

# Only Snowbike Race in the Cascades Steps Up Again

Round 3, 2021 NASBA 509/US Air Force Special Warfare National Championship Snow Bike Series, February 20 – Diamond Lake, Oregon

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Round three of the 2021 NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association) 509/US Air Force Special Warfare National Championship Snow Bike Series featured plenty of snow and an all-new track. This was the fifth year for Oregon's only snowbike race (the only one in the Cascades as well), at the stunning Diamond Lake Resort, located in Central Oregon near Crater Lake. X Games racer Darrin Mees and Diamond Lakes groomer, Randy Webb, teamed up to build a great, new track, and to their credit, the US Forest Service was extremely cooperative with the event, allowing race organizers to use a bigger, better area for the track, and avoid burned and dangerous areas from the old location, which got hammered in last summer's forest fires. The hard work to make the race fly paid off, as the race pulled a record-sized crowd of 500 spectators and 52 racer entries to an event that, like everything else, was running under the cloud of a pandemic.

Idaho riders Jake Hedlund and Canyon Ashley staged a good battle with Hedlund taking the overall with a second moto win in the men's pro class. California's Jason Caldwell also set some blazing lap times, but his machine broke down both motos, and Idaho's Cory Kelley got the nod as most improved as he really upped his game, leading the first pro moto for a number of laps before fading to third.



Hedlund #59 & Ashley #19 swapped pro moto wins, with Hedlund taking the overall.



Cory Kelley #27, made HUGE improvements from round 2 of the series.

Montana's Jason Weis and Idaho's Ryan Rogers challenged each other again in the always fun 40+ senior class, with Weis taking a hard-earned win, and Ryan's son, River Rogers had a very solid day, beating arch rival Nate Kingston in both the 350 and the

Open Trophy classes. Kingston continues to show blinding speed, but he crashed too many times on this particular day.



**Nate Kingston is FAST, but he had trouble with crashes at this event.**



**As usual, the UTVs put on a wild show for the cheering crowd.**

A number of snowmobilers turned out and Bend, Oregon locals Cale Voos and Tommy Bunch also swapped moto wins with Voos taking the overall win. 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 the craziness that 4-wheeled racing in the snow always brings out. In the end, only a few machines managed to finish. Alan Patton from Medford took the UTV Turbo win, earning a \$100 gift certificate from UTV Obsessions, with Teribone's Cody Lundquist also getting a \$100 prize from UTV Obsessions by winning the non-turbo class.

For the first time ever, several ATVs showed up to race and they out on a great show. Young Carl Lawellen from Bentea, Oregon was clearly the fastest, but his machine was wild and spun and slid all over the track. Meanwhile, 71 year-old Steve Hensley from Cascade, Idaho (who was also the event flagger) was smooth and steady on his 4-wheel drive machine. He passed Lawellen numerous times, much to the crowd's entertainment, but the end the youthful Lawellen prevailed, but just barely. At day's end, everyone agreed that this year's new track was much better than the old one, and hopefully it can be used again in the future.

Round 4 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 27.

Partners for the Diamond Lake race were: 509, US Air Force Special Warfare, Rockwell Time, Ruffian Snowbikes, UTV Obsessions and the Diamond Lake Resort. Special thanks to the US Forest Service, Janie Pardo, Rogue Valley SXS Club, and of course the race could have NEVER happened without the help and support of John, Brandy, Randy, Shannon and Albert, and the entire staff of the Diamond Lake Resort.

## Results, Round 3, 2021 NASBA National Snow Bike Series

Pro Men	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (2-1)	Jake Hedlund #59 C&M Suspension, FXR, MASH Motorsports, Lone Mountain Metalworks	Rathdrum, ID	YAM - Timbersled
2 (1-2)	Canyon Ashley #19 Carl's Cycle, Rogers Motors, Ashley Heating, Fly Racing, Seat Concepts	Kuna, ID	HON - Timbersled
3 (3-3)	Cory Kelley #27 Mac's Cycle, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors	Lewiston, ID	HON - Yeti
4 (4-4)	Austin Barber #721 C&M Suspension, Ryno Power, FXR, MASH Motors, Lone Mtn Metalworks	Rathdrum, ID	HON - Timbersled
5 (5-6)	Kaya #259	Garberville, CA	KAW - Timbersled
6 (6-5)	Kamaal Owen #258	Garberville, CA	HON - Timbersled
7 (7-7)	Jason Caldwell #7	Miranda, CA	YAM - CMX
40+ Senior	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (2-1)	Jason Weis #23 Fly Racing, Skullcandy, Montana Powersports Products	Hamilton, MT	KTM - Timbersled
2 (1-3)	Ryan Rogers #285 Rogers Motors, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, Mac's Cycle, Gateway Trailers	Clarkston, WA	HON - Timbersled
3 (3-2)	Dameon Pool #25	Grants Pass, OR	KTM - Timbersled
4 (4-4)	Moe Wylie #422 Circle D Farms	O'Brien, OR	HUS - Timbersled
5 (5-5)	Chris Conway #010 Bend Boost & Balance, Cascade Polaris	Bend, OR	KTM - Timbersled
6 (6-6)	Devin Parker #260 Circle D Farms	Cave Junction, OR	KTM - Timbersled
Open Trophy	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	River Rogers #285 Rogers Motors, Fly Racing, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, GPS, Mac's Cycle	Clarkston, WA	KTM - Timbersled
2 (3-2)	Nathan Kingston #16 Kingston Drywall	Caldwell, ID	HUS - Timbersled
3 (4-3)	Alex Schwab #50	Medford, OR	YAM - Timbersled
4 (2-6)	Tallen Mitchell #112	LaPine, OR	HON - Yeti
5 (5-5)	Trestin Parent #169 Bend Boost & Balance, Central Equipment, Conner Motorsports, Clean Home Restoration	Central Point, OR	KAW - Timbersled
6 (7-4)	Cole Conway #610 Bend Boost & Balance, Cascade Polaris	Bend, OR	KTM - Timbersled
7 (6-7)	Skyler Wylie #422 Circle D Farms	O'Brien, OR	HUS - Timbersled
8 (8-8)	Brandon Steele #252	Redmond, OR	YAM - Timbersled

