

Beban Park Community Bike Park

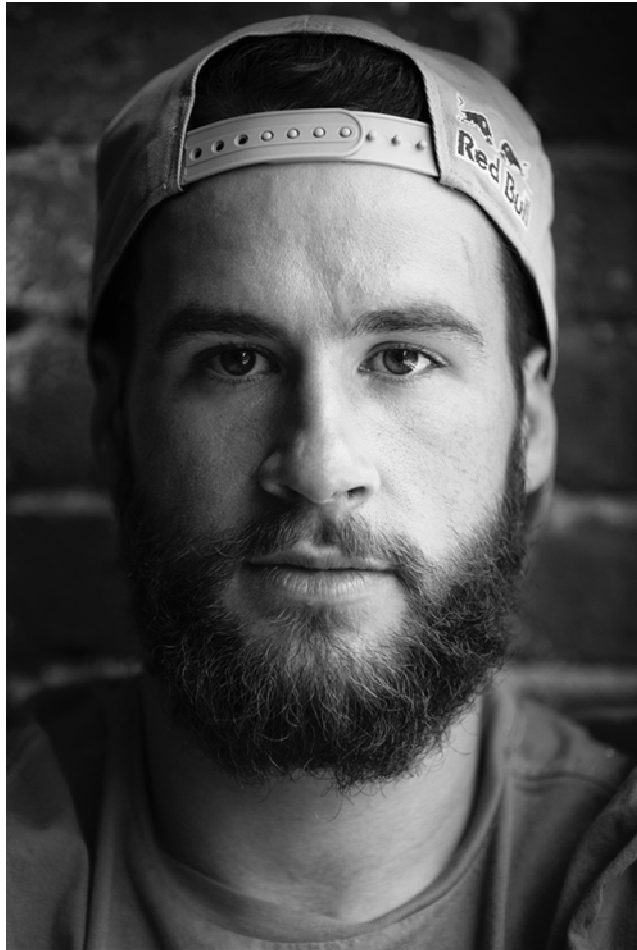


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On behalf of Stevie Smith Legacy Fund

Canadian downhill legend Stevie Smith remembered

- Steve Smith: World renowned Professional Downhill Mountain Bike Racer.
- Competed on the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup circuit and was a member of Devinci Global Racing and supported by Redbull, Fox, and Sram.
- Accomplishments: 2013 World Cup Champion, 4 time World Cup Winner, 2 time Canadian National Elite Champion.
- 10 time medalist at Crankworx (Whistler)
- 2013 Nanaimo Athlete of the Year
- His final race was in Lourdes, France in April, where he placed second.
- Jacques Landry, Cycling Canada's high performance director, says by all accounts, Smith was "definitely the best downhill mountain biker Canada has ever known."

