



# 2007 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS OF SLALOM

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**T**HE 2007 WORLD SLALOM CHAMPIONSHIPS were held in Statesville, North Carolina on September 28th to 30th. Statesville is the home of the Downhillbillies, who have achieved great success putting on the Dixie Cup. The intensity of this year's event was simply amazing. As you can see below, the difference in time between pro and open class is less than a blink of an eye. You can thank the Colorado crew for that! Sixteen-year-old Martin Reaves is just finishing up his first year of slalom. I shudder to think how fast he'll be next year!







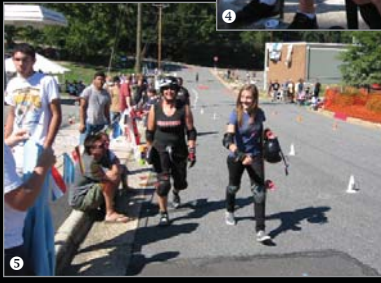




A number of folks traveled a huge distance to get to Statesville. This included the Swedes, Ramón Königshausen from Switzerland, Dominik Kowalski from Germany, Janis Kuzmins from Latvia and Team Fullbag, who drove all the way from Quebec!

Many thanks to the Downhillbillies for putting on a first-class event, to announcer Kenny Mollica for keeping everyone laughing and to the town of Statesville for being so hospitable. Next year in Sweden! **CW**

<b>Giant Slalom: Pro Division</b>		<b>Hybrid Slalom: Open Division (Qualifying Times)</b>	
1st Jason Mitchell	22.3404	1st Joe McLaren	16.439
2nd Dominik Kowalski	22.5403	2nd Martin Reaves	16.14
3rd Henrik Wadsten	22.6611	3rd Mike Duquette	16.77
4th Gary Fluitt	22.9563	4th Ethan White	16.411
5th Dave Pirnack	23.0923	5th Zak Maytum	16.229
<b>Giant Slalom: Open Division</b>		<b>Tight Slalom: Pro Division (Qualifying Times)</b>	
1st Martin Reaves	22.8526	1st Janis Kuzmins	15.531
2nd Zak Maytum	23.1722	2nd Henrik Wadsten	15.557
3rd Brad Jackman	23.3002	3rd George Pappas	15.778
4th Joe McLaren	23.3080	4th Michael Dong	15.705
5th Miguel Marco	23.6082	5th Ramón Königshausen	15.396
<b>Hybrid Slalom: Pro Division (Qualifying Times)</b>		<b>Tight Slalom: Open Division (Qualifying Times)</b>	
1st Dave Pirnack	15.967	1st Martin Reaves	15.564
2nd Gary Fluitt	15.934	2nd Zak Maytum	15.947
3rd Ramón Königshausen	15.417	3rd Brad Jackman	16.514
4th George Pappas	16.063	4th Louis Ricard	16.318
5th Henrik Wadsten	15.949	5th Joe McLaren	16.605

## The Top 5 Overall for PRO and OPEN and Top 3 Women/Juniors:

<b>PRO MEN</b>	<b>OPEN MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
1st Henrik Wadsten	1st Martin Reaves	1st Lynn Kramer
2nd Gary Fluitt	2nd Zak Maytum	2nd Judi Oyama
3rd Dave Pirnack	3rd Joe McLaren	3rd Cat Young
4th George Pappas	4th Brad "Jackhammer" Jackman	
5th Jason Mitchell	5th Miguel Marco	<b>JUNIORS</b>
		1st Kyle McLaren
		2nd Josh Byrd



1. Gabriel Steptoe of Foiled Concepts

2. Jim Weatherwax and Brent Griffith

3. The Saenz Family

4. The Swedish contingent

5. Lynn Kramer and the UK's Ella Roggero

6. Gary Fluitt, Dave Pirnack and Ramon Königshausen

7. Friday's GS. Photo: Greg Fadell

8. Marion Karr with a little ripper

9. Martin Reaves, Louis Ricard and Brad Jackman

10. George Pappas, Janis Kuzmins and Henrik Wadsten

11. Dom Kowalski at the awards ceremony

Opposite page: Martin Reaves vs. Zak Maytum  
Photo: Greg Fadell