



**July 29/30, 2023 SCCA Dragon Hillclimb 17  
Graham County – Robbinsville, NC**

**Sanction # 23-HC-60766**

**Sanctioned by the Central Carolina Region and Southeast Division of Sports Car Club of America**

**EVENT OFFICIALS**

Co-Event Chair – Robert McManus  
Co-Event Chair – Steve Eckerich  
Safety Steward – TBD  
Asst. Safety Steward – TBD  
Registrar – Vicki Eckerich  
Chief of Tech – Steve Eckerich  
Chief of Timing – Rich Mesick  
Chief of Flagging – Don Drennon  
Chief Starter – Rick Mitchell  
Chief of Communications – Richard Todd  
Medical Steward – Graham County EMS

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Prepaid Registration is now open for \$325  
Entrants/Drivers on [www.motorsport.reg.com](http://www.motorsport.reg.com),  
Entries after July 10th will increase to \$400  
member/\$425 non-member

#See the Entry Form for Important Details

Entry Fees: Single Driver/Both Days \$325

Add \$25 per driver for non-SCCA members

Event Held – July 29 -30, 2023

Maple Springs Rd. at the entrance to Joyce Kilmer  
Memorial Park – Robbinsville, NC

[www.CCRSCCA.com](http://www.CCRSCCA.com)

Sponsored and Presented with the assistance of:

Graham County Tourism  
United States Forest Service  
Graham County EMS & Rescue Squad

Chamber of Commerce  
Graham County Transit

...and the Merchants and Residents of Graham County and Robbinsville, NC

**EVENT SITE:** Santeetlah Road / Maple Springs Rd (SR 1127), Robbinsville, NC (Go straight when you see the entrance to Joyce Kilmer National Park on your left. The Hillclimb site road is also known as Maple Springs Gap Road. Event signs will be visible all the way from town to site.)



## **HILLCLIMB EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **FRIDAY, July 28<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

8:00am - 5:00pm Course set-up Want to help? Email; vickieckerich@charter.net  
Until 8:00 pm **Registration and Tech Inspection – Hillclimb Start Area**

**Tech Inspection** will be a roving tech on Friday. On Saturday morning, you are responsible for finding Tech Inspector at **Start** to get approved to race. **Race cars will not be tech inspected until driver is registered. Event Paddock Parking is First come, First served.**

Please come visit and eat at local restaurants. Let them know you are with the **HILLCLIMBERS!**

**NOVICE Workers** Flagging Chief Don Drennon will be happy to assist with any questions.

9:00 PM Hillclimb site road closed. No overnight camping on the hill but several campgrounds are nearby.

### **SATURDAY, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

7:00am - 8:00am. Road opens and late registration open in the paddock.

7:00am - 8:30am Roving Tech (Please see Steve Eckerich or ask registrar for his location)

8:00am - Worker Meeting - gravel parking area at TOP of hill.

7:45am - Driver Meeting gravel parking area near start gate.

8:00am – Drivers may drive course (NOT at speed – both lanes in use!)

9:00am - 12:00 Course goes Green - Event Chair determines official timed runs for all classes. Between groups, expect traffic on course, course workers rotate stations per directions of Worker Chief.

Approx. 12:00 - 12:45pm Stop runs for worker lunch

**(Lunch provided for workers)**

1:00pm - 5:00pm Resume timed runs.

6:00pm - 7:00 am No Race Engines

***7:00 PM Worker dinner Details to be provided by event.***



## **SUNDAY, July 30, 2023**

7:00am - 8:30am Roving Tech (Please see Steve Eckerich or Tech Chief)

7:30am Worker Meeting

7:45am Driver Meeting

8:15am - 10:30am Official Timed Runs begin

11:00am - 12:30 Stop runs for worker lunch (lunch provided for workers and drivers at Start gate).

**NOTE: Mandatory "Quiet Time", NO RACE ENGINES FROM 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

12:30pm - 3:30pm **Official** Timed Runs

3:30pm – 4:30pm **DRAGON SLAYER Awards** Approximately 30 minutes after last car on track.

