

# Cascade Steps Up To Host World's Oldest Snowbike Race

Round 2, 2021 NASBA 509/US Air Force Special Warfare National Championship Snow Bike Series, January 30 – Cascade, Idaho

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Round two of the 2021 NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association) 509/US Air Force Special Warfare National Championship Snow Bike Series featured a formidable foe: Covid 19, and the resulting abandonment of the McCall Winter Carnival. The Carnival wound up cancelling everything, but they couldn't shut down the snow bike race which moved to Cascade and ran on a large tract of private ground adjacent to Warm Lake Road, owned by former Valley County Commissioner, Phil Davis.

This is the world's oldest snow bike race; it started at the McCall Golf Course in 2009, and has been a key component of the Winter Carnival ever since, but the Covid situation changed all of that. However, even with short notice, the southern end of Valley County and the town of Cascade worked hard to make the race fly; in fact, the event was promoted aggressively, and it paid off, as the race pulled a record-sized crowd of 95 racer entries, and 1,000 spectators to an event that was rushed together in a matter of just a few weeks, under the cloud of a pandemic. It was no exaggeration to say that this event was "The Last Man Standing" from the 2021 McCall Winter Carnival.

As if the Covid thing wasn't challenging enough, Mother Nature wasn't super cooperative either, and instead of the normal 2-3 feet of snow that is typical for late-January in Cascade, there was maybe 15 inches, so RMSHA (Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Hillclimb Association) President Tyson Thomas was drafted to create an a great race track. Numerous pieces of heavy equipment (courtesy of Granite Construction) was used to carve out two large parking lots and push that snow in the direction of the track where Tyson ran a snow grooming machine courtesy of South Valley County Rec) to create jumps, bumps, whoops, and banked turns. It took him two days of work, but the resulting track was a very good one.

Idaho's Canyon Ashley stepped up several levels at this race. He is young and still learning, and has struggled to rise up to compete at the pro level. That all ended on Saturday, when he grabbed a huge holeshot and won the first men's pro moto going away, and finished a strong second in the second moto to take the overall win in the pro men's class. X-Games veteran Justin Thomas struggled with a first moto crash, but was able to win the second moto and grab second overall.

The pro women's class was topped by former McCall resident, Shayla Lillie who won both motos going away. McCall's Sarah Whipple rubbed skis with defending women's

national snowbike champion, Jamey Parks from Montana, with Whipple finally coming prevailing to grab second. Young, Nathan Kingston had a rock solid day, winning both the 350 class and the Open Trophy class, which had so many riders that it had to split into qualifying heats.



**Former National Snowbike Champion Jimmy Jarrett, #44, now well into his 40's is still a threat, and #112 Justin Thomas is the current points leader in the 2021 quest to become the National Snowbike Champion.**



**Every year the course is littered with stuck, broken, crashed, and dead and dying UTV's from the crowd-pleasing, 4-wheeler race.**

Snowmobilers turned out in record numbers, with classes for adults and kids. Bend, Oregon's Tommy Bunch swapped moto wins with Cascade's Faron Gilbert, and many boys and girls under 12, most but not all of them locals, raced around and around, both on the track and off, racing, building snowmen, chasing each other and having a blast.

The day of racing ended with the eagerly-awaited UTV (4-wheelers) taking the line, and just like last year, the crowd was treated to mayhem and crashing galore. In the end, only a few machines managed to finish. Travis Bonfiglio from New Meadows took the UTV Turbo win, earning a \$500 gift certificate from Carl's Cycle in Boise, but the coveted crowd-pleaser (winning \$100 from Valley Door) was McCall's Beau Value who, while trying to catch the winning Bonfiglio, hit a jump so fast and out of control that he performed a complete front flip, never letting off of the throttle and somehow, some way, landing in such a way that he was able to keep going and finish second. It was an AMAZING demonstration that ANYTHING can happen on the race track, and a perfect way to end the day.

At day's end, everyone agreed that the Davis property in Cascade is much better location than anything that is available in McCall, and the world's oldest snowbike race will continue in Cascade, hopefully for many years to come. We hope to be able to return next year, possibly with the addition of a vintage snowmobile oval ice race on Davis Reservoir on the other side of Warm Lake Road, near to where this event was held.

Round 3 of the 2021 NASBA 509/Air Force Special Warfare National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at the always incredible, 2-mile long outdoor MX track at Fossil Bowl, near Clarkia, Idaho on February 13.

