

Cascade Still Host's World's Oldest Snowbike Race

Round 1, 2023 NASBA Carl's Cycle/Timbersled National Championship Snow Bike Series, January 28 – Cascade, Idaho

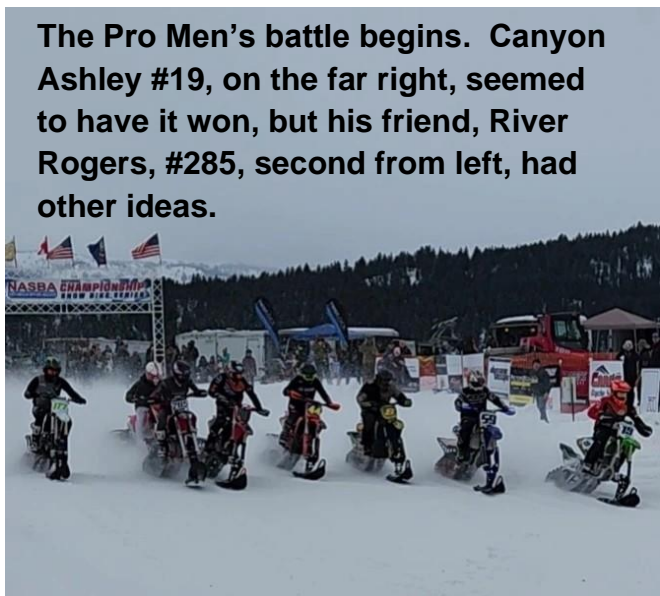
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Round one of the 2023 NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association) Carl's Cycle/Timbersled National Championship Snow Bike Series ran on a beautiful, ½ mile motocross type course just off of Warm Lake Road near Cascade, and as always, it was the only motorized portion of the McCall Winter Carnival.

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, shifting the event south to Cascade. The town of Cascade has worked hard to make the race fly; and this year's race pulled 65 racer entries, and 800 spectators on a day that was MUCH warmer than last year (by about 40F)!

Numerous pieces of heavy equipment (courtesy of Granite Construction) were used to carve out two large parking lots and push that snow in the direction of the track where skilled operators ran a snow grooming machine to create jumps, bumps, whoops, and banked turns. It took the team several days of work, but the resulting track was a very good one, with top pros cutting 40-second laps, and spectators having good viewing.

Snowbikes are the original stars of the show, and over 30 of them turned out to wow the crowd with wild racing action, egged on by announcer Jeff Gordon. Although there were a few crashes, snow is much more forgiving than dirt and rocks, and not a single injury was reported all day.



The men's pro class was a wild affair, with eight of them fighting for their share of \$4,000, paid out to the top seven. Canyon Ashley flew to an easy first moto win, with River Rogers taking second. Ashley built up a solid lead in the second moto, and victory seemed certain, when suddenly, about two laps from the end, Rogers caught fire and began closing the gap at an incredible rate, but still, even on the last straight, it appeared that Ashley had it made. But Rogers continued to ride flat out, (it looked like he was going twice as fast as everyone else), and he nipped Ashley by about one foot at the finish line, stealing the moto and the overall win, and proving the old racing adage that "it ain't over, 'till it's over." It was impressive, to say the least.

Popular racer, (and new mom) Shayla Lillie, took both of the Pro Women moto wins, riding smooth and fast, grabbing \$500. Young Ryan Evans pushed Lillie in the first moto and charged hard again in the second, but a last lap, last corner crash took her out of contention. Awesome, good sportsmanship was shown by both Jamey Parks and Erin Robinson, who both stopped, sacrificing their own results, to help the smallish Evans, who although unhurt, was trapped under the bike. Way to go ladies.

Snowmobiles are becoming a bigger and bigger part of the race, with classes for adults 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 several crazy crashes and assorted stuck machines.

Rounds 2 and 3 of the 2023 Carl's Cycle/Timbersled National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at the same, location on February 11 and February 25.

Partners for the Cascade race were: Carl's Cyle, Timbersled, Roger's Toyota, Ashley Heating and Air, Peters & Keatts Equipment, Performance Drywall, Hawkins Companies, Zack Evans Construction, Granite Construction, Valley Wide Cooperative, Kenz Hair, Pure Adrenaline Motorsports, Titanium Excavation, Rockwell Time, Disaster Response, Mile High Powersports, Superior Construction, Seat Concepts, Ride McCall, CITRA, Rod Blackstead Family, Gateway Materials and Trailers, Cascade Chamber, Restoration Pro, Doug & Tammy Olson, and X2D. Special thanks to Ryan and Wendy Rogers, the Cascade Fire EMT and Fire Department, Palooza Basecamp & Eatery, Honey Dippers Portables with Destry and Julio, and of course the race could have NEVER happened without the help and support of Phil and Josh Davis and Granite Excavation.