Trophy presentation procedures will be announced at the Driver's meeting. If you want your trophy, either be there to accept or make arrangements with the Event Chair to have someone accept your award. We will award a KING of the Hill and a QUEEN of the Hill Dragon Slayer sword for fastest times of weekend.

**Event Sponsors: Complete list to be announced**

### **CAMPING/HOTELS/LODGING in Robbinsville, NC Area:**

Call early and let them know you are a driver/worker/spectator with the SCCA Hillclimb event!

All camping and lodging information can be found at Contact for [www.grahamcountytravel.com](http://www.grahamcountytravel.com) for hotels, motels and camping in the area:

Graham County Travel and Tourism 1-800-470-3790

### **PARKING ADVISORY:**

Parking on this course is limited. Please respect marked parking areas and understand that it is VITALLY important that we keep free lanes to move emergency vehicles in or out of the course. This is important for the safety of drivers, course workers and spectators and is a requirement of the Department of Transportation of NC and the Park Forestry Commission. They can stop the event if they see a problem.

**Your trailer, vehicle, tow vehicle and equipment must be COMPLETELY outside the white lines on the side of the road. Please honor the Forest Law Enforcement Services request as this is a requirement for use of the site. Consider it a blend line... don't violate it.**

The road we are racing on is a 4.2 mile dead end road. The spectator parking will be on the side of the road for the first mile. Our drivers/entrants will be parking their vehicles on the side of the road beginning at the gravel area close to the pit area (100 yards from the start gate.) First come, first serve on spaces. Open Trailers will be stored in a gravel parking area where spectator parking ends and shuttle buses pick up spectators. We realize the parking is not ideal and we will work together, share tents and space to make it work. Event managers will work with park and community to improve paddock and parking. Thank you for cooperation and working through this minor obstacle in return for a great event site.

**Overnight camping is not allowed in the paddock or on the event road. Rattlers Ford campground is located just outside the entrance.**



## **GENERAL INFO**

### **Sanction #23-HC-60766**

This event will be held under the 2023 SCCA General Competition Rules (GCR) as amended by the 2023 SCCA Hill Climb Rules and as further amended by the 2022 "FASTTRACK" published in "Sports Car" Magazine and as amended by the SEDIV Hillclimb Rules.. The SEDiv on-line version of the Rules supplemental is the official version. Also, see rules regarding Novice Hillclimb Program on the [www.sediv.com](http://www.sediv.com) site under rules section. Further amendments may also be published in these Supplemental Regulations.

**ENTRIES: The Prepaid single driver** Entry fee will be **\$325 (Add \$25 for non-SCCA members)**

and is open to the first 80 qualified entrants (event chairs may add additional entries at their discretion). We are expecting a larger field this year. Your spot will only be reserved IF you send in your entry fee in advance. **Prepaid entries canceled before July 10th will receive a full refund.**

**Licensing:** Drivers should meet *one* of the following:

- Those who hold a SCCA TRACK/Hill Climb Competition license, or
- Those who hold a SCCA Hill Climb Novice permit, or
- Those who hold a SCCA Competition License (Novice or Full), or
- Those who hold a racing license from a recognized motorsports organization.

All drivers aged 15 to 17 must contact event officials before the event and provide a completed SCCA Official minor waiver (Form 1068). Current SCCA membership (weekend memberships are acceptable) is required. FIA, NASA RR/TT/RALLY and Rally USA Comp License Allowed) SCCA Time Trial Novice licenses will be allowed for this event as a part of the SEDIV Time Trial Novice Hillclimb Program but attendance at the Novice instruction and working with Mentor is mandatory.

- 1. Needed at Registration: Valid Government issued Driver's License, Competition License or Application**
- 2. Entry fee as specified. (See Entry Form)**
- 3. Completely filled out entry form.**
- 4. Completely filled out driver bio sheet.**
- 5. Medical forms are encouraged but not required.**

**DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:** All drivers must be current SCCA members in good standing or obtain a Weekend Membership (\$25) at the event. Holders of current SCCA Novice or Full Competition License, Hill Climb Novice or Competition Licenses, NASA TT or Comp license, FIA License (**if SCCA member**) may compete in this event. There will be no calls to the SCCA National Headquarters, and no substitute drivers. If you are running in the Hillclimb Novice Program, you may apply for licensing to generate one. It is your responsibility to have licensing completed before proceeding to Tech. If you have questions, do not wait until the event to ask.

**VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all vehicles conforming to the GCR, TTR, and Solo Rules (Street Prepared), as amended and to all currently recognized SEDIV classes (including TT Vintage). We are also adding a Rally Class for this event. SEDIV Regional Only classes will compete under the SEDIV approved rules. SEDIV Time Trial reserved numbers will be upheld. Please see numbers taken on the SEDIV website in advance. [www.sediv.com](http://www.sediv.com). see the Forms section. Otherwise, numbers will be issued

on a first come, first served basis. For two driver cars, add the numeral "1" to the primary driver's number (e.g., 1st driver 59, second driver 159).

**TIME TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNING ORDER:** The event schedule or run groups may be changed at the discretion of the Chief Steward, with concurrence by the Race Chairs, depending on pre-race entry counts or as needed to accommodate situations that may be encountered during the event. Two driver cars will run in separate groups.

**MANDATORY DRIVER'S MEETING:** You must attend the driver's meetings (Start Line). If you run late and are not able to make the driver's meeting, you will be required to see the Chief Steward or Event Chair before being allowed to compete. Refunds WILL NOT be issued to drivers who miss the driver's meeting and refuse to meet with the Chief Steward or Event Chair. Track time/runs for late drivers WILL NOT be made up.

**FUEL** is not available at the site and limited within 12 miles of course... BYOG (Bring your own gas.) **You will be required to have an extinguisher (10 lb. ABC) with you at any time gas is being poured (whether from container to container or container to tank. This is a park REQUIREMENT and grounds for being ejected from the event without warning or second chance.**

**CONCESSIONS:** Vendors will be on site for food. Lunch is provided for event staff.

**WAIVERS:** It will be mandatory to sign a waiver, and wear a wrist band. Annual SCCA waivers will be accepted.

**TECH:** Tech will be conducted in locations defined in the schedule.

**LOG BOOKS:** All cars will need an SCCA Log Book - either Road Race or Time Trial. If you need a TT log book, make arrangements before the event if possible to avoid delays in registration. Contact Steve Eckerich on logbook at [seckerich@stampcometal.com](mailto:seckerich@stampcometal.com) If you have an annual inspection stamp in your logbook please bring it to registration.

**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** All driver and vehicle safety equipment must meet current GCR and HCR specifications. Driver's head/helmet must **NOT** protrude above the vehicle roll cage, (**Roll Bar, HC Minimum Requirement**) or roll hoop during any part of the competition. Cars must be re-inspected by the Chief of Tech if involved in an incident or if the vehicle is reported as leaking any fluids. All entrants must have a vehicle log book complete with pictures and log book number. Please fill in the date and event name prior to visiting tech. If you will be presenting a new car to tech for its annual inspection, or if you have tech questions, please contact the Chief of Tech as soon as possible. Arm restraints are required on all open cars. **Please note that seat belt expiration date has been dropped for TT. Belts must be in good condition.**

**HELMETS:** All helmets must be **SA2015** or **SA2020**. **RUNS:**

We will try to give as many runs per day as possible. Actual count depends on how many participants and event flow. We will do our best to get you as many runs as possible. You do your best to not holdup the event. While event management will do all we can to notify drivers, it is the driver's responsibility to know when his/her group is on call.



**TIMING: DO NOT** bother the people in the timing trailer! We will have a digital timing system for everyone to see their times. There will only be one set of official results, and they will be on a computer print out. We will try to make copies available. In the case of an obviously incorrect time, officials will take corrective action.

