4)	Jason Weis #23	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
Open Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (5-1)	Canyon Ashley #19	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction	
2 (4-2)	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	
3 (3-3)	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	
4 (2-4)	Jake Neill #10	Hayden, Idaho	KTM, Yeti
5 (1-5)	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
6 (7-6)	Mark Symmons 19X	Puyallup, Washington	KTM, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel	

7 (6-7)	Nate Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
8 (9-8)	Alex Martinez #187	Helena, Montana	KTM, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Top Gun Autobody	
9 (10-10)	Everett Baker #106		
10 (13-9)	Weston Blasius #391	Kalispell, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
11 (8-DNF)	Victor Larsen #10Y	Kalispell, Montana	SUZ, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Panorama building, Hanson Performance	
12 (11-DNF)	Pete Collins #48	Kalispell, Montana	YAM, Timbersled
13 (12-DNS)	Tyler Sheperd #699	Kalispell, Montana	YAM, Timbersled
350 Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1 (2-1)	Canyon Ashley #19	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction	
2 (1-3)	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 (3-2)	Riley Anderson #1	Kalispell, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Penco	
4 (6-4)	Nate Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
5 (5-5)	Garrett Secord #88	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
6 (4-6)	Ranger Downs #25	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Fly Racing, Sum+it Riders	