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# Climb to the Clouds Hillclimb returns to Mt. Washington July 2020

Officials with the Mt. Washington Auto Road in Gorham, New Hampshire and the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire announced today that one of the Nation's oldest automobile races, the historic Mt. Washington Hillclimb, will be returning to the Northeast's tallest peak July 9-12, 2020.

Organized and sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire, the 2020 Mt. Washington Hillclimb will serve as a 3-day motorsports festival that will include an 80-car field filled with some of the best drivers from North America and the world - as well as a contingent of rare vintage race and rally cars.

"We're incredibly excited to once again welcome back the Climb to the Clouds event! This race has been a part of the Auto Road scene since 1904 and we're proud of this racing tradition and our place in automotive history," mentioned Mt. Washington Auto Road General Manager, Howie Wemyss. Also known as the "Climb to the Clouds," the Mt. Washington Hillclimb is one of North America's oldest motorsports events, first run in July 1904, seven years before the first 500-mile race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway and twelve years prior to the inaugural Pikes Peak Hillclimb in Colorado. The Climb to the Clouds was run sporadically from 1904-1961, then not again until 1990 when it was run consistently until 2001. Following a ten-year hiatus, the Mt. Washington Hillclimb returned in 2011 as part of the 150th anniversary celebration of the Mt. Washington Auto Road which first opened on August 8, 1861. Since the 2011 event, the Hillclimb has taken place in 2014 as well as 2017. The



2020 Mt. Washington Hillclimb will celebrate 30 very active years of growth and popularity since it was brought back in 1990. "The Sports Car Club of New Hampshire is delighted to once again partner with the Mt. Washington Auto Road to host the 2020 Mt. Washington Hillclimb," stated SCCNH President, Nick Wilson. "Formed in 1955, the Sports Car Club of New Hampshire has a long history of successfully organizing and hosting a variety of top-level motorsports events and is proud to be the returning organizer of the Climb to the Clouds, the oldest motorsports event of its type in North America." The current record time of 5 minutes 44.72 seconds for the 7.6 mile course to the top of Mt. Washington was set by multi-time X Games Gold medalist, Nitro Circus creator and 5-time US Rally Champion Travis Pastrana at the 2017 Subaru Mt. Washington Hillclimb. Driving a Subaru Rally Team USA / Vermont SportsCar-prepared 2017 Subaru WRX STI rally car with over 600 horsepower, Pastrana

crushed the previous course record time of 6:09.09 which was set in 2011 by his Subaru Rally Team USA teammate, David Higgins from Wales, by nearly 30 seconds! Averaging close to 90 miles per hour along the 7.6 mile course in 2017, Pastrana also recorded speeds in excess of 130 mph above tree line.

There's truly no question that the 7.6 mile Mt. Washington Auto Road is one of the ultimate challenges for driver and automobile alike anywhere in the world. The serpentine road is lined with trees on the lower half and dramatic drop-offs above halfway as it winds its way to the 6,288-foot summit of the Northeast's tallest peak. The drivers selected to compete in the 2020 Mt. Washington Hillclimb will race on the very same road as the original 1904 Climb to the Clouds competitors. Of course, the surface has changed a lot since those early years with nearly 90% of the road now covered with asphalt and a mere 10% of the road's surface remains hard-packed gravel.

For 2020, the Mt. Washington Hillclimb will also retain the same competition classes that were developed for the 2017 event which include the extremely popular Unlimited Class as well as Open, Prepared, High Performance Showroom Stock, America's Rally Cross (ARX), 2WD & 4WD Rally, Modified Electric, Stock Electric and Vintage. Other event-specific details, such as competitor registration, entry fees, car construction, safety rules, event schedule and volunteer information will be shared in the coming weeks on the event's official website, [www.ClimbToTheClouds.com](http://www.ClimbToTheClouds.com)

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# Maple syrup grading process on NH Maple Syrup grades

Maple syrup is graded or categorized based on the flavor and how much light passes through (translucence). Variations are due to weather, soil, climate, point in season, boiling and more. The quality of all grades is the same.

## Golden • Delicate Taste

The first runs of maple sap in the early spring make the Grade A Golden Delicate syrup. This treasured syrup has a light, golden color with a mild, delicate taste. Often used to make maple cream, candy and sugar, it is also excellent as a table syrup – or over ice cream or yogurt.

## Amber • Rich Taste

Gradually, as the maple season progresses, the syrup darkens a shade to Grade A Amber Rich. A light amber color and full-bodied flavor, this class of syrup is the product of choice for consumers who desire the classic maple syrup flavor. Great for pouring over pancakes, ice



cream and oatmeal, this grade is also used for making maple cream and sugar.

## Dark • Robust Taste

Nearing the end of the 4-6 week season, the syrup darkens again to Grade A Dark Robust. Featuring a more pronounced maple flavor, this class will satisfy those consumers who desire the strong flavors of what had previously been considered Grade B. With its stronger, more robust maple flavor, this grade can also be used for cooking.

