

## Ellsworth Racers Take Four Podiums at the 24 Hours of Moab Galactic Championships

Ellsworth racers braved the elements in Moab, UT this past weekend and reached four podiums at the Suzuki 24 Hour National Championship Series. Noticeably absent was Pua Sawicki, Ellsworth's pro solo endurance racer, who was expected to win the women's solo class but fell ill to a virus early in the week and was unable to make the start on Saturday. Pua did everything she could to recover by race day but was deeply missed by racers and spectators alike as this was to be her first Granny Gear race and many were eager to see her continue her endurance racing success. We wish Pua good luck in her next race, the October 25 NUE Finals in North Carolina.

In the highly contested Men's Sport Division, the Navy SEAL NSW Flyin' Frogs pulled out the series win after a broken handlebar and totaled front rim 30 minutes into the race forced them to forfeit their entire first lap. Facing a one hour and six minute deficit that placed them last out of 84 teams at the start of their second lap, the Flyin' Frogs regrouped and changed their racing strategy on the fly to close the huge gap between them and the series title. Led by team captain Eric Skalski on his Evolve, with Ted Bair (Epiphany), Mike Everett (Evolve) and Hans Garcia (Truth) the Flyin' Frogs ran an aggressive race to move from dead last on Saturday afternoon to finish 35<sup>th</sup> in their class by Sunday noon and keep their overall Men's Sport victory.



Left to Right: Eric Skalski, training officer for SEAL Team One; Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Mike Everett and Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Ted D. Bair, both sniper instructors for the Naval Special Warfare Advanced Training Command; and Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) Hans Garcia, assigned to Navy Recruiting



In the women and men's solo class, Liz Baumgardt-Kays took the overall title with her Top 3 finishes in the prior 4 Granny Gear races and Joe Alligood took second overall. With pit support from her husband Randy, Liz and Joe Alligood competed in every race in the series this year by driving from their homes in Love Park, IL to California,

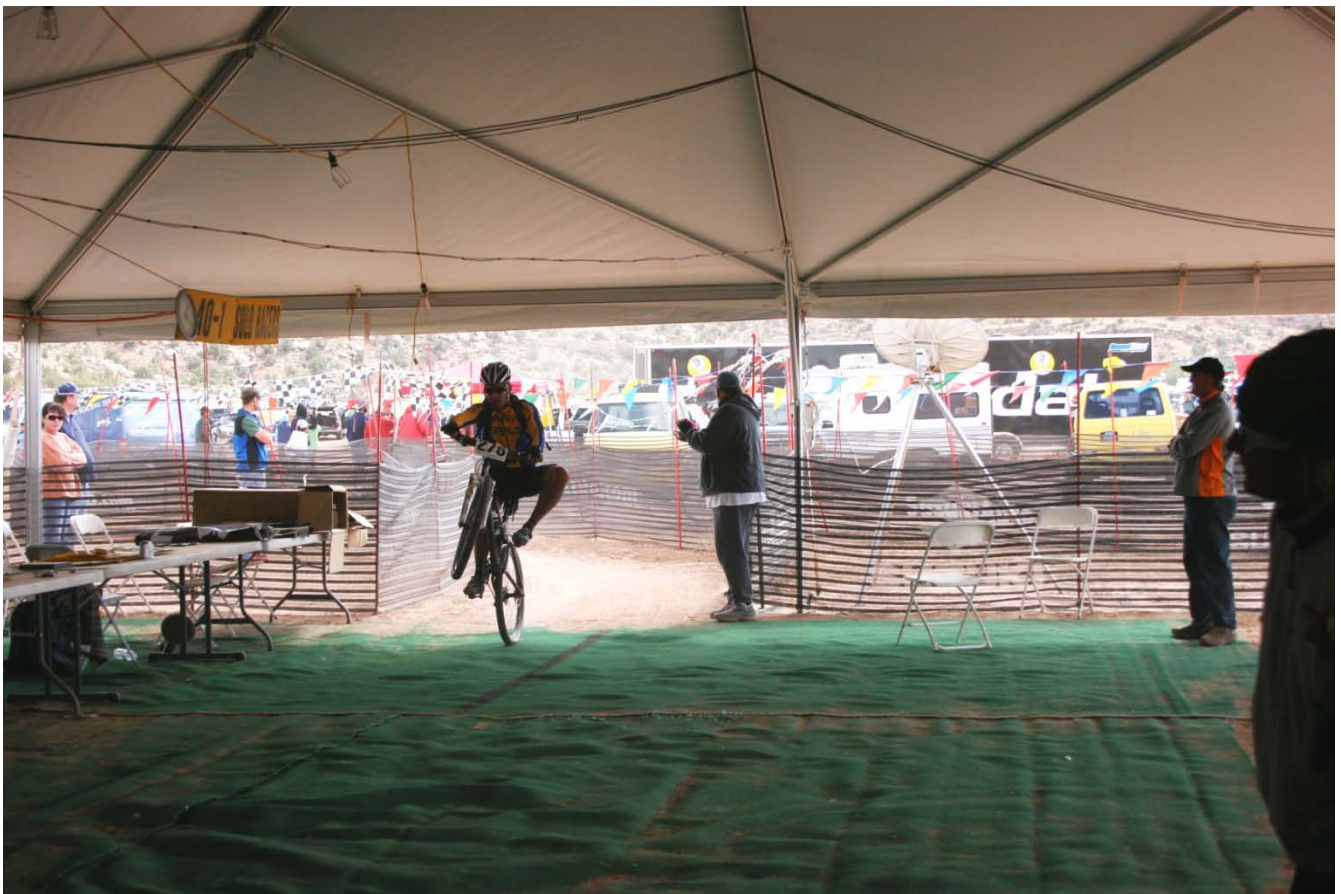


Atlanta, West Virginia, Vermont and Utah. Ellsworth congratulates Liz and Joe on their success and commends all three of them for their dedication and commitment.



In the Clydesdale Class, Dan Ray from mobilerider.com picked up his new Evolve late Friday afternoon from Moab Cyclery, ran one test lap and then raced it to victory with Team Organarchy.





Hans Garcia wheelies home on the Flyin' Frogs last lap of the race



360 teams getting ready for the Lemans start at high noon



The Moab race marks the end of the 2008 Suzuki National Point Series and we would like to thank Granny Gear Productions, our Ellsworth riders and friends for a successful season. We look forward to the first series race of the 2009 season in West Virginia next June.