

## Big Fun and Wild Racing at Northern Montana's Newest Race Facility

Round 5, 2019 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series, March 17 – West Yellowstone, MT

Words by Ron Dillon

The fifth and final round of the 2019 NASBA (North American Snow Bike Association) 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series ended the season on a high note, with a great track, perfect weather, and an excellent turnout of 49 entries and 300 or so spectators. As usual, the event ran on the third and final day of the annual West Yellowstone Expo, a wild and wooly weekend that featured kids Snocross, vintage oval racing, an amusing, Saturday evening snowmobile rodeo, and National Championship snow bike racing. Running on a tight, twisty, jumpy, 48-second track, (which riders raved about), racing was tight and ferocious, with a number of crashes, but zero injuries, and with the area enjoying huge, record-snowfall levels, lack of snow was never a problem all weekend, and the weather was incredibly fine.



***Oregon's Darrin Mees is one of the top five fastest snow bike racers on earth. Period. He handily won the men's pro class again at West Yellowstone,***

***Darrin is also a gifted development rider, dutiful husband and loving dad. The sport of snow biking is lucky to have him.***

Since this was the fifth and final round of the series, several National class championships were on the line. World-class pro man, Darrin Mees swept both of the pro men's motos, but behind him, Ben Evans and Jake Hedlund were duking it out to determine the men's pro title. To take the championship title, Hedlund HAD to win and Evans had to DNF. Hedlund kept himself alive by beating Evans and taking second in the first moto, but he pushed too hard and went down in moto two, while Evans rode fast and smooth to take second overall and the title at day's end.



**Boise's Ben Evans gave Team Carl's Cycle their first National Snow Bike Title in the men's pro class. The former top 10 AMA Supercross and outdoor rider, rode his usual smooth, smart, and fast pace to take second in the men's pro class and clinch the season championship. Other 2019 National Snow Bike Champions from Team Carl's include: Canyon Ashley (350 and Open Trophy), and Madi Jo Taylor (Pro Women).**

On the Pro Women's side, Idaho's Madie Jo Taylor wrapped up her perfect season, and the National Championship title, with 1-1 scores, and Jeremy Deming won the Senior, 40+ class again, grabbing his second consecutive National title in the 40+ Senior class, and once again scooping up more cash from 509 for winning in their awesome gear. .



**Northern Idaho's Jeremy Deming took his second consecutive National Snow Bike Title in the 40+ class.**



**Yeti snow bike kits ran well all weekend, but this yeti couldn't keep his Ski-Doo running at all.**

This was the fifth and final round of the 2019 NASBA 509 National Championship Snow Bike Series. Next year the series will likely grow to six or seven rounds, (several cool, new venues are being scouted for 2020) and again racers will be able to purchase, world-class VP race fuel at all of next year's races, courtesy of Carl's Cycle from Boise. There are no fuel restrictions at NASBA events, so high-octane, leaded, and even oxygenated fuels can be utilized in all classes. Partners for the West Yellowstone race were: 509 Racing, West Yellowstone Chamber, Team Bar Bangers, VP Race Fuel, MotoTrax, 5CR Powersports, Carl's Cycle, and Excel Fabrication. Special thanks to: Travis Watt, Brad Delaney, Thad Lawrence, Marge Wanner, Glen the Announcer, and Bobbi Taylor.

## Results, Round 5, 2019 NASBA 509 National Snow Bike Series, West Yellowstone, MT

<b>Pro Men:</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>RIDING</b>
<b>1 (1-1)</b>	Darrin Mees #9	Redmond, Oregon	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	M9 Suspension, Timbersled, Rooted Hemp, 6D Helmets, Z Max Oil	
<b>2 (4-2)</b>	Ben Evans #235	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle, Zach Evans Construction, KTM, Fly	
<b>3 (3-3)</b>	Tommy Thompson #89	Graham, Washington	HON, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	MotoTrax, 509, JMC, Alliance Steel	
<b>4 (6-4)</b>	Jimmy LaMastus #847	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Extreme Motorsports, Valley Powersports, PDR, Idaho Land Dev	
<b>5 (5-5)</b>	Andrew Watson #44	Post Falls, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Jerm Designs, SXS Slide Plates, Lawie Bros.	
<b>6 (2-9)</b>	Jake Hedlund #59	Rathdrum, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	FXR, C&M Suspension, Burly Racing	
<b>7 (7-7)</b>	Phil Driggers #319	Kalispell, Montana	HUS, Timbersled
<b>8 (9-6)</b>	Canyon Ashley #19	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction	
<b>9 (8-8)</b>	Jordan Rock #415	Lake Stevens, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	SRT, O'Neal, RockZtreme, ODI, Rekluse, Factory Backing	
<b>10 (10-10)</b>	Austin Barber #721	Rathdrum, Idaho	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Mash Motorsport, Lone Mountain Metalworks	
<b>11 (12-11)</b>	Jay Jelinek #390	Fordville, North Dakota	HON, Snow Tech MX
	Sponsors:	Jelinek Brothers, Zackfast Racing, Britta Helland, Inc.	
<b>12 (11-DNS)</b>	Lee Jelinek #493	Pisek, North Dakota	HON, CMX
	Sponsors:	Jelinek Brothers	
<b>Pro Women:</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>RIDING</b>
<b>1 (1-1)</b>	Madi Jo Taylor #171	Emmett, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction, Dave Evans Construction, KTM, Fly Racing	
<b>2 (3-2)</b>	Morgan Holte #52	Bainville, Montana	YAM, Timbersled

