

## **New Cast of Pro Men & Familiar Pro Women at 10<sup>th</sup> Annual McCall Winter Carnival Race**

Round 4, 2018 AMA National Championship Snow Bike Series, January 27, 2018 – McCall, ID

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Round four of the 2018 AMA National Championship Snow Bike Series featured a host of new faces and some big challenges. There was only about 15 inches of snow on the in-town course at Riverfront Park, less than there had ever been in the 10 year history of this, the oldest race in snow biking. Long-time course builder, Gregg Lawley, tried to remove the numerous stumps and rocks that were, for the first time ever, poking out of the snow. But things went from bad to worse, as Lawley hooked a stump with his snow groomer and shoved it right through his radiator, stranding his expensive machine right in the middle of the track. This was a huge deal because it meant that no more track prep would happen, and the course had to be re-routed to avoid the disabled machine.



**Canyon Ashley #19, topped the 350 class on his KTM Timbersled, chased closely by identical MotoTrax Husky's ridden by Jake Carroll and Noah Borgman. These smaller bikers were fast!**

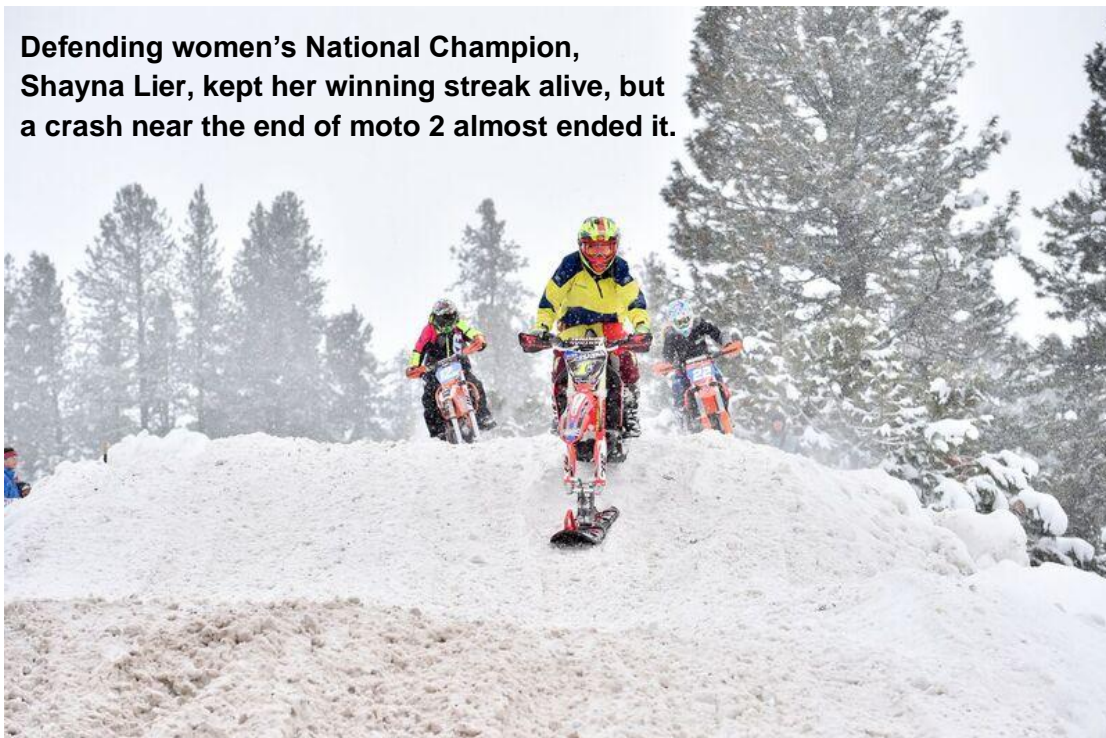
The weather was kind of foul too; rather than the usual sunshine day that spectators are used to at this event, it remained cloudy and snowing most of the time, keeping things somewhat damp and chilly. But the McCall round always promises to be exciting and unpredictable, and this year was doubly that since approximately eight of the top pro men who would normally be in McCall, were instead in Aspen riding in the X Games. This twist made the men's pro class really, really interesting, and turned out a solid 21 pro men entries, all shooting for a chunk of the \$3,000 pro purse. All in all, there were a record 69 total entries and around 900 spectators, who got to witness riders pushing themselves against a rough, un-groomed, pounding course, (because it couldn't be further groomed).

The event brought out numerous brands of bikes: Yamaha, Kawasaki, Honda, Husky, KTM and Suzuki were present, and they bolted to just about every currently available snow kit: Timbersled, Camso, Mototrax, CMX and Yeti. There were no 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.

