



**Jimmy Jarrett #1 gets last minute advice just before Pro Men's Start. It must have worked because he pulled off another one of his patented holeshots.**

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## **Hill Nails It Again At Kalispell AMA National Championship Snow Bike Races**

Round 5 AMA National Championship Snow Bike Series, February 24, 2018 – Kalispell, Montana

Kalispell, Montana has been one of the snow bike industry's hot spots for years; it has awesome riding nearby, is close to Canada, and typically gets lots of snow. Plus, Kalispell's Penco Power Products is generally recognized as the largest snow bike dealer in the U.S., if not the world. Yet there had never been a snow bike race held in the region. All of that changed when Round 5 of the 2018 AMA National Snow Bike Race was held in town at the Flathead County Fairgrounds on February 24, courtesy of Penco Power Products and Kalispell Toyota.

Led by Penco's Brock Bolin, a local crew created a jumpy track that featured some excellent inside and outside berms as well as big jumps and rhythm sections with some higher speed sections on the backside that yielded pro lap times in the 55 second range.

There was a lot of interest in the event from spectators and racers alike and over 700 spectators enjoyed calm, overcast 25F temps, as a total of 54 race entries geared up to compete. A total of 20 pro men broke into two groups to weed the field down to 15 for the main, while the other classes, except the Open Development class, utilized a two round, motocross scoring system.

The men's pro main was exciting as always. Defending AMA National Snow Bike Champion, Idaho's Jimmy Jarrett (KTM/Timbersled), pulled his typical holeshot, but was quickly passed by the young and impressively-talented Colton Davis. Mark Wilson also worked his way past into third. Meanwhile, fast guys Darrin Mees, Josh Hill and Keaton Ward all worked forward after getting mediocre starts. Davis, arguably the most under-appreciated talent in snow biking, riding a borrowed KTM, had built up a huge lead, but an icy patch took him down on lap 5 of the 12-lap main, and Hill used the same patience and skills that once netted him AMA Supercross wins to take the lead for good as Davis struggled to restart his bike, which he finally did, recovering to take second, with Wilson third, Mees fourth and Jarrett finishing fifth.

On the pro women's side, South Dakota's Shayna Lier's winning streak was finally broken. She did take the overall, but a broken skag on her ski in moto one meant that she had to do it with 3-1 scores. Jacquelin Riess grabbed the win in moto one but fell back to third in moto two, insuring that Lier took the overall. The Senior, 40-Plus class is always entertaining and Idaho's Jeremy Deming looked great, winning both motos, with Marty Mann and Jake Neill finishing second and third.

**Defending Women's National Snow Bike Champion, Shayna Lier, was hampered by a broken skag in moto one, barely finishing. But repairs and determination put her back in the driver's seat for moto two and gave her the overall.**



The increasingly popular Open Development class was so big that, like the Pro Men's division it also necessitated running qualifiers with a main event at the end. Local rider Riley Anderson took the win, with Idaho's Jeremy Deming climbing into the saddle again to take second with local Scott Matson third. The 350 class was topped by Noah Borgman from Spokane, Washington, and the Women's Trophy class was won by local racer Connie Hamilton, who also took second in the pro women's division.

The points chase toward crowning 2018 AMA National Snow Bike Champions continues. With five of seven rounds completed, Shayna Lier has the Pro Women's title sewed up, but the Pro Men's and 40+ Senior classes are still undecided. Josh Hill has moved into the lead in the Pro Men's class, and Jeff Davis still leads the 40+ Senior class, but there are still several riders in each class who could still win titles. Like 2017, the championships will be decided at the end.

Round 6 of the AMA National Championship Snow Bike Series will be held as part of the legendary and long-running West Yellowstone Expo on Sunday, March 11 and will feature a big crowd of riders and spectators, as well as plenty of things to see and do.

Rounds 5 of the AMA National Snow Bike Series were supported by: Penco Power Products, Kalispell Toyota, Arctiva, Parts Unlimited, Camso, VP Race Fuel, Fox Suspension, Blitz Motorsports, Timbersled, Full Throttle Motorsports, and Excel Fabrication, Epsco and Fokus Graphics who create the custom event trophies. The Flathead Snowmobile Associate and local 4H kids provided invaluable help with track building, grooming and ticket sales, and Fatt Boys made riders feel welcome at their restaurant/bar where the award ceremonies were held. Special thanks also go to Barge Trucking who provided a world-class, trackside registration trailer.



