

Top historic and modern hill climb racing at Uphöfener Berg

6th round of the FIA European Historic Hill Climb Championship at the Int. 58th Hill Climb Race Osnabrück on 8–9 August

The legendary Uphöfener Berg track near Osnabrück in northwestern Germany will welcome top German and European hill climb racers on 8–9 August for the Int. 58th Hill Climb Race Osnabrück. For the first time, the line-up will include the beautiful cars of the FIA European Historic Hill Climb Championship – motor sport history is coming to Osnabrück. There will also be various activities for fans and families in the paddock.

Drivers from around 15 countries will compete in national and international championships on the 2.030 km track. These include the German and the Belgian hill climb championships. A new highlight this year is the Uphöfener Berg premiere of the FIA European Historic Hill Climb Championship, where top drivers will be competing for important points and cash prizes in the 6th of 8 rounds in 7 countries. Examples of entries for this prestigious championship, which recalls legendary races of the past, include the ex-DTM BMW M 3, BMW 2002 TI, Osella PA20/S, Porsche 928 or Porsche Carrera.

“The Osnabrück hill climb is one of the most well-known in Europe,” says Bernd Stegmann, Chairman of the Organising Committee at MSC Osnabrück e.V. “We are proud that we can again present the large variety of top international hill climb racing at our event, including for the first time the FIA European Historic Hill Climb Championship. And our supporting programme will entertain the entire family.”

Many of Europe’s top drivers will once again be competing in their spectacular open-top racing cars. Before the European hill climb circuit moves on to Switzerland for its next round – and for the second leg of the 2026 Osnabrück – Les Rangiers Hill Climb Trophy –, the reigning European champion Christian Merli from Italy, France’s Kevin Petit, Switzerland’s Marcel Steiner and Germany’s Alexander Hin are all expected at Uphöfener Berg. They all want to compete for the overall victory, as do past Osnabrück winner Sébastien Petit (France), last year’s overall winner Patrik Zajelsnik (Slovenia) and Austria’s Christoph Lampert. Christian Merli’s track record of 00:49.817 could well be under threat. After all, they are all driving a Nova Proto NP 01 from the French racing car manufacturer – the most modern racing car currently competing in hill climb – making the battle for the ultimate few thousandths of a second between these exceptional drivers all the more exciting.

This marks the fourth year that the Belgian hill climb championship has held a round at Uphöfener Berg, and the drivers in the German hill climb championship will also be impressing spectators with their spectacular, high-speed formula cars and sports cars. Fortunately, no one has to choose which of these stunning cars produces the best sound!

Legendary classic cars include the “Prinz” racers in the NSU-Bergpokal, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, as well as various youngtimers such as the Opel Kadett C, VW Golf 1 – 5, VW Polo, Ford Escort, BMW 2002, BMW 320, Audi S1 or Audi 80. KW Berg-Cup and the new Klassik category in the German hill climb championship will showcase a large number of them.

The 13th E-mobile Hill Climb Cup for electric and hybrid vehicles has long since become an integral part of the Osnabrück event. BYD, BMW, Volkswagen, Mitsubishi and Alpine are just a few examples of brands which will be present this year. The chances of victory in this competition are the same for all participants, as the focus is on consistency rather than overall speed.

As is typical for hill climb events, petrolheads will appreciate the opportunity to prowl the paddock, where drivers will often be available for a quick chat and a photo opportunity between runs.

Numerous partners of the Osnabrück hill climb provide an exciting programme of activities. Among other things, spectators can look forward to Team Erdbrügger, which this time is bringing the famous Audi Pikes Peak and an Audi S1, with a sound that is just as thunderous.

For the second time, the Bundeswehr will be presenting itself in the paddock as a partner of the Osnabrück hill climb. At their information stand Bundeswehr officials will answer questions about training and career opportunities and showcase military vehicles such as the armoured 6x6 Eagle ambulance and the so-called Greenliner up close.

For those who cannot be present at Uphöfener Berg there will again be a professional international livestream of all practice and race runs on Saturday and Sunday: www.osnabruecker-bergrennen.de

Timetable

Saturday 8 August, 8.00 – around 18.00: practice runs

Sunday 9 August, 8.00 – around 17.30: race runs, followed by the podium ceremony in the marquee

Tickets

Online under www.osnabruecker-bergrennen.de or on the gate

Further info

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