

# WELCOME TO STEEP MOUNTAIN

The eroded trail seen going straight up the mountain is one of the tracks from the Widowmaker hill climb race. Organized by the Bee's Motorcycle Club and held in Draper from 1964 to 1988, the Widowmaker drew hill climb racers from across the nation. The race was featured in the 1971 documentary film *On Any Sunday* and on *ABC Wide World of Sports* in 1983. Families and fans from around the world were drawn to this location for motorcycle hill climb races, as well as motocross races at the track the Bee's Motorcycle Club managed on site.



Mel Kimball Sr. on his 650cc Triumph, photo courtesy of the Kimball family.

The Widowmaker race was a celebrated national event that was an important part of Draper's culture for 24 years. Eventually, crowd control and law enforcement challenges led the city to cancel the race in 1989. The winner's list below is a who's who of local and national hill climb racing history. The list is separated into the two prominent areas of steep mountain that were used from 1964 to 1988. The eroded track on the northeast side of steep mountain can be viewed from the Bonneville Shoreline Trail approximately 1.5 miles east of this location.

## STEEP MOUNTAIN NORTHEAST SIDE

YEAR	RACER	HEIGHT	MOTORCYCLE	RACER'S HOME STATE
1964	Bud Chambers		650cc Triumph	Utah
1965	Byron Keller	471 feet	650cc Triumph	Utah
1966	Mick Allred	475 feet	BSA	Utah
1967	Byron Keller	521.5 feet	650cc Triumph	Utah
1968	Mel Kimball	576 feet	650cc Triumph	Utah
1969	Frank Durso	563.25 feet	BSA	California
1970	Mike Gibbon	Over the Top	Triumph	Oregon
1970	Bob Kopp	Over the Top	650cc Triumph	Washington
1971	Frank Durso	509 feet	BSA	California
1972	Larry Hubber	Over the Top	Harley-Davidson	Indiana

## STEEP MOUNTAIN NORTHWEST SIDE

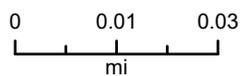
1973	Neal Mackel		750 Triumph	
1974	Larry Smith	742 feet	Custom	California
1975	Ronald Standeven	984.8 feet	836cc Honda	California
1976	Jim True	Over the Top	900cc Harley-Davidson	California
1977	Ron True	650 feet		California
1978	Vince Bartolucci	1137 feet	1000cc Triumph	California
1979	Bill Harrison	1065 feet		California
1980	Kerry Peterson	Over the Top	1000cc Honda	California
1981	Keith Roessler	Over the Top	973cc Honda	California
1982	Kerry Peterson	Over the Top	1500cc Harley-Davidson	California
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1986	Mel Kimball, Jr.	Over the Top	1123cc Honda	Utah
1987	Kenny Kimball	823 feet	1219cc Honda	Utah
1988	Mel Kimball, Jr.	Over the Top	1123cc Honda	Utah





## Widowmaker Plaque

Salt Lake County Flight Park



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