**Relatively mild, 25F temperatures and good viewing brought out over 700 spectators to this first year event.**

## AMA National Snow Bike Series Round 5 results, Kalispell, Montana

| Pro Men: | NAME                | HOMETOWN  | RIDING          |
|----------|---------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1        | Josh Hill #75       | Murrieta, California  | YAM, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | Blitz Motorsports, Timbersled, Monster Energy, Pro Circuit  |                 |
| 2        | Colten Davis #27    | Rochbert, Minnesota   | YAM, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | Fly Racing  |                 |
| 3        | Mark Wilson #772    | Littleton, Colorado   | HON, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | Sun Enterprises   |                 |
| 4        | Darrin Mees #9      | Redmond, Oregon   | HON, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | Huber Motorsports, Timbersled, M9 Suspension  |                 |
| 5        | Jimmy Jarrett #1    | Meridian, Idaho   | KTM, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | Timbersled, KTM, Superior Construction, Modern Machinery, Red Bull, JJR, Trailjesters                               |                 |
| 6        | Keaton Ward #195    | Bozeman, Montana  | KTM, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | HCTN, Von Zipper, Timbersled, Fly, 6D, Hinson, VP Fuels, Acerbis, Fastway, PRZ, 505, NIHILO                         |                 |
| 7        | Jake Hedlund #599   | Rathdrum, Idaho   | HON, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | FXR Racing, 509, Grind, Burly Racing  |                 |
| 8        | Jimmy Lemastus #847 | Post Falls, Idaho   | YAM, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | Extreme Motorsports, Valley Powersports, Sandpoint Marina & Powersports, RG3, Idaho Land Development, Triple 9, Fly |                 |
| 9        | Logan Shelden #738  | Lewiston, Idaho   | YAM, MotoTrax   |
|          | Sponsors:           | WFO Racing, Main Street Motorsports Yamaha, MotoTrax  |                 |
| 10       | Tommy Thompson #89  | Graham, Washington  | HON, MotoTrax   |
|          | Sponsors:           | MotoTrax, Fly, Alliance Steel Racing, JMC Motorsports, Hinson, Raze, Fire 1, Factory Connection                     |                 |
| 11       | Brett Cue #365      | Enid, Oklahoma  | HON, Camso      |
|          | Sponsors:           | Honda, Camso, Ride 365MX  |                 |
| 12       | Kurt Brady #145     | McCall, Idaho   | YAM Timbersled  |
| 13       | Dean Hunt #68       | Priest River, Idaho   | KTM, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | FXR, 509, Newport Equipment, Mtn. Moto, Arc-Iris, JH Powersports  |                 |
| 14       | Colton Sturm #801   | Nisswa, Minnesota   | YAM, Camso      |
|          | Sponsors:           | Camso, RideX365, Sled Junkies, ir Pro, ROX, 509   |                 |
| 15       | Dustin Traxel #711  | Lincoln, North Dakota   | KAW, Timbersled |
|          | Sponsors:           | Full Throttle Motorsports, Timbersled   |                 |

| <b>Pro Women</b> | <b>NAME</b>           | <b>HOMETOWN</b>  | <b>RIDING</b>   |
|------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
| 1 (3-1)          | Shayna Lier #1W       | Stratford, South Dakota  | HON, CMX        |
|                  | Sponsors:             | CMX, Klim, Bell, The Dirt Academy, PST, Pro Moto Billet, Rekluse, 605 Signs, Guts, BCIA, 4 Arm Strong Evolution Powersports, Asterisk, Bike Binders, |                 |
| 2 (2-2)          | Connie Hamilton #653  | Whitefish, Montana   | HUS, Timbersled |
|                  | Sponsors:             | Hamilton Excavating, Matson Trucking, Penco, Fast Toys, Barge Trucking   |                 |
| 3 (1-3)          | Jacqueline Riess #783 | Eden Prairie, MN   | KTM, Timbersled |
|                  | Sponsors:             | MHI, Timbersled, Accessories Unlimited   |                 |

| <b>Senior Men 40+</b> | <b>NAME</b>          | <b>HOMETOWN</b>   | <b>RIDING</b>   |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 (1-1)               | Jeremy Deming #76    | Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho   | YAM, Timbersled |
|                       | Sponsors:            | St. Maries Saw & Cycle, Timbersled, Bell Helmets, Fasthouse, Vonzipper, SXS, Defiant Coffee, Volcom |                 |
| 2 (3-2)               | Marty Mann #56       | Kalispell, Montana  | KTM, Yeti       |
| 3 (2-3)               | Jake Neill #10       | Hayden, Idaho   | KTM, Yeti       |
|                       | Sponsors:            | Motion Sports, Jerm Designs, Northwest Machine  |                 |
| 4 (4-4)               | Jason Weis #23       | Hamilton, Montana   | KTM, Timbersled |
|                       | Sponsors:            | Timbersled/Polaris, FlyRacing, Montana Power Products, Jerry Wessels Les Schwab Tire Center         |                 |
| 5 (7-5)               | Branin Petersen #974 | Kalispell, Montana  | KTM, Timbersled |
| 6 (6-6)               | Jerome Gunderson #70 | Columbia Falls, Montana   | HUS, Yeti       |
| 7 (5-7)               | Chad Cadnum #247     | Bayview, Idaho  | KAW, Yeti       |
|                       | Sponsors:            | Motion Sports. Cadnum Construction  |                 |