**INSURANCE:** Participant insurance will be provided in the amount required by SCCA.

**Paddock:** Event paddock parking is under the direction of the paddock or event officials. If your car is brought in on an open trailer, you will be provided space on side of the road for a support vehicle and your race car (tent, etc.) Open Trailers must be stored at the lower gravel parking lot just above spectator parking area after car has been unloaded. If your car is brought in on an enclosed trailer, you will be provided a space on the side of the road for one support vehicle (tow vehicle) or your closed trailer and your race car. (All on the grass). You will not be able to park a race car or place an awning on the pavement beside your trailer as this will restrict the main road. You may park it behind the trailer and use cover if you wish. **When you first enter the paddock section of our hill, you will drive up to gravel start/spectator area, you will turn around and drive back down to unload and proceed to the trailer parking area. This will allow less congestion when you are ready to leave.** A pit and paddock speed limit of 5 mph will be strictly enforced as spectators will be in the area. **If a car/driver is seen going faster than that or burning rubber in the paddock, it will result in disqualification.** Procedures for entering and exiting the course will be detailed in the mandatory driver's meeting. Anyone driving a wheeled vehicle in the paddock must have a valid state driver's license. Competitors are responsible for behavior of their crew and guests. Pets must be on leashes at all times and are not allowed at Spectator Area #2 or #3. Children must be under an adult's supervision at all times. **NOTE: RULE FROM PARK MANAGEMENT; NO ATVs, 4 wheelers, minibikes without state registration and tag to be used in the paddock area roadway.**

**EMERGENCY LANES** must be clear at all times for emergency traffic.

**INTOXICANTS:** In respect to our hosts, NO ALCOHOL may be consumed at the event site. This is a National Park. Use of intoxicants at any time while on the event site grounds is strictly prohibited. Anyone found to be using intoxicants during the event, or illegal drugs at any time while on the property, will be ejected from the property and forfeit their weekend. Drivers are responsible for their crew and guests.

**GENERAL RULES:** There will be no sound limit for the event but we do expect restraint in high revving of engines in paddock for the sake of our spectators. Do not dump oil, gas or coolant on the pavement or non-paved areas of the track. **No** Fluid recycling facilities are available, so please take it home with you. No Race engines to be run during Sunday lunch break or before 7:00am and after each event day beyond 7:00pm. An entrant may elect to waive SEDIV Time Trial Series points by checking the appropriate box on the entry form. Passengers are NOT permitted in any racing vehicle other than rally navigators – this includes coming down the mountain on return parade lap.

**RULES OF THE EVENT:** The requirements of conduct and sportsmanlike behavior, as defined in the GCR, will be strictly enforced. The penalty for a breach of these rules may include immediate expulsion from the event and/or a permanent ban from the event. All participants, crew, officials, workers and guests: will adhere to all applicable city, county, state and federal laws and regulations; will follow all rules and regulations defined herein or posted at the event; and shall not engage in any illegal, immoral or unsafe activities or business while on the event premises. Failure to abide by these rules may result in immediate expulsion from the event premises by any event official or the organizing region.

**RAIN OR SHINE** – Event Chair and Chief Steward will make a call if the weather is too inhospitable for racecars or workers and may need to delay or stop runs until a time that it is deemed safe. **No refunds for bad weather.**

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

1. We need workers to run the event. If you know anyone that would want to help, please let us know.
2. We need to show the workers our appreciation and would welcome any perks you can think of to give them or would like to donate for them. Please contact: Don Drennon if you would like to donate anything for workers. [ddrennon@gmail.com](mailto:ddrennon@gmail.com)

3. Weather can vary greatly by the hour. Please bring appropriate clothing and supplies. You are responsible for any tents or canopies erected.
4. This event is sanctioned by Central Carolinas Region – SCCA.
5. **Trophies will not be mailed so please attend awards presentation, or make arrangements to have someone pick yours up. We would like to recognize our winners before the course workers and spectators who came out to watch.**

**Submit Entry Forms and check made out to SCCA – CCR and mail to:**

**Registrar  
SCCA – CCR  
PO Box 1044  
Fletcher, NC 28732**

**We will only guarantee spots for the first 80 drivers responding. Reserve your entry spot TODAY!**