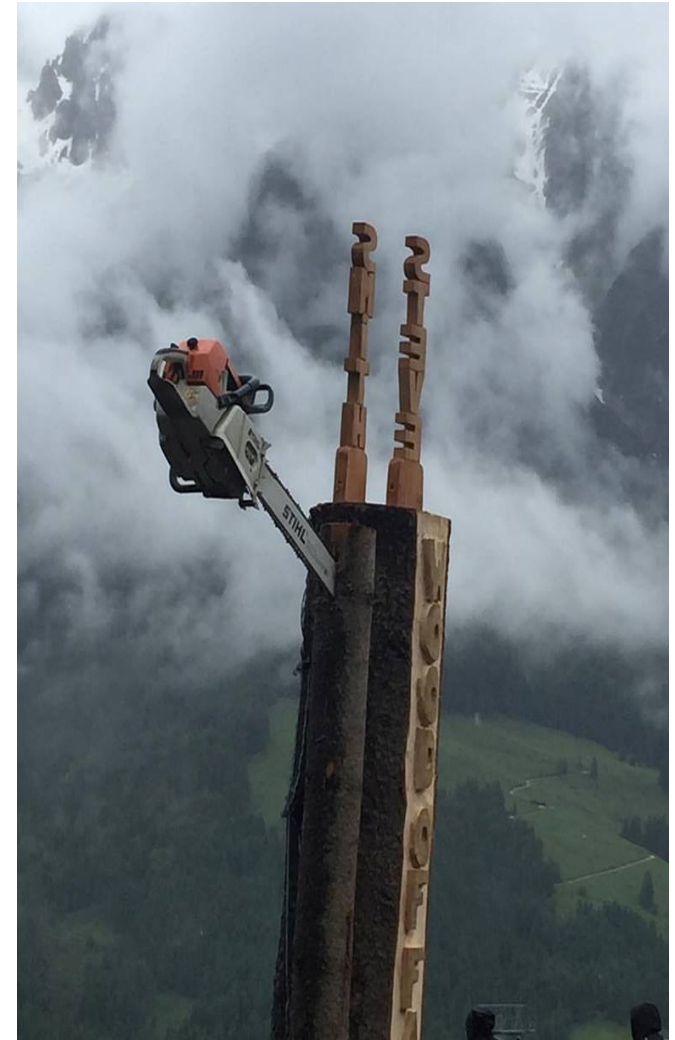




- As the most successful Canadian gravity racer of all time, Smith's legacy as the "Chainsaw" will forever be remembered for his ability to cut through the woods on his bike, like few ever had before.

How has he been Remembered

- Nanaimo BMX Flag Lap Honour
- Celebration for life 1200 people gathered to say goodbye
- Mount Prevost: race in his honour
- 25000 people in Fort William Scotland paid a four minute silent tribute “The ghost run”
- Leogang, Austria :Chainsaw tribute
- Devinci Cycles: several events and promotions to remember
- Video tributes-too many to list
- Riders around the world gathered together to say goodbye.



Quote from - *Sterling Lorence* World Renowned Photographer

- Stevie stepped up and lived the reality and responsibility of what it took to fulfil his dream. He piled that lofty mountainous goal onto his hardworking Vancouver Islander shoulders and made room with his kind heart for the weight in hopes and dreams of our entire nation, all the while keeping that epic smile on his face. He took us all along on the ride of our lives - witnessing him become the fastest mountain biker in the world... especially on those rowdy rainy days. Thank you Stevie, shine on you crazy diamond, your legend is forever.

Stevie's Dream

- To build a Jump Park for Youth
- How do we know:
- While we gathered at the Nanaimo BMX track, we just were talking and The “kids- Steves longtime friends” simply said Steve was talking about building a dirt jump park. I then took Keith to the sign posted by the dog park. I Said is this what you guys are talking about and they said yes. Darren (Pro-Freeride athlete) the other pro-athlete to stem from Nanaimo BMX roots confirmed this idea and even went as far to say that Marie and Him had the discussion. Mike Davidson confirmed that this was in the master plan of the site. This dream was later confirmed by Larry McNabb as Steve in the week prior to his passing talked to Larry about buying land to build the park.

Tiann Smith

- Prior to Steve passing, the family had a few hours to gather and while decisions were being made, Tiann simply stated the “Stevie Story cant just stop here”
- Gabe Fox Cycles Devinci and Myself set about establishing the “ Legacy Fund which today has over \$60,000.00” to support cycling initiatives in Canada.
- We now have the fund, in process of setting up the not-for-profit society

Our Goal

- To support youth in Cycling, The Beban Park Jump Park/ pump Track is the perfect fit.
- This will be the launch of our legacy fund activities and will do what we can to support the City and Gyro to reach this goal of completing the dirt jump park.
- We are committed through cash contributions, In kind by several local businesses, and good old labour

The legacy

- It is our belief that the jump park will be a place to gather for events supported by the legacy fund and also for riders who want to come to the island, and ride in places that Steve frequented. (All Videos that Steve was featured in have focused on his training grounds Vancouver Island)
- The foundation plans to support other projects on the island, and with this being the first. Our wish and desire is that Council pass a resolution to have the Beban Park Jump Park/ Pump Track be named in his honour.

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