



Brushy Mountain Hillclimb

Presented by:

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Hosted by:

East Tennessee Region - SCCA

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Brushy Mountain - Petros, TN

SCCA sanction #26-HC-TBD

Brushy Mountain HillClimb is the second event in the 2026 Appalachian HillClimb Series. The inaugural Brushy Mountain HillClimb offers a chance to race the clock on a mountain that has never before been timed.

The event will be held subject to SCCA HillClimb rules.

EVENT OFFICIALS	
Event Leads: Mark Pilson, Heyward Wagner	Competition Director: Brad Gates
Safety Stewards: Rob Leslie, Jim Mason, Chad Summey	Chief of Tech: Steve Eckerich
Registrars: Nan Leslie, Vicky Lanning	Chief of Timing: Krystal Diandra
Chief of Course: Chris Polhamus	Chief Starter: Betty Tignor, Rick Mitchell
Chief of Communication: Nikki Edwards	Equipment and Technology: Steve Eckerich
Novice Chiefs: Tracy Gaudu, Chris Rathke	Paddock Marshals: Mark Pilson, Terry Kehne

Registration and entry information:

Registration opens **April 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM eastern time**. The first 90 qualified entrants will be accepted.

Entry fee(s):

Prepaid: \$350 (If received postmarked before May 15)

Late entry fee: \$425 (If submitted on or after May 15)

Weekend membership: \$ 25 (If not a current SCCA member)

Refunds and fees:

Prepaid entries canceled before **May 15th** will receive a full refund.

Late entries will be charged at registration, and there will be a \$35 fee charged for any check returned by the bank.

Online registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/AHSBrushy>

Please bring your state-issued drivers license and your SCCA membership card to event check-in at the rallying point.

General information and supplemental regulations

Driver licensing and eligibility

Drivers must:

1. Have a current full membership of the SCCA
2. Have a valid state-issued driver's license
3. Be able to handle the physical and mental demands of competition for the length of a session for each session of the event
4. Either possess a current SCCA Hillclimb Driver License **or** complete the novice orientation process at the event.

Minor drivers (less than 18 years old)

In addition to the above, minor drivers:

1. Must contact event officials before the event
2. Must provide a completed SCCA minor waiver (form 1068)
3. Attendance of the novice HillClimb program, novice coaching, and working with a mentor is required.

Novice drivers

Drivers who have not participated in a Hillclimb event are required to attend the novice HillClimb program, participate in novice coaching, and work with a mentor. There will be a hill orientation on Friday at 2pm (sharp). Please arrive at the front gate of the prison on time, and be prepared to ride up the hill in one of a few provided pickup trucks, exploring the need-to-knows of the hill. This tour is highly recommended for all participants. While a 7:00 AM Saturday huddle is available for those with unavoidable conflicts, the Friday 2:00 PM session is the comprehensive orientation and is strongly encouraged for all drivers as this is a new-to-the-series hill.

Vehicle eligibility

The event is open to automobiles (no motorcycles, karts, ATVs or similar) which meet the following criteria:

1. Vehicle must have at least four (4) wheels, grouped in equal sets of half of the wheels on the vehicle per side
2. Vehicle must be properly muffled
3. Vehicle must not have a high center of gravity. Potentially unstable vehicles with a high center of gravity (determined by whether they are wider than they are tall) are excluded from SCCA Time Trials. Width is the average track width of the vehicle, and height is measured from the ground to the highest point. Extra caution should be exercised with non-traditional vehicles (e.g., trucks using racing slicks or tires with less than 200 tread wear rating).
4. Vehicle must have a high front hoop integrated to the roll bar/cage **and/or** factory a-pillars with a windshield. If you have any question about eligibility, please contact appalachianhillclimb@gmail.com

Minimum safety equipment

This event requires that all vehicles meet the SCCA HillClimb “safety level 2” at a minimum. This includes an approved Snell SA2015, SA2020, or SA2025 helmet, at least a 4-point roll bar constructed to SCCA specifications, an approved racing harness, racing suit, shoes, gloves, and other items like arm restraints or window nets and fire suppression devices/systems. Factory safety systems (like you might find at a track day or time trial) are not considered appropriate. <https://timetrials.scca.com/pages/hillclimb-safety-rules>

Tech inspection

All competition vehicles must be properly registered for the event and pass tech safety equipment inspection in the paddock on Friday. Tech opens in the paddock at noon and closes shortly before the car show begins. If time does not permit tech to complete your vehicle, tech is available from 7:00 AM Saturday morning. Please have tech completed before the driver’s meeting. Please bring your logbook if you have one to the tech inspector, and some cash if you don’t have one as one will need to be issued.

Numbers and class designation

Numbers and class designation must be visible on both sides of the vehicle, will be issued on a first-come/first-serve basis or through the annual permanent number registration (available at <https://tinyurl.com/2026AHSPN>) and must meet the following criteria:

1. Numbers must be minimum 8” tall
2. Two-driver cars should add "1" to the primary driver's number (e.g., first driver 59, second driver 159)
3. All competition vehicles must display the issued Appalachian Hillclimb Series class designation sticker during competition runs.

Competition classes

Brushy Mountain Hillclimb will utilize the Appalachian Hillclimb Series classing matrix. The classing matrix can be found here: <https://www.appalachianhillclimb.com/rules-and-classes.html>

Awards and records

The following awards will be given for class performance:

1. The top 3 finishers in each AHS class will receive trophies.
2. King or Queen of the Hill (Overall fastest time)
3. King or Queen of the Hill (Fastest driver not matching the gender of the overall fastest time award)

Brushy Mountain Hillclimb records will be kept for class and overall performance awards. For a record to be set, at least two cars must have run in the history of the class.

