



**ELITE GRAVITY TEAM MEMBERS:**  
**ALLIE BURCH, SARA JOHNSON-LOPEZ,**  
**KIMBER GABRYSAK, CONNIE MISKET**

# GRAVITY TEAM

## Nothing feels quite like a new bike!

The members of the Velo Bella Gravity team were STOKED to get their new Ellsworth frames and Stan's wheelsets! Allie and Connie are now on new Ellsworth Dare DH bikes with ZTR Flow rims, and Kimber and Sara are riding Ellsworth Moment trail bikes with Stan's ZTR 355 rims for Super D.



## And just in time for our biggest races yet...

Allie and Connie both earned enough UCI points to go to the World Cup DH races at Mont-Sainte Anne and Bromont – their first World Cup events! Unfortunately, neither qualified for the finals (Connie was barely hanging on after a rotator cuff injury the previous week at Sol Vista), but they both had a fantastic time riding our amazing new bikes on two gnarly, muddy courses! The Dare rides so efficiently over rough terrain – amazing! And our pimp new Stan's wheels (we get so many compliments on those white rims with blue hubs and nipples) keep our bikes light, too! Allie's Dare weighs in at a scant 37lbs!





**Kimber takes 2<sup>nd</sup> at  
Snowmass!**

Kimber put all that skeleton team sprint training and her fast and smooth new Ellsworth Moment to good use, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Snowmass MSC Super D race! This is her best finish ever in a Pro class race. Thanks to Fox Racing and Zeal Optics too – she’s looking great!



**Hellllooooo Sexy!**

Kimber’s new Super D machine! She has us all drooling over her gorgeous pink Moment with Stan’s NoTubes ZTR 355 wheels, which rides even better than it looks... hard to imagine, isn’t it?? Huge thanks to Ellsworth and Stans for outfitting us with the best equipment on the planet!



**Sara does it all!**

Sara continues to branch out into new cycling disciplines and tried (and won, of course) her first super D races this season. And now she’s killing it in Short Track races as well – recently taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Pro class in a local race. We can’t wait to see what she decides to win at next! AND – she just got married. Congrats Sara! ☺





# SUMMER 2009 HIGHLIGHTS



*Huge thanks to Fox Racing for our fabulous kits! We love your clothing!!*

Action packed Super D at Angel Fire Connie battled it out with Michelle Rivera, bumping bars and pushing each other to their limits for much of the Super D course at Angel Fire, and Connie was able to finally make the pass and sprint through the uphill finish to take over 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the very last corner!

## Yee-Ha!!!

Allie claimed the top spot on the podium (and the big check!) at the Massanutten Yee-Ha DH race. Go Allie!! And thank you Zeal for the awesome eyewear!



## Ouch!



Check out Connie's (really) bent crankarm after clipping a pedal on a tree at speed during DH practice at Nationals. Whoops... (unfortunately, that's the crash that did a number on her rotator cuff too). Amazingly, though, the Crank Brothers 5050 pedal was completely unscathed. Those pedals are tough - no wonder we love them!

Check out our race reports, full schedule and results at: <http://www.velobella.org/blog/pro/pro-downhill/>

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Connie and Kimber rode the 100 mile loop at Little Red Riding Hood, in Logan, UT with over 2500 other women. How'd we end up looking more refreshed in the AFTER pic? We have no idea. Maybe we need to ride centuries more often! Seeing SO MANY women out on bikes was one of the coolest things ever – what a great event!

Connie helped coach at the Park City Dirt Series skills camp again this summer.



Connie and Kimber have been holding women's skills clinics in Park City, and Allie has been leading local group rides and assisting at clinics in both NY and VT.





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Yes, that's Allie's new Dare with the frame completely bubble wrapped on her bike rack as she heads up to Quebec. From there, she picked up Connie and they headed off to Mont Sainte Anne where Allie took her new bike out for its first ride (which also happened to be her first World Cup....)

Have we mentioned that she loves her new bike?



Sara at Mt. Hood – too fast to be caught on film. ☺

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