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# Mt. Washington Hillclimb

## Gorham, NH

### June 28, 1998

## *Final Results*

Scores Courtesy of: [Brad Emery](#)

| FIN. POS. | CL POS. | CAR NUM. | CLASS | DRIVER              | HOMETOWN           | MARQUE          | SCORE     |
|-----------|---------|----------|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1         | 1       | 2        | 0     | Frank Sprongl       | Mississauga, Ont   | Audi Quattro S2 | 6:41.99** |
| 2         | 2       | 1        | 0     | Selcuk Karamanoglu  | Georgetown, ME     | Eagle Talon     | 7:02.33   |
| 3         | 3       | 3        | 0     | Carl Merrill        | Ogunquit, ME       | Ford Cosworth   | 7:05.44   |
| 4         | 1       | 28       | 3     | Andrew Havas        | Chapel Hill, NC    | Honda CRX       | 7:07.33** |
| 5         | 4       | 81       | 0     | Daniel Rutan        | Centerbrook, CT    | Audi Quatro     | 7:07.72   |
| 6         | 5       | 6        | 0     | Jon Kemp            | Attica, NY         | Audi 4000       | 7:15.64   |
| 7         | 1       | 7        | 4     | Seku Vierimma       | FINLAND            | Mitsubishi      | 7:25.53** |
| 8         | 2       | 8        | 3     | Chris Havas         | Richmond, VT       | VW Golf         | 7:29.58** |
| 9         | 1       | 26       | 2     | Doug Valliere       | Lebanon, NH        | Sunbeam         | 7:32.15   |
| 10        | 2       | 39       | 4     | Roy O. Hopkins      | Spencerport, NY    | BMW M3          | 7:32.74   |
| 11        | 6       | 4        | 0     | Bruno Kreibich      | Rdgd. Queens, NY   | Audi Quattro    | 7:33.62   |
| 12        | 2       | 62       | 2     | Drew Young          | Loudon, NH         | Chevy Camaro    | 7:34.60   |
| 13        | 1       | 90       | 1     | Gerald Driscoll     | East Randolph, VT  | Modified        | 7:38.48   |
| 14        | 1       | 32       | 5     | Elizabeth Campbell  | Rutland, VT        | VW Golf GTI     | 7:40.81** |
| 15        | 3       | 53       | 4     | John Bellerose      | Bedford, NH        | Eagle Talon     | 7:42.62   |
| 16        | 3       | 75       | 3     | Charles Rutan       | Chester, CT        | VW Sedan        | 7:42.50   |
| 17        | 2       | 80       | 1     | Bill Rutan          | Centerbrook, CT    | VW Golf         | 7:42.89   |
| 18        | 3       | 5        | 2     | Jim Larsen          | Hardwick, MA       | Ford Mustang    | 7:45.69   |
| 19        | 3       | 78       | 1     | Arthur Heath        | Warner, NH         | Dirt Modified   | 7:46.33   |
| 20        | 4       | 54       | 1     | Jim Langenback      | Pittsfield, MA     | Sprint Car      | 7:50.17   |
| 21        | 4       | 88       | 4     | Don Taylor          | Claremont, NH      | Shelby CSX      | 7:51.96   |
| 22        | 4       | 20       | 3     | Timothy B. Mather   | East Hartford, CT  | Nissan Sentra   | 7:56.11   |
| 23        | 5       | 19       | 3     | Charles D. North    | E. Wallingford, VT | Dodge Colt      | 7:59.47   |
| 24        | 5       | 51       | 1     | John Reed           | Ctn. Barnsted, NH  | Dodge Paeton    | 7:59.96   |
| 25        | 5       | 27       | 4     | Brian Goss          | Concord, NH        | Dodge Omni GLH  | 8:00.01   |
| 26        | 4       | 18       | 2     | Dave Valliere       | Gratham, Nh        | Chevy Camaro    | 8:00.03   |
| 27        | 6       | 36       | 4     | Kevin Holmes        | Goffstown, NH      | BMW M3          | 8:02.02   |
| 28        | 6       | 9        | 3     | Jim Adams           | Williston, VT      | Chevy Cosworth  | 8:03.21   |
| 29        | 7       | 50       | 4     | Raymond Blethem III | Bow, NH            | Mitsubishi      | 8:03.46   |
| 30        | 8       | 45       | 4     | Arlo Cota           | S. Burlington, VT  | Peugeot         | 8:07.53   |
| 31        | 9       | 99       | 4     | Scott Hartman       | Newport Coast, CA  | Audi S6         | 8:07.61   |
| 32        | 10      | 49       | 4     | Bill Driequet       | Burlington, VT     | Mitsubishi      | 8:11.28   |
| 33        | 7       | 85       | 3     | Bert Cox            | Weare, NH          | VW Golf         | 8:21.04   |
| 34        | 8       | 64       | 3     | Lester Bottone      | Westport, CT       | Toyota Corolla  | 8:28.12   |
| 35        | 2       | 11       | 5     | John Howe           | Newport, NH        | Honda CRX Si    | 8:28.87   |
| 36        | 3       | 96       | 5     | Allan Dennis        | Tiverton, RI       | Omni GLH        | 8:30.81   |
| 37        | 1       | 937      | 7     | Kim Eastman         | Standish, ME       | 53 Kurtis 500s  | 8:32.28   |
| 38        | 2       | 55       | 7     | Patrick Curran      | Alstead, NH        | 66 Ford Mustang | 8:35.65   |