<b>3 (2-3)</b>	Bailey Lerwill #47	Tucson, Arizona	HUS, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Deja Moto, KLIM, FMF, Mt. Moto	
<b>4 (4-4)</b>	Tina Weis #88	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Fly Racing, Team Bar Bangers	
<b>5 (5-5)</b>	Heather Matthews #105	Kalispell, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
<b>Senior +40</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>RIDING</b>
<b>1 (1-1)</b>	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	St. Maries Saw and Cycle, Rekluse, Timbersled, Bell, SXS, FMF, 509, Vonzipper, Volcom, Jerm Designs	
<b>2 (5-2)</b>	Jake Neill #10	Hayden, Idaho	KTM, Yeti
<b>3 (3-4)</b>	Kalen Bunch #26	Belgrade, Montana	HON, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Fuel Clothing	
<b>4 (2-6)</b>	Jason Weis #23	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
<b>5 (4-5)</b>	Travis Rinehart #75	Bozeman, Montana	YAM, Timbersled
<b>6 (7-3)</b>	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
<b>7 (6-7)</b>	Brett Steinman #0	Bozeman, Montana	YAM, Timbersled
<b>8 (8-8)</b>	Dillon Baker #105	Kalispell, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
<b>Open Trophy</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>RIDING</b>
<b>1 (3-1)</b>	Parker Earl #26	Battle Mountain, Nevada	SUZ, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Atlas Speed Factory, Fly Racing	
<b>2 (1-3)</b>	Jake Neill #10	Hayden, Idaho	KTM, Yeti
<b>3 (2-4)</b>	Zach Evans #15	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycles, Seat Concepts	
<b>4 (4-7)</b>	Mark Symmons 19X	Puyallup, Washington	KTM, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Alliance Steel, 509	
<b>5 (7-6)</b>	Kyler Briggs 58	St. Anthony, Idaho	SUZ, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	K&C Logging	
<b>6 (DNF-2)</b>	Jeremy Deming #76	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	YAM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Timbersled, St. Maries Saw & Cycle, Jerm Designs, Bell, 509, SXS, Rekluse, Fasthouse, FMF, Defiant Coffee, Volcom, Fast Co./Flex, Artcolab	
<b>7 (10-6)</b>	Nate Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
<b>8 (13-5)</b>	Kade Lerwill #961	Driggs, Idaho	HUS, Timbersled
<b>9 (8-10)</b>	Kelly Murley #772	Bozeman, Montana	KTM, CMX
	Sponsors:	CMX	
<b>10 (5-DNF)</b>	Kamron Hoffmanl #277	Clyde Park, Montana	YAM, CMX
	Sponsors:	CMX, Powdercoat of Montana, Octane Addictions, ZBroz,	
<b>11 (12-8)</b>	Tom Brace #626	Tollgate Canyon, Utah	YAM, Snow Tech MX
<b>12 (9-11)</b>	Tukker Beckstead #11	Swan Lake, Idaho	KTM, MotoTrax
<b>13 (7-13)</b>	Noah Borgman #628	Spokane, Washington	HUS, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Parris Racing, JMC, Stix & Stones, Mike's Power Sports, Fly Racing, Rekluse, PST, Thermobob, Quiver Skis	
<b>14 (11-12)</b>	Alex Martinez #187	Helena, Montana	KTM, Mototrax
	Sponsors:	Top Gun Autobody, MT Mototrax	
<b>15 (DNS-DNS)</b>	Ward White #810	Kamas, Utah	KAW, Timbersled
<b>16 (DNS-DNS)</b>	Jason Weis #23	Hamilton, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Fly Racing, Team Barbangers	

<b>350 Trophy</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>RIDING</b>
<b>1 (1-1)</b>	Jordan Rock #415	Lake Stevens, Washington	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	SRT, O'Neal, RockZtreme, ODI, Rekluse, Factory Backing	
<b>2 (2-2)</b>	Noah Borgman #628	Spokane, Washington	HUS, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	Mototrax, Parris Racing, JMC, Stix & Stones, Mike's Power Sports, Fly Racing, Rekluse, PST, Thermobob, Quiver Skis	
<b>3 (3-4)</b>	Jake Carroll #272	Puyallup, Washington	KTM, MotoTrax
	Sponsors:	MotoTrax	
<b>4 (5-3)</b>	Nate Kingston #16	Caldwell, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Performance Drywall	
<b>5 (4-5)</b>	Ranger Downs #25	Meridian, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Fly Racing, Sum+it Riders	
<b>Trophy Women</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>RIDING</b>
<b>1 (1-1)</b>	Jamey Parks #14	Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	CCi Carpita Construction, Flirt With Dirt, Flexx Bars, Napier Cosmetics	
<b>2 (2-2)</b>	Jackie Steinman #6	Bozeman, Montana	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	KLIM, Blitz Motorsports	
<b>3 (3-3)</b>	Ryan Evans #25	Boise, Idaho	KTM, Timbersled
	Sponsors:	Carl's Cycle Sales, Zach Evans Construction, Dave Evans Construction	

## 2019 NASBA 509 National Snow Bike Class Champions:

**PRO MEN:**

**Ben Evans**

**PRO WOMEN:**

**Madi Jo Taylor**

**40+ SENIOR:**

**Jeremy Deming**

**OPEN TROPHY:**

**Canyon Ashley**

**350:**

**Canyon Ashley**

**TROPHY WOMEN:**

**Jamey Parks**