



“SLAYING THE DRAGON” HILL CLIMB

October 6-8, 2017

Driver Guide

Thank you for joining SVRA for the inaugural, Slaying the Dragon Hill Climb. In this Driver Guide, there is information on paddocking, registration, event flow, food, banquet and awards ceremony. If you have questions after reading the guide, please contact Ted Theodore – Hill Climb Manager. (864) 915-5052. editor@thesoutherndriver.com

FRIDAY

1. **Set up** – Your first stop is the Slaying the Dragon Hill Climb site. Cars will be allowed in to set up their paddock starting at 2:00 PM on Friday. Anyone getting to the hill before 2 PM will be placed in a staging area. The paddock is tight, and we prefer you park your trailers down the hill in a secured area. After you are set up in your paddock, a roving tech crew member will come by and tech your car. After you have been through tech, head to the Tapoco Lodge for registration. NOTE: There will be a County Sheriff on site from 7 PM to 7 AM for security. We recommend that you not leave any food or food waste in your paddock as there are wild animals in the area at night.
2. **Registration and Welcome Reception is at the Tapoco Lodge** – Registration will be open from 5 PM to 7 PM and a small Welcome Reception will be in the same area. At registration you will receive a map, event schedule and a small decal to put on your windshield-driver side bottom left. That decal will allow you access to the hill in that support vehicle. Other vehicles will need to be parked in the spectator parking and trailer storage areas.
3. **Driver’s Meeting** – At 8:00 PM, we will hold a mandatory driver’s meeting in the at the Topoca Lodge’s Cheotah Room. Ted Theodore, Hill Climb Manager will conduct a meeting covering what you need to know about the hill, the event flow, danger spots and information to help you achieve a good run.

SATURDAY

1. **Event** – The hill will be open at 6:45 AM for participants and event staff. Drivers are encouraged to prep their cars and be in driver suits for Drivers Meeting at 8:00 AM at the Start Line. After the meeting, drivers will line up in their cars (in suits with helmet and gloves) for a slow recon run up the hill. We may do two groups for two car drivers as necessary. At 8:45 AM Competition runs will begin. We will stop for lunch around 12 PM and resume around 1 PM. Runs will continue until 4 PM. The number of runs and time we stop depends on incidents, weather and times of the groups running.
2. **Saturday Night Dinner at the Tin Can Alley Theatre, Tapoco Lodge** - The cash bar will be open at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6 PM. Two dinner tickets will be provided for each

entrant. Additional dinner tickets can be purchased at Registration for \$30 each. The evening will feature remarks from SVRA President Tony Parella followed by videos of cars on the hill from Saturday's runs.

SUNDAY

1. **Last Run 3 PM** – We target 3:00 PM as the end of runs. The awards ceremony starts at 3:30 PM, please plan on attending. We will keep it brief, hand out awards and then crown our King and Queen of the Hill with their swords. If you are not in a rush, we would appreciate your hanging around to help tear down and clean up.

RULES OF THE HILL

1. **Site** - Joyce Kilmer Memorial Park is a part of a national no maintenance forest. There are many very old giant trees and over a hundred trails and paths. We are allowed to use this road have agreed to respect the natural habitat. There is one golden rule that is mandatory and will be enforced by the Forest Services Ranger on site. If you are putting gasoline in your car, there needs to be another person standing beside you with a fire extinguisher in hand. There are no exceptions as this causes great danger to their forests and our participants on a dead end road.
2. **Paddock** – Our paddock is very open. This allows drivers more social time with other drivers and spectators walking through, taking pictures and getting autographs. We have many children in the area so cars are to maintain a WALKING SPEED at all times. If children are near your car, please keep an eye out for hot exhausts or other dangers. We are not allowed to use electric or gas powered, golf carts, ATVs, pit bikes, motorized cycles, etc. US Forest Services has allowed us one moped to be used for event management. We highly recommend food not be kept on the hill. There are wild animals and they get curious and hungry at night. Trash (especially food waste) needs to be bagged up and left on edge of road for pick up at end of each day.
3. **Incidents** – In the case of an incident or mechanical failure, stay in your car and wait for instructions from a corner worker. They will ask you if you are okay and then they will give directions on what to do. Please repeat those instructions back to them to insure understanding and follow their direction. We have radio communications from top to bottom and at each turn and drivers will not leave eye site of a worker.
4. **Red Flag** - In case of a red flag, slow to a controlled stop and await instructions from corner workers. If you are given a red flag on course that was not caused by your actions, you will be given another run. Corner workers may instruct you to return to start or they may have you go to top of hill and a replacement run will be scheduled from there.
5. **At the Top** – After you complete your run, you will slow down to walking speed, turn around in the loop at the top of the hill and park in line. When the run group is completed, drivers will parade downhill to their paddock spaces. Drivers are expected to wear your helmet with the visor down and gloves on the slow trip down the hill. Wave to our workers and be aware of sudden stops. The parade downhill is TWO WAY TRAFFIC so stay in your lane.
6. **Sound** - There will be no sound limit for the event. Use restraint in high revving of engines in paddock. No race engines to be run during lunch breaks or before 7:00AM, after 7:00PM.

7. **Pets** – No pets are allowed from the Launch Line up the hill or in the spectator areas. Pets in the paddock must be on a leash.
8. **Fluid spills-Take** precautions to avoid spills of any automotive fluids on the hill. If an incident occurs, please inform the Event Manager or worker nearby so we can make certain a clean-up is done in line with US Forest Service requests. **No** Fluid recycling facilities are available, so please take all fluids home with you.
9. **Timing** - After you cross the finish line, you will have 100 yards to slow down and cool down your motor. You will receive the time for your run as you pass the timing trailer. There will only be one set of official results and they will be posted at the foot of the hill. In the case of an incorrect time, officials will take corrective action. If you have a question about your times, please see Event Manager, do not contact the Timing and Scoring team. Note:,we will try and load the session results into the SVRA App for your convenience. Instructions on how to download the free app will be in your Driver Packet at Registration.
10. **Weather** – Event Manager and Steward will make the call if the weather becomes a concern for cars and/or workers. It may be necessary to have a delay or stop of runs until a time that it is deemed safe. We will be monitoring a lightning strike meter to help ensure people are protected from bad weather.
11. **Concessions** - The Hub will be selling lunch halfway up the hill in the spectator area on both days.

(Course Map and Area Map attached.)