



## **Arctic Cat is King of the Mountain and the World**

*15 World Championship Victories at Jackson Hole*

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Thief River Falls, Minn. (April 1, 2009) – Even for Arctic Cat, who has won more than its share of World Championship titles, the historic haul at the 2009 Jackson Hole World Championship Hillclimbs was unprecedented. When the last sled crested Snow King Mountain – an Arctic Cat, of course – and the wins were added, Team Arctic racers laid claim to 15 World Championship victories, included the overall King of Kings title.

“I’ve never seen anything like it,” said Al Shimpa, Team Arctic Hillclimb Coordinator, and a 20-year veteran of the Jackson, Wyo., event. “Even though we’ve dominated the hillclimb races all season, everyone comes to Jackson Hole ready to battle.

“To take twelve individual class championships, two King titles and the overall King of King victory was extraordinary. Congratulations go to our outstanding men and women racers.”

Chief among the outstanding performances was delivered by Kyle Tapio of Battle Ground, Wash., who piloted his modified M8 to a win in 800 Mod, Open Mod, the Mod King competition and topped it all with the overall King of Kings title that’s awarded to the best of the best.

To win it, Tapio had to beat teammate Les Keller of Kalispell, Mont., who tapped the firepower of his M1000 to win 1000 Improved and the Improved King title (all King events pit against each other all the class winners in a given category).

Team Arctic racers were so dominant that, in addition to winning all of the 700 engine classes, they won two of three classes in the 600, 800 and 1000cc categories. If there was any doubt about the capability of M Series mountain sleds, it was erased as Team Arctic racers conquered Snow King Mountain, one after another.

“It was like a victory party on top of the mountain in almost every class,” said Team Arctic Race Manager, Mike Kloety. “We captured 15 of 24 World Championship titles. Al Shimpa and Speedwerx worked hard to better our Stock, Improved and Open class sleds. The hard work is paying off big time for our racers as well as our customers.”

The next race on the RMSHA hillclimb calendar is April 4-5 in Pocatello, Idaho. Go to [www.rmsa.com](http://www.rmsa.com) for more information.

### Team Arctic Results from the World Championship Hillclimb in Jackson, Wyo.

#### 600 Improved

1. Jeremy Archibald
3. Cody Clawson

#### 600 Mod

1. Nathan Zollinger
2. Russ Tapio
3. Nels Tapio

#### 700 Stock

1. Chance Buckallew

#### 700 Improved

1. Shad Free

#### 700 Mod

1. Nels Tapio
2. Russ Tapio

#### 800 Stock

2. Ty Free

#### 800 Improved

1. Kyle Tapio

#### 800 Mod

1. Kyle Tapio
3. Russ Tapio

#### 1000 Stock

3. David McClure

#### 1000 Improved

1. Les Keller
3. Ty Free

#### 1000 Mod

1. Kyle Tapio

#### Open Mod

1. Kyle Tapio

#### Pro Masters Improved

3. Tony Ottobre

#### Pro Masters Mod

3. Derick Stone

#### Women's Mod

1. Christy Frisby
2. Danielle Grange
3. Amy Zollinger

#### Semi Pro Stock

1. Landon Archibald
2. Justin Sampson

#### Semi Pro Improved

2. Braiden Coleman
3. Landon Archibald

#### Juniors

2. Parker Sampson

#### King Winners

Les Keller – Improved  
Kyle Tapio – Mod

**King of Kings** – Kyle Tapio

#### About Arctic Cat

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