9 (9-DNS)	Cody Green #260	Cave Junction, OR	KTM - Timbersled
10 (10-DNS)	Devin Parker #261	Cave Junction, OR	KTM - Timbersled
<b>350 Trophy</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-1)	River Rogers #285	Clarkston, WA	KTM - Timbersled
	Rogers Motors, Fly Racing, Carls Cycle, Ashley Heating & Air, GPS, Mac's Cycle		
2 (2-2)	Nathan Kingston #16	Caldwell, ID	HUS - Timbersled
	Kingston Drywall		
<b>Kids 12-Under Ripper Snowbikes</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Maeson Pool	Grants Pass, OR	KAW – Ripper
<b>ATV</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Carl Lawallen #68	Bentea, OR	HON
2	Steve Hensley #11	Cascade, ID	KAW
3	Luis Villa	Central Point, OR	YAM
<b>UTV Non-Turbo</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Cody Lundquist #989	Teribone, OR	YAM
2	Joel Abbott #191	Prineville, OR	YAM
3	Zachary Hastings #01	Redmond, OR	YAM
	Reckless Ranch Oregon		
4	Mike Boyce #0	Redmond, OR	YAM
<b>UTV Turbo</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1	Alan Patton #11	Medford, OR	Can-Am
2	Moe Wylie #261	O'Brien, OR	Can-Am
3	Brian Boyd #924	Lebanon, OR	POL
4	Shane Wagner #106	Shady Cove, OR	Can-Am
5	Cody Matheison #15	Eagle Point, OR	Can-Am
6 (Did not finish)	Joshua Spencer #827	Bend, OR	YAM
7 (Did not start)	Cody Lundquist #989	Teribone, OR	YAM
8 (Did not start)	Zachary Hastings #01	Redmond, OR	YAM
	Reckless Ranch Oregon		
9 (Did not start)	Alex Schwab #50	Medford, OR	YAM
<b>Men's Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1(2-1)	Cale Voos #3	Bend, OR	Ski-Doo
	M9 Suspension, Sled Head Wraps, Pro-Caliber		
2(1-2)	Tommy Bunch #784	Bend, OR	Polaris
	Boneyard, Dynamic Designs		
3 (3-3)	Cody Sikes #36	Bend, OR	Arctic Cat
	Three Creeks Powersports		
4 (4-4)	Nick Fortin #410	Redmond, OR	Arctic Cat
	Three Creeks Powersports		
5 (3-5)	Skyler Wylie #4	O'Brien, OR	Ski-Doo
6 (6-6)	Cody Green #262	Cave Junction, OR	Ski-Doo

<b>Kids 120cc Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-2)	Maeson Pool	Grants Pass, OR	Polaris
2 (2-1)	Macee Wessels #22	Lewiston, ID	Ski-Doo
3 (3-3)	Clayton Sikes Three Creeks Powersports	Bend, OR	Polaris
<b>Kids 200cc Snowmobile</b>	<b>Name &amp; Sponsors:</b>	<b>Hometown:</b>	<b>Riding:</b>
1 (1-1)	Clayton Sikes Three Creeks Powersports	Bend, OR	Polaris



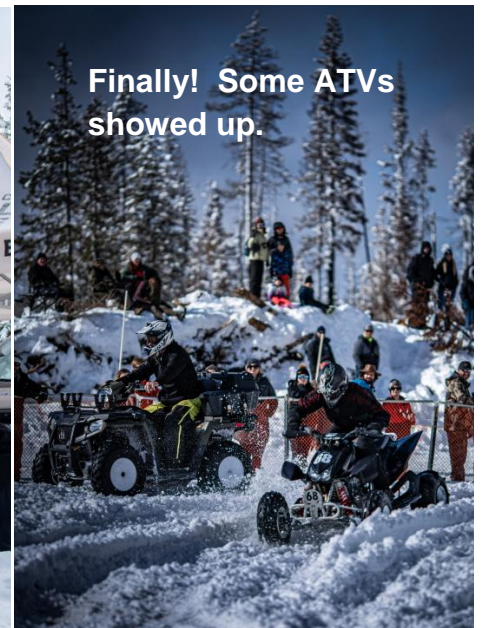
**Kids Mini Snowbikes**



**Kids Mini Snowmobiles**



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**Finally! Some ATVs showed up.**