Partners for the Cascade race were: 509, US Air Force Special Warfare, Rockwell Time, Ruffian Snowbikes, Ashley Heating & Air, Disaster Response, Mile High Powersports, Valley Door, Superior Construction, Rogers Motors, Performance Drywall and Carl's Cycle. Special thanks to the Southern Valley Rec District, Tyson Thomas with RIMSHA, the Cascade Chamber, the Ashley Inn, Dragon Shirt Kenny's, Honey Dippers Portables with Destry and Julio, club members of the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge, and of course the race could have NEVER happened without the help and support of Phil and Josh Davis and Granite Excavation, AND Larry Meredith who suggested that the race could possibly be moved to the Davis property.

## Results, Round 2, 2021 NASBA National Snow Bike Series

<b>Pro Men</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-2)	Canyon Ashley #19	Kuna, ID	HON - Timbersled
	Carl's Cycle, Rogers Motors, Ashley Heating, Fly Racing, Seat Concepts		
2 (5-1)	Justin Thomas #112	Idaho Falls, ID	KAW - Timbersled
	Timbersled, Fly Racing, Fox, SLR, Carls Cycle		
3 (2-4)	Parker Earl #26	Garden City, UT	HUS - Yeti
	Yeti, Fly Racing, Atlas Speed Factory, Abom Goggles		
4 (4-3)	Jimmy Jarrett #44	Star, ID	KAW - Timbersled
	Team Green, Timbersled, Carl's Cycle, Fly Racing, 100% Goggles		
5 (3-5)	Jake Hedlund #59	Rathdrum, ID	YAM - Timbersled
	C&M Suspension, FXR, MASH Motorsports, Lone Mountain Metalworks		
6 (7-7)	Austin Barber #721	Rathdrum, ID	HON - Timbersled
	C&M Suspension, Ryno Power, FXR, MASH Motors, Lone Mtn Metalworks		
7 (9-6)	Austin Taylor #197	Boise, ID	KAW - Timbersled
	Rich's Auto Care, Moto One, Risky Metal, Foundations LLC		
8 (6-9)	Andrew Watson #112	Post Falls, ID	YAM - Timbersled
	509, Guage Broz, CDA Powersports, SXS		
9 (8-8)	Cory Kelley #27	Lewiston, ID	HON - Yeti
	Mac's Cycle, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors		
<b>Pro Women</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-1)	Shayla Lillie #22	Lewiston, ID	HON - Timbersled
	Gateway, Superior Construction		

2 (3-2)	Sarah Whipple #3 Ride McCall	McCall, ID	YAM - Timbersled
3 (2-3)	Jamey Parks #14 509, CCI Sports, Flirt With Dirt, Motoseat, Rekluse, SXS, Cyclops Adventure, Decal Works	Coeur d' Alene, ID	YAM - Timbersled
<b>40+ Senior</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-2)	Jeremy Deming #76 509, Timbersled, St. Maries Saw & Cycle, Rekluse, SXS, Fasst Co., Defiant Coffee, Jerm Designs	Coeur d' Alene, ID	YAM - Timbersled
2 (5-1)	Ryan Rogers #285 Rogers Motors, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, Mac's Cycle, Gateway Trailers	Clarkston, WA	HON - Timbersled
3 (3-3)	Jason Weis #23 Fly Racing, Skullcandy, Montana Powersports Products	Hamilton, MT	KTM - Timbersled
4 (2-4)	Zach Evans #15 Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KAW - Timbersled
5 (4-3)	Nathan Titus #2 Fly Racing, WPS, Rale	Kuna, ID	YAM - Rale
6 (6-6)	Nick Steinbach #15 Interstate Batteries	Meridian, ID	KTM - Timbersled
7 (8-7)	Ward White #801 509, Jerm Designs, SXS Slideplates	Kamas, UT	YAM - Timbersled
8 (7-10)	Read Young #21 Idaho Custom Ironworks, Pro-Moto Billet	Nampa, ID	KTM - Timbersled
9 (10-8)	Phillip Henderson #14	Coeur d' Alene, ID	YAM - Timbersled
10 (9-9)	Leighton Lillie #27 Gateway, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors, Gosselar Powersports, Honda	Lewiston, ID	HON – Yeti
<b>Open Trophy MAIN</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Nathan Kingston #16 Kingston Drywall	Caldwell, ID	HUS - Timbersled
2	River Rogers #285 Rogers Motors, Fly Racing, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, GPS, Mac's Cycle	Clarkston, WA	KTM - Timbersled
3	Curtis Tanner #4 Evo Idaho	Post Falls, ID	HON - Yeti
4	Zach Evans #15 Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KAW - Timbersled
5	Garrett Evans #38 Carl's Cycle	Boise, ID	KTM – Timbersled
6	Josh Mott #00 JMR, Rale, Fly Racing	Boise, ID	KAW – Rale
7	Colton Tennant #15X	Star, ID	KTM - Timbersled