In the end, long-time pro motocrosser, Idaho's Ben Evans simply put the hammer down on his KTM, Timbersled to take the Men's Pro Main win. Guys were fired up and it took three starts to get a clean one, but after nailing a holeshot, Evans checked out, seemingly ignoring the deteriorating course that wore down to dirt and gravel in places. It will be interesting to see how he fares at future series rounds against the likes of giants like Jimmy Jarrett, Darin Mees, Keaton Ward and Josh Hill. Taking a well-earned second was long-time racer Andrew Watson, who rode a fast, smart race, with local pro Kurt Brady turning in a fine third and long-time pro racer Jimmy Lemastus grabbing fourth. Even with a marginal course and some really close, hard racing, there were no serious injuries, confirming yet again that snow bike racing is far safer than traditional motocross because snow is a lot friendlier to crash on.

South Dakota's Shayna Lier keep her perfect winning streak alive, topping the women's pro class for the fourth round in a row, but a late race crash almost took her out for the day and she had to grab the win on the last lap over a spirited ride by locals Shayla Fulfer and Sarah Whipple. Another long-time racer, Robb Floth won the always-exciting Senior 40+ class, edging out Jeremy Deming, Mark Fowler, Zach Evans and Toby Ashley. This class continues to grow, and with 21 entries, qualifying rounds had to be run to weed the class down to a manageable size for the main event. Canyon Ashley had a perfect day to win the 350 class and Justin Thomas did the same in the Open trophy division, with Madi Taylor taking the women's trophy win.

**Defending women's National Champion, Shayna Lier, kept her winning streak alive, but a crash near the end of moto 2 almost ended it.**



Round 5 of the AMA National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino at South Lake Tahoe, Nevada on February 10, 2018, and will be the first snow bike event ever held in the Sierras. Partners for the weekend were: VP Race Fuel, MotoTrax, Camso, Arctiva, Mile High Powersports, Carl's Cycle, Edge Performance, Air Pro, Idaho Banking Company, Red Bull, Fox Suspension, Timbersled, Red Line Recreational Toys, and Excel Fabrication, Fokus Graphics and Epsco who created the beautiful custom trophies. Special thanks to CITRA, and Gregg Lawley as well as Kurt Wolf, Chuck Seubert and the City of McCall and the McCall Chamber.

<b>Pro Men:</b>	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
<b>1</b>	Ben Evans #235	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Dave Evans Construction, Carl's Cycle, Timbersled, Fly Racing, Scott, Gear Slinger, Sticker Mafia	
<b>2</b>	Andrew Watson #44	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Jerm Designs, SXS SL Joe Plates, Action Sports Media, Gold Creek Lodge, Moto 365, Specialty Recreation, CDA Power Sports	
<b>3</b>	Kurt Brady #145	McCall, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Mile High Powersports, Timbersled, Fly Racing, Ride McCall, Rogers Toyota	
<b>4</b>	Jimmy Lemastus #847	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Extreme Motorsports, Valley Powersports, Sandpoint Marina & Powersports, RG3, Idaho Land Development	
<b>5</b>	Logan Sheldon #738	Lewiston, Idaho	YAM, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mark Street Motorsports Yamaha	
<b>6</b>	Brady Lasher #22	Boise, Idaho	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Timbersled, Carl's Cycle, Lasher Enterprises, FXR, AirPro, Kouba Link, Parents, Wife & Baby	
<b>7</b>	Justin Thomas #112	Idaho Falls, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Klim, Carl's Cycle Sales	
<b>8</b>	Andy Thomas #104	Ammon, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Klim, Carl's Cycle Sales, Polaris, 509	
<b>9</b>	Tommy Thompson #89	Graham, Washington	HON, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel Racing, , Fly Racing	
<b>10</b>	Jon Seehorn #96	Rockford, WA	KAW, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	SXS, Jem Designs, Web Powersports, Rekluse	
<b>11</b>	Jason Rich #21	Meridian, Idaho	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Grizzly Motorsports	
<b>12</b>	Robb Floth #285	Kuna, ID	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Grizzly Motorsports, Fly Racing, X Brand, Insidious Designs	
<b>13</b>	Jake Hedland #59	Rathdrum, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	FXR, 509 Grind, Burly Racing	
<b>14</b>	Waylon Caldwell #11	Asotin, Washington	YAM, Timbersled

