

Fast Snow Bikes and UTV's Duel at World's Oldest Snow Bike Race

Round 2, 2020 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series, January 25 – McCall, ID

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Round two of the 2020 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series featured a re-designed 1-mile track and the addition of UTV, (4-wheeler) racing for the first time in its 12 year history. This event is the oldest snow bike race in the world, and has gotten a lot of people into this hybrid sport which combines motorcycle and snowmobile technology. Snow depth was about normal, but warm temperatures kept the snow a little soggy and icier than normal at the in-town course at Riverfront Park. Fifty-five racers from across the West were cheered on by approximately 1,000 spectators who contended with snow flurries and just a touch of light rain, which was bearable because temperatures were in the mid-30's, and popular local eatery, Veg'd Out, served great food, beverages and spirits.

The revised race track yielded lap times of 95 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, Snow Tech MX, and Yeti. 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 cash who place in their gear.



**Jimmy Jarrett
did what he
usually does at
a snow bike
race, or any
kind of race for
that matter.
He won.**

Legendary, former national snow bike champion, Jimmy Jarrett, turned the fastest lap times of the day as he won the Men's pro class, topping young and rapidly improving Canyon Ashley and newcomer Austin Kouba, riding in his first-ever snow bike race. Defending national women's champion, Madie Jo Taylor looked unbeatable in the women's class, and Northern Idaho's defending national senior (40+) champion, Jeremy Deming served notice that he is still the man to beat this season in the always-exciting Senior 40+ class, outracing Zach Evans and

Bo Jones. Even though the 350 class only had four entries, it was GREAT, neck and neck racing. Zachary Taylor got the win, but River Rogers swapped moto wins with him, and Nathan Kingston stayed eight in the middle of the war as well. There were so many entries in the Open trophy class, that qualifiers had to be run to cut the number down for a manageable main event. Jeremy Deming, (someone forgot to remind him that he is over 40) came out on top of this class as well, with Zach Evans and Corey Kelley taking second and third.



Over 1,000 spectators lined the track, the biggest turnout ever at Riverfront Park.

After all of the snow bikes were done competing, the crowd lined the fence in anticipation of the first-ever UTV races held in the region, and they were not disappointed. A rowdy mixture of local Valley County and out of town 4-wheeled racers pushed onto the track, with a great turnout of ten turbo and five non-turbo machines showing up. The ensuing racing was wild, with racers ramming, and pushing each other, as well as getting stuck in the snow at times, trying to earn a berth in the five spot main event. One of the crowd favorites was the Trump War Wagon, a turbo-charged Polaris Razor, proudly flying a large Trump flag, piloted by Sam Powell from Middleton. He finished fifth, but had the crowd quite animated at times, both cheering and jeering him. Clearly the UTV racing part of the day was a crowd favorite and will return next year for sure. The snow kept speeds low enough to make the racing pretty safe, but racers were still going fast enough to jump and bump around and put on a great show. No injuries were reported all day.

Partners for the McCall, National Snow Bike Series Round Two race were: 509 Racing, Mile High Powersports, Carl's Cycle, Project Filter, Pro-Moto Billet, JMC and Excel Fabrication. Special thanks to CITRA, (Central Idaho Trail Riders Association), Rocky Mountain Audio Visual, McCall-Donnelly EMS, Julio & Honeydippers, Shoreline Disposal, groomer operator Dave Byers, Bobbi Jo Taylor, as well as Kurt Wolf and Ed Heiner with the City of McCall, property owners Daren Newman and Samuel Magee, Team Snow Bike McCall, Team Williams, and the McCall Chamber. Round three of the 2020 NASBA National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at the Diamond Lake Resort in Oregon on February 8, and is the only snow bike event of the year held in the Cascades, as well as the state of Oregon.



