

**Mountain State Fat Bike Champs**  
**Sunday February 4, 2018**

Blizzard conditions set the scene, early on a snowy West Virginia morning. Sideways snowflakes were the only thing to be seen as a line of cars with fat bikes attached made their way to White Grass Ski Touring Center, located at the Eastern end of the Canaan Valley. Thick, heavy flakes fell quickly on a warming carpet of compacted snow from days earlier, having had thousands of passes already from eager skiers less than 24 hours ago. Anticipation and curiosity filled the lodge and parking lot, as fat bikes rolled around, testing conditions and changing tire pressures for the race to come. Twenty minutes. Ten Minutes. Five Minutes. Time to go! Line up for a moto start at the base of the ski hill. “Lets keep this quick and get out on course, here's what you need to know..... Any Questions? Go!”

As 59 riders took off and converged into a single groomed track, the early leaders quickly rode their way to the front, leaving a mess of tangled trying-to-ride and quickly off the bike competitors behind them. Rob May, of Shwenksville Pennsylvania (former Iditabike competitor) took the hole-shot and made it to trail first, setting a solid pace as leader of the Mens XXC class. As the first hill loomed just at the edge of spectators sight, the leading group developed to include eventual and commanding leader Zach Bittinger of Frostburg, MD and David Erbe of Friendsville, MD. Also developing was the foundation for a win the Womens XC with Ashley Reefer and Kohl Aumer to make a solid effort in the XXC class as well, both racing for Flat Tire Company Bike Shop in PA.

Conditions were tough the first lap, but settled out as the race developed for a fast track in the middle laps. As snow piled up, it started to develop into a harder track as the race developed. A hardy group of racers championed the day, fulfilling their fat bike desires at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Mountain State Fat Bike Champs. See podium results and competitor list below.

Place	Bib Number	Name	Time	Category
	1	3 Zach Bittinger	01:17	Mens XC
	2	9 David Erbe	01:20	Mens XC
	3	47 Dave Leksell	01:21	Mens XC

	1	25 Ashley Reefer	01:36	Womens XC
	2	26 Sarah Rice	01:44	Womens XC
	3	18 Sharon Maloid	01:54	Womens XC

	1	107 Rob May	02:37	Mens XXC
	2	113 Kohl Aumer	02:51	Mens XXC
	3	103 Jeff Bukolt	02:55	Mens XXC

## List of Esteemed Competitors and Finishers

	Last Name	First Name	Category Entered/Merchandise Ord	City	State
113	Aumer	Kohl	Mens XXC	Acme	PA
1	BATTEN	BENJAMIN	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Taneytown	MD
2	Bauer	Todd	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Germantown	MD
101	Becker	Rick	Mens XXC	Mechanicsburg	PA
102	Berry	Michael	Mens XXC	Annapolis	MD
3	Bittinger	Zach	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Frostburg	MD
4	Bompiani	Jonathan	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Presto	PA
112	Broughton	Paul	Mens XXC	Winfield	WV
103	Bukolt	Jeff	Mens XXC	STATE COLLEGE	PA
42	Chua	Sara	Womens XC	Elkins	WV
5	Coleman	Chris	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Fredericksburg	VA
6	Cross	Ryan	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Keymar	MD
47	Dave	Leksell	Mens XC Presented by Salsa		
7	DeShields	Rick	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Strongsville	OH
38	Dragon	Peter	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Voma	VA
8	Dudash	Michael	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Sharpsburg	MD
104	Eggleton	Matt	Mens XXC	Alexandria	VA
35	Englert	Bill	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Bridgeville	PA
9	Erbe	David	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Friendsville	MD
10	Fonzarelli	Jawn	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Fayetteville	WV
11	Fraas	Joe G	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	McKeesport	PA
	Fraas	Joe G	Trail Donation - Donation	McKeesport	PA
12	Griffith	Jason	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Keyser	WV
13	hartell	matt	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Brevard	NC
44	Hartell	Steve "The Myth"	Mens XC Presented by Salsa		NC
111	Herod III	John	Mens XXC	Morgantown	WV
105	Huerta	Daniel	Mens XXC	Fredericksburg	VA
46	Jacobs	Tanner	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Stafford	VA
14	Jameson	Peter	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Ligonier	PA
43	Jeros	Nick	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Davis	WV
15	Jones	Jason	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Indianapolis	IN
16	Kraemer	Michael	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Winchester	VA
17	Kreiselmeier	Norman	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Frederick	MD
106	Lord	John	Mens XXC	VIENNA	VA
18	Maloid	Sharon	Womens XC	Frederick	MD
	Maloid	Sharon	Trail Donation - Donation	Frederick	MD
107	May	Robert	Mens XXC	Schwenksville	PA
19	mcguffin	charles	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Buckeystown	MD
108	Millar	Neil	Mens XXC	Lemont	PA
20	Miller	Craig	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Lavale	MD
21	Miller	Randy	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Bovard	PA
36	Moffatt	Jay	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Fayetteville	WV
37	Mullics	Michael	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Charlestown	WV
22	Nye	Ryan	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	fairmont	WV
23	Orischak	Douglas	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Hunker	PA
24	Poling	Jake	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Buckhannon	WV
39	Pott	William	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Arlington	VA
25	Reefer	Ashley	Womens XC	Greensburg	PA
26	Rice	Sarah	Womens XC	Buckhannon	WV
27	Riekenberg	Paul	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Bittinger	MD
28	Roskos	Erick	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Fairmont	WV
29	Sanderford	Steve	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Richmond	VA
	Sanderford	Steve	Trail Donation - Donation	Richmond	VA
109	Scott	Jens	Mens XXC	Marshall	VA
30	Seeley	Dan	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Westminster	MD
110	Slavin	Jerico	Mens XXC	King George	VA
31	Sorrow	Steven	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Hickory	NC
32	Stroh	Derek	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Barboursville	VA
41	Swarr	Brette	Womens XC	Walker	WV
40	Swarr	John	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	Walker	WV
48	Unkown	Racer	Mens XC Presented by Salsa		
45	Weeks	Vicki	Womens XC	Davis	WV
33	yowell	jason	Mens XC Presented by Salsa	frostburg	MD