Running order and number of runs

1. There will be a minimum of two Run groups. Run groups and run order will be announced at the event.
2. Two driver cars will run in separate groups.
3. Only runs available to all competitors in AHS class will be eligible for awards. The event leads have discretion to allow additional runs to stand as records, provided all competitors present within 2 seconds of the standing record are given the option to run
4. While event management will do all we can to notify drivers, it is the driver’s responsibility to know when their group is on call. Unless the missed runs are due to event organizer error or other circumstances beyond the driver’s control, missed runs will not be made up.

Official timing

Timing will be passive and no actions will be required by the driver for times to be scored. The Chief of Timing is Krystal Diandra.

Fuel and fueling

Standard pump gas is not available in Petros. The nearest available fuel is a Marathon fuel station at 4250 Knoxville Highway, Oliver Springs, TN 37840.. Race fuel is not available onsite or nearby. A minimum 10 lb ABC fire extinguisher is required to be present any time fuel is being transferred.

Additional event rules

1. Other than mentors on parade lap(s), passengers are not permitted on official runs
2. Drivers must attend the daily driver's meetings. If a driver misses the driver's meeting for any reason, they are required to see the Competition Director or Event Lead before being allowed to compete
3. The requirements for conduct and sportsmanship as defined in the SCCA Time Trials Rules will be strictly enforced. (<https://timetrials.scca.com/pages/tt-basics>)
4. All participants, crew, officials, workers, spectators and guests will adhere to all applicable city, county, state and federal laws and regulations, will follow all rules and regulations listed herein, added, posted at the event or otherwise communicated, and shall not engage in any illegal, immoral, or unsafe activities or business while on the event site.
5. Active tire warming devices are prohibited.

Parking and paddock

1. Paddock spaces for the Brushy Mountain Hillclimb are spacious, however, care should be given to ensure that Paddock Marshal directions are followed and that your space remains compact and neat. Please help us make best use of the space available by bringing the smallest rig you have available.
2. Friday check-in will happen at the Historic Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary, 9182 TN-116, Petros, TN 37845.
3. Paddock spaces will be directed by Paddock Marshals
4. Workers will park at the discretion of the Paddock Marshals.
5. Support Vehicles - In the paddock, you will likely be limited to no more than one support vehicle (truck, trailer, or RV) per entered race car. Please reach out to the Paddock Marshall ASAP for special needs.
6. Transporters, RVs, trucks and enclosed trailers taking up multiple paddock spaces may be required to share paddock space for other race cars. Assume one race car for every 25 linear feet.

Course and paddock map

The course runs a portion of State Highway 116, from near the horseshoe north of the paddock to the finish near Lookout Tower Jeep Trail. All traffic will be strictly controlled along the length of the race course. Traffic will flow between run groups, so please expect two way traffic when the course is not hot. See the map on the next page for further information.



Red Area - Tech Inspection, Drivers Meetings, Rallying Point, and Awards Ceremony

Blue Area - Vehicle Paddock

Yellow Area - Spectator and Paddock Overflow - This border may move south if participant vehicle demand is high.

Camping

Just south of the paddock, there is a full service RV park you are encouraged to book. You will need a reservation, so please book early if you plan on camping. All RV spots include hookups and there are 20'x40' spots and 20'x50' spots. More information can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/AHCS-CampBrushy>

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***Tentative* official event schedule**

Friday- May 29

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM - Course setup from the paddock. Race course will be
***closed to traffic.**

2:00 PM - ****Novice hill orientation** at the paddock rally point. Arrive early, and be prepared to ride in provided trucks to tour the course efficiently.

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM - Registration and *****tech inspection** at the tech station.

6:00 PM - Car show in the paddock.

TBD - Novice worker classroom.

9:45 PM – 6:45 AM - Quiet hours in the paddock. The paddock will remain open, but no race Engines may run. You are not required to leave the paddock overnight.

Race cars and race traffic will be allowed on course at a safe speed and in the right lane only. PLEASE be aware of workers, emergency personnel, fire trucks filling barriers, and other vehicles.

**** This item is required attendance for novices.**

***** Tech Inspection will be a near the prison gate. Cars will not be inspected until the car's drivers are registered.**

SATURDAY- APRIL 25

7:00 AM – 7:45 AM - Late registration at the tech station.

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM - Late tech at the tech station.

7:00 AM - Novice Huddle at the rallying point.

7:30 AM - Worker meeting at the rallying point.

7:45 AM - Driver meeting at the rallying point. Road is closed to non-event traffic.

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM - ALL hill traffic under grid and paddock marshal control, ONLY.

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM - Parade laps - (both lanes up, right lane down. NOT AT RACE SPEED)

9:15 AM - HILL CLEAR

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM - Competition runs

5:30 PM - Road open

9:45 PM – 6:45 AM - Quiet hours in the paddock. The paddock will remain open, but no race engines shall run. You are not required to leave the paddock overnight.

SUNDAY- APRIL 26

7:30 AM - Worker meeting at the rallying point.

7:45 AM - Driver meeting at rallying point.

7:45 AM – 8:00 AM - Road closed to non-event traffic. ALL hill traffic under grid and paddock marshal control, ONLY.

8:00 AM - HILL CLEAR

8:15 AM – 3:30 PM - Competition runs

3:45 PM - BRUSHY MOUNTAIN HILLCLIMB CHAMPION AWARDS