## Very Dark • Strong Taste

At the very end of the season, some maple producers make a small amount of Grade A Extra Dark syrup, a darker variety with a strong maple flavor. While still delicious on pancakes, this grade translates well into cooking, where the rich maple flavors carry through to the cooked dish. (New Hampshire Maple Producers Association)

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## Maple Sugar Day at Burleigh Farm

Mark your calendars for March 23rd, 10 am to noon for the 2019 Maple Sugar Day at Burleigh Farm. This is a free, community event co-sponsored by the Squam Lakes Association, the Squam Lakes Conservation Society and the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. Please join us for a fun day at the farm with sugaring demonstrations and maple sugar tasting, followed by a short guided hike into the sugar bush. Please bring snowshoes if you can, but we'll have extras on hand. Children are welcome, but no dogs please. Burleigh Farm is located off of Route 113 in Holderness, NH. If you are traveling from the Town of Holderness follow Route 113 for roughly 3.5 miles and take a left onto Burleigh Farm Road. Follow Burleigh Farm Road to the end and take a left toward the Sugar House. The SLA and SLCS are non-profit 501(c)3 organizations working together to preserve the unique quality, character and natural beauty of the Squam Lakes watershed. Special thanks to Tim and Audrey Fisher and the Burleigh Land Limited Partnership for providing the location and trail access for this event. Free. March 23rd at Burleigh Farm Rd., Holderness, NH 03245. Phone: 603-968-7336.

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**Exhibitions through March 31:**  
**Body Politic:** Melanie Baker, Daniel Bejar, Daniel Heyman, Jane Irish, Jayson Musson, John Willis (six contemporary artists who each deploy

representations of the body to investigate and express varied aspects of politics as lived experience) and **Mark Hogancamp: Women of Marwencol and Other Possible Histories** (100 images by an artist who, as a mode of recovery from a violent assault, creates and photographs miniature settings to tell an ongoing, looping, personal, epic story of conflict, loyalty, love, loss, and stockings). **Opening March 20: Marcelo Brodsky: 1968 The Fire of Ideas and Selected Works** (fifty years of work by the Argentinian photographer, conceptual artist, political exile, and activist). **Events: March 7, 4:30pm lecture: "What's Hiding in the Archives? Jocelyn Brodie, Lewis Mumford, and the Thorne Art Gallery"** by Ann Braude. **March 20 4pm and 6:30pm reception and "Memory Works"** lecture with exhibiting artist and James D. Ewing Public Affairs Fellow Marcelo Brodsky.

**Celtic Woman at Concord's Capitol Center for the Arts On Friday, March 29**

*On the heels of the top 10 Billboard World album Ancient Land (the group's thirteenth), multi-platinum international music sensation CELTIC WOMAN will be touring 70 North American cities, including a stop in Concord, NH on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 8pm.*

CELTIC WOMAN -- vocalists Mairead Carlin, Eabha McMahon, Tara McNeill (fiddle) and newest member Megan Walsh (who makes her debut on ANCIENT LAND) -- continue the centuries-old Irish tradition of telling stories through song: stories of the land, stories of love and stories of dancing; songs that will bring a piece of Ireland into viewers' homes and hearts.

Since their 2005 debut, CELTIC WOMAN continue to touch the hearts of a huge audience that spans the globe. Both an accomplished recording ensemble and a world-class performing collective, CELTIC WOMAN celebrates Ireland's rich musical and cultural heritage, while continuing its remarkable legacy of introducing some of Ireland's most talented singers and musicians onto the world stage.

Tickets for the March 29 CELTIC WOMAN performance are \$89 | \$69 | \$39, plus any applicable fees for phone/Internet sales. They may be ordered by calling the Capitol Center for the Arts at (603) 225-1111 or online at [ccanh.com](http://ccanh.com). Tickets may also be obtained at the Center's box office at 44 South Main St., Concord, NH, which is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 11am to 6pm and Saturdays from 11am to 2pm.

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■ MARCH 1ST

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■ MARCH 2ND

### Main Street Art Presents: Emerging Artists

Free. 75 Main Street, Newfields, NH 03856 Phone: 603-580-5835. Main Street Art presents Emerging Artists The opening reception is March 2 from 3:00-5:00pm at the Main Street Art Gallery, 75 Main Street,

Newfields, NH. The opening reception and exhibit are free to the public, however your generous donations will ensure Main Street Art can continue to offer exhibits like this to the community. You can make a donation at Main Street Art or on our website: [www.mainstreetart.org](http://www.mainstreetart.org). "Emerging Artists" features the work of four early career New England artists; Bri Custer, Jennifer Lamontagne, McKenzie Myles, and Em Svatik. Although there is a variance in medium and style, a cohesion exists in the color, saturation, and vibrancy of each artists' respective pieces From abstract paintings and embroideries to observational paintings and drawings, the work of these women reflect a rounded contemporary aesthetic. MSA Gallery hours are Mondays 10am-3pm, Tuesdays, 10am-2pm, Wednesdays, 12pm-6pm, and Fridays 10am-3pm, or whenever the "Open" sign is out. For more info, visit our website: [www.mainstreetart.org](http://www.mainstreetart.org) or call 603-580-5835

■ MARCH 3RD

### Ski, Snowshoe, Fatbike to the Clouds

\$35 until Feb 28; \$45 March 1-2. NO day-of-registration 1 Mount Washington Auto Road, Gorham, NH 03581 Phone: 603-466-3988. Long referred to as "North America's Toughest 10K", the Ski, Shoe & Fatbike to the Clouds course uses 4k of the Great Glen Trails system, and then 6k on the snow covered Mt. Washington Auto Road with an average grade of 12% and an elevation gain of 2,200 feet.

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