

THE DONNER FAMILY

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Three generations of Donner men, Robert Sr., Robert "Bob" Jr., Robert "Bobby" III and David have made the Donner name synonymous with The Broadmoor Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (PPIHC).

The family's involvement with the "Race to the Clouds" began in the 1940s when Robert Sr. restored the tradition of motorsport on

Pikes Peak following WWII. Robert Sr. would later serve as president of the Hill Climb Association and see his son, Robert "Bob" Jr., build upon his legacy as a pioneer of sports car racing on America's Mountain. Bob Donner won the Sports Car Class of the PPIHC from 1960-62. Like his father, he also served as the race's president.



The following decades saw Bob's sons, Robert "Bobby" III and David, follow in their father's footsteps as Hill Climb racers. Bobby and David wanted to be more than drivers and engineered the Donner-Dykstra, an innovative race vehicle utilizing new technologies to tame the Peak. Piloting Donner-Dykstras, Bobby and David claimed multiple titles of King of the Mountain and

Open Wheel Division victories (Bobby in 1989 and David in 1991, 2002 and 2005) in addition to serving as Hill Climb board members.

David has continued adding to the family laurels in the "Race to the Clouds" by claiming multiple division and class victories through the 2000s and beyond.