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| 39  | 3  | 91  | 7 | Ed Valpey           | Center Harbor, NH | Allard             | 8:37.59   |
| 40  | 9  | 31  | 3 | Scott Wallace       | Bosford, MA       | VW GTI             | 8:40.04   |
| 41  | 10 | 89  | 3 | Brian Dennis        | Bristol, RI       | Triumph Spitfire   | 8:47.18   |
| 42  | 4  | 30  | 5 | Mark Besso          | East Hartford, CT | Audi 4000 Quattro  | 8:47.43   |
| 43  | 6  | 25  | 1 | Michael Wilson      | Bolton, MA        | Dodge Shadow       | 8:48.82   |
| 44  | 11 | 48  | 4 | Donald Bigelow      | Charlestown, NH   | Dodge Shadow       | 8:54.06   |
| 45  | 7  | 86  | 1 | Willie Schuldt      | Asheville, NC     | Mazda Formula      | 8:57.65   |
| 46  | 11 | 79  | 3 | William Grabowski   | Stuart, FL        | Porsche 911E       | 8:59.40   |
| 47  | 4  | 66  | 7 | Bob Girvin          | Holliston, MA     | 58 Allard GT       | 8:59.83   |
| 48  |    |     |   |                     |                   |                    |           |
| 49  | 1  | 92  | 6 | Richard Rische      | Chester, MA       | Ledgend            | 9:08.54** |
| 50  | 5  | 134 | 7 | John Schieffelin    | Florence, MA      | 53 Allard K-3      | 9:09.90   |
| 51  | 5  | 10  | 5 | Herbert WilliamsIII | Claremont, NH     | Dodge Shadow       | 9:13.07   |
| 52  | 6  | 123 | 7 | Charles Bordin      | Scarsdale, NY     | 59 Philson/Falcon  | 9:18.55   |
| 53  | 6  | 57  | 5 | Gail McGuire        | Avon, NY          | VW GTI             | 9:28.81   |
| 54  | 2  | 22  | 6 | Nicholas DiGennaro  | New Lebanon, NY   | Legend             | 9:30.55   |
| 55  | 12 | 14  | 3 | Doug Mephram        | Toronto, Ont.     | Volvo 142          | 9:33.21   |
| 56  | 7  | 236 | 7 | Brad Marshall       | Dudley, MA        | 356 Porche         | 9:33.97   |
| 57  | 8  | 120 | 7 | Karen Miller        | Stormville, NY    | 50 Jaguar XK120    | 9:35.84   |
| 58  | 6  | 29  | 2 | Darryl Desmarteau   | Clemson, SC       | Datsun 240Z        | 9:36.50   |
| 59  | 12 | 44  | 4 | Brian Desmarais Sr. | Claremont, NH     | Dodge Daytona      | 9:46.17   |
| 60  | 9  | 52  | 7 | Kristian Winroth    | Camton, NH        | 58 Pikes Peak Cham | 10:22.25  |
| 61  | 10 | 580 | 7 | Richard Waite       | Topsfield, MA     | 52 MG TD           | 10:58.79  |
| DNF |    | 13  | 0 | Chris Sanborn       | Wilton, NH        | Audi Quattro       |           |
| DNF |    | 69  | 5 | Dave Richmond       | Essex Jct., VT    | Honda Civic        |           |
| DNF |    | 12  | 3 | Rob Campbell        | Coatsville, PA    | VW Bug             |           |
| DNS |    | 33  | 7 | Gordon Matson       | Concord, NH       | E-M-F Stock        |           |
| DNS |    | 37  | 7 | Robert W. Valpey    | Center Harbor, NH | 31 Stuabaker       |           |
| DNS |    | 00  | 4 | Thomas Weaver       | Medford, NJ       | Audi A4            |           |
| DNS |    | 95  | 2 | Tom Dowd            | Boxford, MA       | VW GTI             |           |
| DNS |    | 21  | 3 | Dave Patten         | Dunbarton, NH     | Datsun 510         |           |

\*\* New Record.

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## CANADIAN PRO RALLY CHAMPION FRANK SPRONGL SETS NEW OVERALL RECORD AT THE AUDI-MT.WASHINGTON HILLCLIMB

Pinkham Notch, NH - Under nearly perfect conditions Sunday, Frank Sprongl from Mississauga, Ontario became the new "King Of The Hill" at Mt. Washington by setting a new overall record in the 1998 Audi-Mt. Washington Hillclimb. Driving an all-wheel-drive, 350 horsepower Audi Quattro S2, Sprongl completed the 7.4 mile asphalt and gravel course in just 6 minutes, 41.99 seconds at an average speed of 66.27 miles per hour. The previous overall record of 6 minutes, 45.22 seconds was set in 1995 by current SCCA Champion Paul Choiniere of Williston, VT in 1995.

"I was really focused today", stated Sprongl after the race, "I've known for the past couple of years I could

beat Paul's record if the conditions were right, it was just a matter of time. The conditions were fantastic today and the gravel section road was the best I've ever seen, it was a perfect day. This was my fifth race of the year and my fifth win, I couldn't be happier!"

For setting the new overall record and capturing first place in his class, Sprongl received over \$2,500 in prize money, part of which was \$1,500 from Audi of America through a sponsorship contingency program.

Finishing second overall, was Selcuk Karamanoglu of Georgetown, Maine driving an Eagle Talon. A former Turkish National Rally Champion, Karamanoglu came into this year's Audi-Mt. Washington Hillclimb as the defending champion. Posting a time of 7 minutes, 2.33 seconds, Karamanoglu stated after the race, "I just didn't have the horsepower today. This was Frank's day and he deserves the win, he drove very well."

Taking third place honors at the event overall, was Carl Merrill of Ogunquit, Maine driving a 400 horsepower Ford Cosworth Escort. Merrill, who currently leads the points race in the Sports Car Club of America Pro Rally Series, covered the 7.4 mile course in a time of 7 minutes, 5.44 seconds, just over 3 seconds behind Karamanoglu.

In other racing action at Mt. Washington, Jerry Driscoll of East Randolph, posted a time of 7 minutes 38.48 seconds to capture the win in Class 1 for the third year in a row.

Andrew Havas of Chapel Hill, NC set a new record in Class 3 driving a Honda CRX he prepared himself. Havas posted a record setting time of 7 minutes, 7.33 seconds to become the fastest driver ever of a front wheel drive car on the Mt. Washington Auto Road. Finishing just behind Havas in Class 3 was his brother Chris driving a Volkswagen Golf GTI Pro Rally Car. Chris posted a time of 7 minutes, 29.58 seconds to take second place honors.

In Class 4, Finland's Saaku Vierimaa who flew to the United States solely for the purpose of competing at Mt. Washington drove his Vermont Sports Car prepared Eagle Talon to a new class record by posting a time of 7 minutes, 25.53 seconds.

Class 5 was won by Elizabeth Campbell of Rutland, VT driving a front wheel drive Volkswagen Golf. Campbell captured her 9th Class 5 victory in as many attempts by reaching the summit of Mt. Washington in a record setting time of 7 minutes, 40.81 sec.

Richard Rische of Chester, MA won Class 6 for the second year in a row by eclipsing the record he set in 1997. Driving a Legend Car, Rische covered the 7.4 mile course in 9 minutes, 8.54 seconds, beating second place finisher Nicholas DiGennaro of New Lebanon, NY by just over 22 seconds.

In the hotly contested Vintage Class, Patrick Curran of Alstead, NH claimed victory for the second time in three years driving his 1966 Shelby Mustang to a Class 7 win.

Sponsors of this year's Audi-Mt. Washington Hillclimb included Audi of America, the Mt. Washington Auto Road, Byrnes Auto Centers of Dover, NH, the Wentworth Hotel & Resort located in Jackson, NH, Pepsi & Varsity Beverage of Conway, NH & Heritage NH, WHOM 94.5fm, WMWV 93.5fm, The Mountain Ear and Castrol Lubricants of North America.

Next year's Audi-Mt. Washington Hillclimb is scheduled for June 25th- 27th, 1999. For more information regarding the results of this year's Audi-Mt. Washington Hillclimb, please contact the Mt. Washington Auto

Road in Gorham, NH at 603-466-3988. # # #

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