Results, Round 1, 2023 NASBA National Snow Bike Series

Pro Men	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (2-1)	River Rogers #285 Carl's Cycle, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors	Lewiston, ID	HON - Timbersled
2 (1-2)	Canyon Ashley #19 Carl's Cycle, Rogers Motors, Ashley Heating, Fly Racing, Seat Concepts	Kuna, ID	KAW - Timbersled
3 (4-3)	Jake Hedlund #59 Carl's Cycle, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors	Lewiston, ID	YAM - Timbersled
4 (3-4)	Jimmy Jarrett #44 Carl's Cycle, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors	Meridian, ID	KTM - Timbersled
5 (5-5)	Cody Holzer #101	Lewiston, ID	HON - Timbersled
6 (7-6)	Shannon Mason #8	BC, Canada	HON - Timbersled
7 (6-7)	Dusty McReynolds #22	Horseshoe Bend, ID	HON - Timbersled
8 (8-8)	Ranger Downs #117	Star, ID	HON - Yeti
Pro Women	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Shayla Lillie #22 509, CCI Sports, Flirt With Dirt, Motoseat, Rekluse, SXS, Cyclops Adventure, Decal Works	Lewiston, ID	KTM - Timbersled
2 (4-2)	Erin Robinson #11	Coeur d' Alene, ID	KTM - CMX
3 (3-3)	Jamey Parks #14 509, CCI Sports, Flirt With Dirt, Motoseat, Rekluse, SXS, Cyclops Adventure, Decal Works	Coeur d' Alene, ID	KTM - Timbersled
4 (2-4)	Ryan Evans #25 Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
40+ Senior	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Ryan Evans #15 Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
2 (2-2)	Ryan Rogers #285 Carl's Cycle, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors	Lewiston, ID	HON - Timbersled
3 (4-3)	Leighton Lillie #27 Gateway, Fly Racing, Rogers Motors, Gosselar Powersports, Honda	Lewiston, ID	HON - Yeti
4 (3-4)	Jason Dawson #44	Cascade, ID	KTM - Timbersled
5 (6-5)	Dylan Hellwich #101	Bend, OR	KTM - Timbersled
6 (5-6)	Travis Lukoic #41	Eagle, ID	HON - Timbersled
7 (7-7)	Doug Bonneville #202	Tahoma, CA	YAM - Timbersled
Open Trophy	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Hudson Hawkins #24	Eagle, ID	KTM - Timbersled
2 (3-2)	Dusty McReynolds #22	Horseshoe Bend, ID	HON - Timbersled
3 (2-3)	Zach Evans #15 orange Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
4 (4-6)	Dylan Kelly #556	Meridian, ID	YAM - Timbersled
5 (6-5)	Derek Van Antwerp #281D	Estacada, OR	KTM - Timbersled

6 (10-4)	Nick Scarlett #918	New Plymouth, ID	YAM - Timbersled
7 (5-9)	Donald Bowerman #981	Redmond, OR	KTM - Timbersled
8 (7-8)	Richard Wollbrinck #157	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
9 (9-7)	Phillip Diaz #9	New Plymouth, ID	HON - Timbersled
10 (8-10)	Brian Wallace #208	Caldwell, ID	KTM - Timbersled
350 Trophy	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (2-1)	Hudson Hawkins #24	Eagle, ID	KTM - Timbersled
2 (1-2)	JR Robinson #11	Coeur d' Alene, ID	KTM - CMX
3 (4-3)	Cyrus Delamere #111	Meridian, ID	YAM - Timbersled
4 (3-5)	Ryan Evans #25	Boise, ID	KTM - Timbersled
	Carl's Cycle, Evans Bros. Construction		
5 (5-4)	Tim Branen #7	Post Falls, ID	KTM - Timbersled
UTV	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1	Blake Frisby #257	Caldwell, ID	Polaris
2	Justin Cummings #126	Letha, ID	Polaris
3	Jason Dawson #44	Cascade, ID	Polaris
4	Faron Gilbert #115	Cascade, ID	Polaris
5	Chris Kenner #77	Cascade, ID	Polaris
Men's Snowmobile	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (2-1)	Faron Gilbert #115	Cascade, ID	Polaris
2 (1-4)	Stephen Darcy #25	McCall, ID	Polaris
3 (3-2)	Rob Kirsch 285	McCall, ID	Ski-Doo
4 (4-3)	Blake Frisby #257	Caldwell, ID	Polaris
Boy's 200cc Snowmobile	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Blake Frisby #257	Caldwell, ID	Arctic Cat
	Frisby Farms, Grizzly Sports		
2 (2-2)	Darcy Brooks #44	McCall, ID	Yamaha
3 (4-3)	Kyle Rubner #35	McCall, ID	Yamaha
4 (5-5)	Bryson Davis #45	Cascade, ID	Yamaha
5 (9-4)	Darcy Quinn #77	McCall, ID	Yamaha
6 (7-6)	Drew Olson #3	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
7 (6-7)	Cash Dunn #17	Cascade, ID	Ski-Doo
8 (3-10)	Huckston Maxwell #12	McCall, ID	Yamaha
9 (8-8)	Maverick Schneider #14	McCall, ID	Arctic Cat
10 (10-9)	Liam Kinzer #212	Lewiston, ID	Arctic Cat
11 (11-11)	Lakelan Maxwell #96	McCall, ID	Arctic Cat
Girl's 200cc Snowmobile	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (2-1)	Leighton Dunn #4	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
2 (1-2)	Lauren Davis #452	Cascade, ID	Arctic Cat
	Granite Excavation		
3 (3-3)	Quinley Carlson #55X	Riggins, ID	Yamaha
Boy's 120cc Snowmobile	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:

1 (1-1)	Liam Kinzer #212	Lewiston, ID	Arctic Cat
2 (2-2)	Jack Schneider #14	McCall, ID	Arctic Cat
3 (3-3)	Caysen Newsom #5	McCall, ID	Yamaha
4 (5-4)	Cash Dunn #17	Cascade, ID	Ski-Doo
5 (4-5)	Ben Bluth #1	McCall, ID	Ski-Doo
Girl's 120cc Snowmobile	Name & Sponsors:	Hometown:	Riding:
1 (1-1)	Sutton Vandenberg #10	Meridian, ID	Ski-Doo
2 (2-2)	Layton Dunn #13	Cascade, ID	Ski-Doo
3 (3-3)	Deklyn Bluth #11	McCall, ID	Yamaha