<b>15</b>	Chaun McAllister #15	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	HUS, Yeti
	Sponsors:	Motion Sports, RG3, Yeti	
<b>Pro Women:</b>	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
<b>1 (1-1)</b>	Shayna Lier #1W	Stratford, South Dakota	HON, CMX
	Sponsors:	CMX, Gary's Auto Body, Evolution Powersports, Klim, Bell Helmets, Raze, Bell Helmets, Pro Moto Billet, Rekluse	
<b>2 (4-2)</b>	Shayla Fulfer #22	McCall, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsor:	Superior Construction, Modern Machinery, Thor, IREV	
<b>3 (3-3)</b>	Sarah Whipple #9W	McCall, Idaho	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	DSG Ride McCall ABS Avalanche Bags, Timbersled, Pro Moto Billet, Caliber, Mo-Pros, Grizzly Motorsports	
<b>4 (2-4)</b>	Kapri Maupin #12W	Nampa, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Superior Constrution, Modern Machinery	
<b>Senior +40</b>	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
<b>1</b>	Robb Floth #285	Kuna, ID	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Grizzly Motorsports, Fly Racing, X Brand, Insidious Designs	
<b>2</b>	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	St. Maries Saw and Cycle, Timbersled, Bell, Rekluse, SXS, FMF, Vonzipper, Volcom, Jerm Designs	
<b>3</b>	Mark Fowler #331	Orofino, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
<b>4</b>	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
<b>5</b>	Toby Ashley #56	Meridian, ID	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Ashley Heating, Carl's Cycle Sales, Fly, Rogers Motors	
<b>6</b>	Jason Rich #21	Meridian, Idaho	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Grizzly Motorsports	
<b>7</b>	Billy Schlag #145	Mechanicsville, Maryland	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Fly Racing, Trail Pros, EKS, Rad	
<b>8</b>	Nathan Lyda #47	Twin Falls, Idaho	KAW, Timbersled
<b>9</b>	Mark Olberding #27	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle, Obie Link Guard, Timbersled, Fokus Graphics, Air Pro	
<b>10</b>	Reed Young #21	Nampa, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Idaho Custom Iron Works, Fastway/ Pro Moto Billet	
<b>Open Trophy</b>	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
<b>1</b>	Justin Thomas #112	Idaho Falls, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Klim, Carl's Cycle Sales	
<b>2</b>	Andy Thomas #104	Ammon, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Klim, Carl;s Cycle Sales, Polaris, 509	
<b>3</b>	Canyon Ashley #19	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled

	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Ashley Heating, Fly, Rogers Motors	
<b>4</b>	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
<b>5</b>	Noah Borgman #628	Newman Lake, Washington	HUS, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax Alliance steel JMC Motorsports Mike's power sports Parris racing Stix and Stones	
<b>6</b>	Kyle Fischer #333	Logan, Utah	KAW, Timbersled
<b>7</b>	Ward White #810	Kamas, Utah	KAW, Timbersled
<b>8</b>	Garrett Evans #38	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
<b>9</b>	John Arland #36	Farmington, Washington	KTM Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Gage Broz motorsports, Arland Farms	
<b>10</b>	Kyle Lasher #22	Meridian, Idaho	KAW, Timbersled
<b>11</b>	Courtney Rich #541	Emmett, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
<b>12</b>	Shayla Fulfer #22	McCall, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsor:	Superior Construction, Modern Machinery, Thor, IREV	
<b>350 Trophy</b>	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
<b>1 (1-1)</b>	Canyon Ashley #19	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Ashley Heating, Fly, Rogers Motors	
<b>2 (2-2)</b>	Jake Carroll #272	Spokane, Washington	HUS, MotoTrax
<b>3 (3-3)</b>	Noah Borgman #628	Newman Lake, Washington	HUS, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax Alliance steel JMC Motorsports Mike's power sports Parris racing Stix and Stones	
<b>4 (5-4)</b>	Andrew Mills #332	Daniel, Wyoming	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Polaris, Timbersled	
<b>5 (4-5)</b>	Marc Burchoff #27	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle, Obie LinkGuards, Timbersled, Fokus Graphics	
<b>Trophy Women</b>	NAME	HOMETOWN	RIDING
<b>1 (1-1)</b>	Madi Taylor #38	Emmett, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
<b>2 (2-2)</b>	Ashley Fischer #334	Logan, Utah	KTM, Timbersled
<b>3 (3-3)</b>	Nancy Sabater #145	Mechanicsville, Maryland	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Fly Racing, Trail Pros, Dirt Bike Girl Adventures	
<b>4 (4-4)</b>	Tina Weis #23	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled