



Dear 2018 PPIHC Competitors;

Welcome to the 96<sup>th</sup> running of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb and the third year of the SMART Program.

This year the SMART Program will be provided to both the Auto and Motorcycle competitors. The SMART Program was originated by former competitors getting together to create something that could be useful for the entire field.

The program will focus on communication and exchange of knowledge, and is constructed as a more organized way to share information between all PPIHC competitors.

Included on the PPIHC website ([ppihc.org](http://ppihc.org)) is a resource page with a collection of information the SMART Program team has used in the past to better prepare for all aspects of the PPIHC race. These pages include team checklists, a team modified course map, information from team sponsors about things like tire warmers, the effects of altitude, etc. Make sure to check this resource page often. We will be adding more items to it as we get closer to race week. (Please note, these resources are suggested by the SMART Program managers, coaches, other race teams and their sponsors; these products and suggestions should not be taken as an official endorsement by the PPIHC organization.)

The SMART Program team will be looking for input from all riders, rookie to expert, on how to improve the program for the future. Contact the SMART Program with your questions and suggestions at: [paul@ppihc.org](mailto:paul@ppihc.org).