Pro Men:	NAME	HOMETOWN & SPONSORS	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Jimmy Jarrett #44	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
		Mountain Express Polaris, Timbersled, Carl's Cycle, Fly Racing	
2 (2-3)	Canyon Ashley #19	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle, Zach Evans Construction	
3 (4-2)	Austin Kouba #140	Boise, Idaho	KAW, Timbersled
		Carl's Cycle	
4 (3-4)	Andrew Watson #44X	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Jerm Designs, SXS Slide Plates, Lawie Bros.	
5 (5-5)	Nic Lukehart #34	Naches, Washington	KTM, CMX
		iRev apparel	
6 (DNS)	Jake Hedlund #59	Rathdrum, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	FXR, C&M Suspension, Burly Racing	
7 (DNS)	Austin Barber #721	Rathdrum, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Mash Motorsport, Lone Mountain Metalworks	
Pro Women:	NAME	HOMETOWN & SPONSORS	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	
Senior +40	NAME	HOMETOWN & SPONSORS	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	St. Maries Saw and Cycle, Timbersled, Bell, Rekluse, SXS, FMF, Vonzipper, Volcom, Jerm Designs	
2 (2-2)	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
3 (3-3)	Bo Jones #11	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
4 (5-4)	Larry Lacey #1X	Weiser, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
5 (4-6)	Jarrad Elliot #747	McCall, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
6 (6-5)	Reid Young #21	Nampa, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
		Pro-Moto Billet	
7 (8-8)	John Boyles #714	Vancouver, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
		HMK	

8 (7-9)	Bryant Jones #618	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
9 (10-7)	Lynn Hodges #255	Nampa, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
10 (9-10)	Ken Williams #119	McCall, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
		Mile High Powersports	
Open Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN & SPONSORS	RIDING
1	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	St. Maries Saw and Cycle, Timbersled, Bell, Rekluse, SXS, FMF, Vonzipper, Volcom, Jerm Designs	
2	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
3	Corey Kelley #27	Lewiston, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Mac's Cycle Honda, Roger's Motors Lewiston, Motorfist, IREV Apparel	
4	Tom Brace #626	Tollgate, Utah	YAM, Snow Tech MX
	Sponsors:	SnowTech MX, Skullcandy, RynoPower, SnowBike Alliance	
5	Madie Jo Taylor #1L	Emmett, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction, Dave Evans Construction, KTM, Fly Racing	
6	Nathan Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
7	Augie Taylor #197	Emmett, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
		Foundations LLC, Moto One, Rich's Autocare & Dyno, Evo Bros Racing	
8	River Rogers #46	Clarkston, Washington	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Rogers Motors, Gateway Materials, Macs Cycle, Carl's Cycles, Leighton Motorsports, EC Enterprises	
9	John Radle #88	Lewiston, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
10	Jarrad Elliot #747	McCall, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
11	John Boyles #714	Vancouver, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
350 Trophy	NAME	HOMETOWN & SPONSORS	RIDING
1 (2-1)	Zachary Taylor #316	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Fly Racing, Focus Graphics	
2 (1-3)	River Rogers #46	Clarkston, Washington	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Rogers Motors, Gateway Materials, Macs Cycle, Carl's Cycles, Leighton Motorsports, EC Enterprises	
3 (3-2)	Nathan Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall, Carl's Cycle	
4 (4-DNF)	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
Trophy Women	NAME	HOMETOWN & SPONSORS	RIDING
1 (1-1)	Ryan Evans #25	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
		Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction, Dave Evans Construction, Seat Concepts	

2 (2-2)	Christina James #181	Eureka, Montana	SUZ, Timbersled
		EVS Sports, TNT Lady Sledders, Pretty Powersports	
3 (DNS)	Lexi Williams #827	McCall, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
		Mile High Powersports	
Turbo UTV	NAME	HOMETOWN & SPONSORS	DRIVING
1	Charlie Mignerey #55	Boise, Idaho	Can-Am
		Salmon River Helicopters	
2	Cole Keatts #1	Riverside, California	Polaris
		Leighton Motorsports, Walker Evans Racing & BF Goodrich Tires	
3	Toby Ashley #56	Boise, Idaho	Polaris
4	Kyle Henggeler #125	McCall, Idaho	Polaris
		Henggeler RV, Mile High Powersports	
5	Sam Powell #420	Middleton, Idaho	Polaris
Non- Turbo UTV	NAME	HOMETOWN & SPONSORS	DRIVING
1 (1-2)	Jeremy Eaton #3	Nampa, Idaho	Polaris
		Built 2 Beat Off Road	
2 (3-3)	Toby Ashley #56	Boise, Idaho	Polaris
		Carl's Cycle	
3 (5-1)	Cody Carlson #55	Riggins, Idaho	Polaris
		Salmon River Helicopter and RK Motorworks	
4 (4-DNF)	Blake Patton #69	Caldwell, Idaho	Honda
5 (2-DNS)	Pete Jacobs #7	Rochester, New Hampshire	Polaris
ATV	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
1	Steve Hensley #1	Cascade, Idaho	Honda