| <b>Open Development</b> | <b>NAME</b>        | <b>HOMETOWN</b>   | <b>RIDING</b>   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1                       | Riley Anderson #24 | Kalispell, Montana  | YAM, Timbersled |
| 2                       | Jeremy Deming #76  | Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho   | YAM, Timbersled |
|                         | Sponsors:          | St. Maries Saw & Cycle, Timbersled, Bell Helmets, Fasthouse, Vonzipper, SXS, Defiant Coffee, Volcom |                 |
| 3                       | Scott Matson #308  | Whitefish, Montana  | HUS, Timbersled |
|                         | Sponsors:          | Hamilton, Exc, Matson Trucking, Penco, Fast Toys, Barge Trucking                                    |                 |
| 4                       | Mark Schaffer #33  | Spokane, Washington   | YAM, Timbersled |
|                         | Sponsors:          | Cylinder Head Service   |                 |
| 5                       | Ryan Talbott #95   | Missoula, Montana   | KAW, Timbersled |
|                         | Sponsors:          | Montana Power Products, Big Sky   |                 |

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|    |                      | Motorsports, Freeriding, MX Pro Am  |                  |
| 6  | Noah Borgman #628    | Spokane, Washington   | HUS, MotoTrax    |
|    |                      | PST, Thermobob, MotoTrax,<br>Alliance steel, JMC, Mike's<br>Power Sports, Parris Racing, Stix<br>and Stones |                  |
| 7  | Tom Brace #21        | Wanship, Utah   | YAM, SnowTech MX |
|    | Sponsors:            | SnowTech MX, Skullcandy,<br>KIND, Park City Brewery, Ryno<br>Power, Weller Rec., Dragon,<br>Dr.D, City2Snow |                  |
| 8  | Landon Carlson #6    | Kalispell, Montana  | YAM, Timbersled  |
| 9  | Mark Symmons #19     | Puyallup, Washington  | KTM, MotoTrax    |
|    | Sponsors:            | MotoTrax, Fly Racing  |                  |
| 10 | Jason Mathiason #111 | Kalispell, Montana  | SUZ, Timbersled  |
| 11 | Cody Asheim #115     | Kalispell, Montana  | YAM, Timbersled  |
| 12 | Roger Pinckney #07   | Williston, North Dakota   | HON, Timbersled  |

| <b>350</b> | <b>NAME</b>        | <b>HOMETOWN</b>   | <b>RIDING</b>   |
|------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 (1-1)    | Noah Borgman #628  | Spokane, Washington   | HUS, MotoTrax   |
|            |                    | PST, Thermobob, MotoTrax,<br>Alliance steel, JMC, Mike's<br>Power Sports, Parris Racing, Stix<br>and Stones |                 |
| 2 (2-2)    | Richard Lyons #218 | Thomspn Falls, Montana  | YAM, Timbersled |
| 3 (3-3)    | Scott Matson #308  | Whitefish, Montana  | KTM, Timbersled |
|            | Sponsors:          | Hamilton, Exc, Matson Trucking,<br>Penco, Fast Toys, Barge Trucking   |                 |

| <b>Trophy Women</b> | <b>NAME</b>          | <b>HOMETOWN</b>   | <b>RIDING</b>   |
|---------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 (1-1)             | Connie Hamilton #653 | Whitefish, Montana  | HUS, Timbersled |
|                     | Sponsors:            | Hamilton Excavating, Matson<br>Trucking, Penco, Fast Toys, Barge<br>Trucking              |                 |
| 2 (2-2)             | Tina Weis #23        | Hamilton, Montana   | KTM, Timbersled |
|                     | Sponsors:            | Timbersled, FlyRacing, Montana<br>Power Products, Jerry Wessels<br>Les Schwab Tire Center |                 |
| 3 (3-3)             | Amanda Marvin        | Kalispell, Montana  | KTM, Timbersled |
|                     | Sponsors:            | Seven MX, Mobius, EVS,<br>Magura, Dunlop, Lucas Oil                                       |                 |