Did Not Start	Ward White #801 509, SXS Slideplates, Jerm Designs	Kamas, UT	YAM - Timbersled
Did Not Start	Garrett Davis #55	Salem, OR	YAM - Timbersled
Did Not Start	Tom Eichler #11	Salem, OR	KAW - Timbersled
Did Not Start	Christian Courtial #78	Garden City, ID	YAM - Timbersled
Did Not Start	Tony Eichler #69	Salem, OR	HUS - Timbersled
<b>Open Trophy Heat #1</b>	<b>Name: (Top 4 transferred to Main)</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	River Rogers #285	Clarkston, WA	KTM – Timbersled
2	Tom Eichler #11	Salem, OR	KAW - Timbersled
3	Christian Courtial #78	Garden City, ID	YAM - Timbersled
4	Tony Eichler #69	Salem, OR	HUS – Timbersled
5	Andy Fisher #84	Damascus, OR	HON - Timbersled
6	Dillon Oneida #716	Kuna, ID	KAW - Timbersled
7	Ted Eichler #5	Salem, OR	YAM - Timbersled
8	Cody Johnston #789	Boise, ID	YAM - Timbersled
9	Garrett Davis #55	Salem, OR	YAM - Timbersled
10	Paul Hildebrand #64	Washougal, WA	KAW - Timbersled
<b>Open Trophy Heat #2</b>	<b>Name: (Top 4 transferred to Main)</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Nate Kingston #16	Caldwell, ID	HUS – Timbersled
2	Colton Tennant #15X	Star, ID	KTM - Timbersled
3	Zach Evans#15	Boise, ID	KAW - Timbersled
4	Curtis Tanner #4	Post Falls, ID	HON - Yeti
5	Hunter Campbell #6	Nampa, ID	KTM - Timbersled
6	Shayla Lillie #22	Lewiston, ID	HON -Timbersled
7	Ward White #801	Kamas, UT	YAM - Timbersled
8	Hayden Sailer #21	Boise, ID	KTM - Rale
9	Garrett Evans #38	Boise, ID	KTM – Timbersled
10	Josh Mott #00	Boise, ID	KAW – Rale
<b>Open Trophy LCQ</b>	<b>Name: (Top 4 transferred to Main)</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Josh Mott #00	Boise, ID	KAW – Rale
2	Garrett Davis #55	Salem, OR	YAM - Timbersled
3	Ward White #801	Kamas, UT	YAM - Timbersled
4	Garrett Evans #38	Boise, ID	KTM – Timbersled
5	Hunter Campbell #6	Nampa, ID	KTM - Timbersled
6	Hayden Sailer #21	Boise, ID	KTM - Rale
7	Paul Hildebrand #64	Washougal, WA	KAW - Timbersled
8	Cody Johnston #789	Boise, ID	YAM - Timbersled
9	Ted Eichler #5	Salem, OR	YAM - Timbersled
10	Andy Fisher #84	Damascus, OR	HON - Timbersled
Did Not Start	Shayla Lillie #22	Lewiston, ID	HON -Timbersled
Did Not Start	Dillon Oneida #716	Kuna, ID	KAW - Timbersled

<b>350 Trophy</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-1)	Nathan Kingston #16 Kingston Drywall	Caldwell, ID	HUS - Timbersled
2 (2-3)	River Rogers #285 Rogers Motors, Fly Racing, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, GPS, Mac's Cycle	Clarkston, WA	KTM - Timbersled
3 (3-4)	Zach Taylor #316 Carl's Cycle, Fly, Fokus Graphics	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
4 (6-2)	Colton Tennant #15X	Star, ID	KTM - Timbersled
5 (4-5)	Nick Steinbach #25 Interstate Batteries	Meridian, ID	KTM - Timbersled
6 (5-7)	Ryder Reynolds #941 Fly, Rale Industries, WPS	Boise, ID	HON - Rale
7 (8-6)	Vincent Ledbetter #223	Idaho City, ID	HON - Timbersled
8 (7-9)	Colt Value #20 Distaster Response, Rogers Motors, Ashley Heating, Gateway Trailers	McCall, ID	KTM - Timbersled
9 (9-10)	Hudson Hawkins #24	Eagle, ID	KTM - Timbersled
<b>Women Trophy</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-1)	Ryan Evans #25 Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
2 (2-2)	Erin Robinson #11	Coeur d' Alene, ID	KTM - CMX
3 (3-3)	Cheryl Maas #51	Boise, ID	KAW - Timbersled
4 (4-4)	Tina Weis #88 Fly Racing, Skullcandy, Montana Power Products	Hamilton, MT	KTM - Timbersled
<b>Kids 12-Under Ripper Snowbikes</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Jackson Steen	Boring, OR	Hon - Ripper
<b>UTV Non-Turbo</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Faron Gilbert #115 Ride McCall, Granite Excavation, Kesler Construction, Gilbert Mountain Trucking	Cascade, ID	Polaris
2	Read Young #21 Idaho Custom Ironworks, Pro-Moto Billet	Nampa, ID	Polaris
<b>UTV Turbo</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Travis Bonfiglio Ride McCall, Granite Excavation, Kesler Construction, Gilbert Mountain Trucking	New Meadows, ID	Polaris
2	Beau Value Disaster Response, Rogers Motors, Ashley Heating & Air, Gateway Tires	McCall, ID	Polaris
3	Wade Trisay	Caldwell, ID	Can-Am
Did Not Finish	Tyler Cowger	Melba, ID	Polaris
Did Not Finish	Ethan Templeton Mile High Powersports	McCall, ID	Can-Am

Did Not Finish	Andy Kirkendall Sedona Wheels & Tires	Payette, ID	Polaris
Did Not Finish	Zachary Shields	Caldwell, ID	Polaris
<b>Men's Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1(2-1)	Tommy Bunch #784 Boneyard, Dynamic Designs	Bend, OR	Polaris
2 (1-2)	Faron Gilbert #154 Ride McCall, Granite Excavation, Kesler Construction, Gilbert Mountain Trucking	Cascade, ID	Polaris
3 (3-3)	Tony Applegate #777	Boise, ID	Polaris
4 (5-4)	Rob Kirsh #55X Rogers Motors, RK Motorworks	McCall, ID	Polaris
5 (4-5)	Sam Leverenz #11	Weiser, ID	Polaris
6 (6-6)	Chris Leverenz #163	Weiser, ID	Polaris
7 (7-7)	Justin Cummings #340	Meridian, ID	Polaris
8 (8-8)	John Byrne #197	McCall, ID	Polaris
<b>Women's Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-1)	Suzanna Kamedula Gilbert Mountain Trucking & Excavation	Baker City, OR	Polaris
<b>Boy's 200cc Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Henry Kamedula Gilbert Mountain Trucking & Excavation	Baker City, OR	Arctic Cat
2	Drew Olson	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
3	Bryson Davis	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
4	Blake Frisby Frisby Farms, Grizzly Sports	Eagle, ID	Polaris
5	Ryle Readmond Disaster Response, Rogers Motors, Gilbert Excavation, Ashley Heating, Gateway Trailers	McCall, ID	Arctic Cat
6	Darcy Brooks	McCall, ID	Yamaha
7	Averi Hunsaker Idaho Motorcycle Specialties	Meridian, ID	Arctic Cat
<b>Girl's 200cc Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Lauren Davis Granite Excavation	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
2	Lila Olson	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
3	Bailey Frisby Frisby Farms, Grizzly Sports	Caldwell, ID	Arctic Cat
4	Sarah Applegate Air Design, Applegate Industries, Stock Racing, J&A Racing, Terra Alps, SLP, Carl's Cycle, Quality Concrete	Boise, ID	Arctic Cat
5	Ayla Kamedula	Baker City, OR	Arctic Cat

	Gilbert Mountain Trucking & Excavation		
<b>Boy's 120cc Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Ryle Readmond	McCall, ID	Arctic Cat
	Disaster Response, Rogers Motors, Gilbert Excavation, Ashley Heating, Gateway Trailers		
2	Drew Olson	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
3	Bryson Davis	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
	Granite Excavation		
4	Quinn Darcy	McCall, ID	Yamaha
<b>Girl's 120cc Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Lauren Davis	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
	Granite Excavation		
2	Lila Olson	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
3	Bailey Frisby	Caldwell, ID	Arctic Cat
	Frisby Farms, Grizzly Sports		
4	Addie Hull	Cascade, ID	Yamaha
	Cascade Auto Glass		
5	Macee Wessels	Lewiston, ID	Ski-Doo
	Gilbert Mountain Trucking & Excavation		