



Shamrock Mountain Hillclimb

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Shamrock Mountain - Manchester, KY

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Shamrock Mountain HillClimb is the fifth and final event in the 2026 Appalachian HillClimb Series. As the curtain call to the 2026 series, the Shamrock Mountain HillClimb offers a short but challenging course that will leave you puzzled by the end of the weekend.

The event will be held subject to SCCA HillClimb rules.

EVENT OFFICIALS

Event Leads: Heyward Wagner, Katie George	Competition Director: Brad Gates
Safety: Mike Klepp, Rob Leslie, Jim Mason, Chad Summey	Chief of Tech: Steve Eckerich
Registrars: Nan Leslie, Vicki Lanning	Chief of Timing: Krystal Diandra
Chief of Course: Chris Polhamus	Chief Starter:
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 **August 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM eastern time**. The first 75 qualified entrants will be accepted.

Entry fee(s):

Prepaid: \$350 (If received postmarked before September 11th)

Late entry fee: \$425 (If submitted on or after September 11th)

Weekend membership: \$ 30 (If not a current SCCA member)

Refunds and fees:

Prepaid entries canceled before **September 11th** 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/AHSShamrock26>

Please bring your state-issued drivers license and your SCCA membership card to event check-in in the EKU paddock.

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 3pm (sharp). Please arrive at the upper paddock 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. While a 7:00 AM Saturday huddle is available for those with unavoidable conflicts, the Friday 3:00 PM session is the comprehensive orientation and is strongly encouraged for all novices.

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 at the lower paddock. Tech opens in the paddock at noon Friday and closes at 5pm. 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

Shamrock Mountain Hillclimb will utilize the Appalachian Hillclimb Series classing matrix. The classing rules 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)

Shamrock Mountain Hillclimb records are 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 three run groups.
 - Group 1- Sport, Sport Max, Super Sport
 - Group 2- Modified, Super Modified, Stock Car
 - Group 3- Sport Unlimited, Special Limited, Special Open, Outlaw
2. The second driver of a two driver car will run in the group after the assigned group. Group 3 second drivers will run with Group 1.
3. Only runs available to all competitors in AHS class will be eligible for awards. The event leads have

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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 available around Manchester. 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 Shamrock Mountain Hillclimb are very limited. Please help us make best use of the space available by bringing the smallest rig you have available. If you have a trailer or RV longer than 28', you will likely have difficulty reaching the upper paddock area. Priority for upper paddock will be given to competition vehicles with extremely low ground clearance. We have very limited space for large tow rigs and we cannot guarantee a space in the upper paddock.
2. Friday check-in and staging will happen at ECU campus in Manchester, KY. Navigate to 50 University Dr, Manchester, KY 40962.
3. Paddock spaces will be directed by Paddock Marshals
4. Workers will park at the bottom of Shamrock Rd. before the return road joins the start.
5. Support Vehicles - For upper paddock spaces, 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. Late entries or oversized vehicles not indicated at the time of registration may be assigned to the lower paddock.
7. Lower and Upper Paddock – The upper paddock (just beyond start) will be utilized by race cars needing regular pit support (formula cars, prototypes, specials, super production, etc.) Upper paddock spaces

will be assigned by the Paddock Marshals. The lower paddock will typically be utilized for cars running DOT tires. Lower paddock is first come first served and will not be directly managed by the Paddock Marshals. Please do your best to consolidate space in the upper paddock. Please contact the Paddock Marshal ASAP for special needs.

8. Remote parking for trailers - Any non-support critical (i.e. open deck, extremely large, or trailers not used in the run-by-run servicing of the car should be parked in the ECU Manchester campus parking lot. Paddock space is extremely tight at Shamrock Mountain and we ask that you be considerate of utilizing the minimum required space to operate your car.

Course and paddock map

The course runs a portion of Shamrock Rd. All traffic will be strictly controlled from and area before the return road Ts into itself.