History of Hillclimbing

Original Widowmaker, Draper, Utah

This was the one that started it all, running on Point of the Mountain from 1964 to 1988, this event was on ABC's Wide World of Sports twice and pulled as many as 20,000 spectators. You can still see some of the hill routes high above Draper from I-15.

The Utah Klunker Club ran a hillclimb on a short hill above Brigham City from about 1965 to 1991. It was never as big of an event as the Widowmaker, but for several years it was Utah's ONLY hillclimb.



The later version of the Widowmaker ran on the 13,000 acre Wilde Ranch near Croyden, from 2003 to 2013 on another really big hill.

The new X-12 Hillclimb is located off of I-15, about 10 miles north of Tremonton, just behind Nucor Steel. It has some similarities to the original Widowmaker, since it also runs on and crosses some old Lake Bonneville benches, and the hills are similar in size to the old Widowmaker. Actually, the new X-12 has the highest, longest hills in the entire world of hillclimbing. It started at its new home in 2018; may it live long and prosper as Utah's only hillclimb.

The earlier version of X-12 ran from 2014 to 2016 on former Utah State Senator, Darrin Peterson's 13,000 acre ranch near Snowville.

The NEW X-12 features BIG hills, just like the Original Widowmaker that used to run above Draper.

