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## COVER STORY

**UP Hill, "FAST"** is the name of the game for hill climbing motorcycle racers. I have never been to a hill climb even though I have wanted to for many years. From what people tell me, it's a really great family event.

### What is a hill climb?

A hill is typically 300' -500' long and 20-30' across. The riders maneuver up the hill in the fastest time. All hills having their own challenges. Some are sand, some dirt, some straight and others with jumps.

I asked Free Riders Press advertiser and Hill Climb Champ Chuck Neinfeldt of Neinfeldt Cycle, Wisconsin Rapids.

### What can you look forward to at a climb?

You can expect some great competition from all ages. From the minis (the younger competitors around 7 years old), where the kids can't even touch the ground to the open class where it is balls to the wall, wide open get up and go.



*Winner of the 2003 American Motorcycle Association Amateur Nations senior 40+ division*

### What does it take to be a competitive climber?

Hill climbing takes the kind of person that needs to go faster than everyone else. A need for Speed. A person that can find a flaw in the best run and correct it for the next run. You also need the knowledge and ability to build and maintain your own bike. And lastly you have to be AMA sanctioned, and hold a district card to race.

### How long have you been hill climbing?

"I started when I was 7 years old. My dad Ray was also a record setting climber. I have been climbing for 22 years in the open class. We mainly climb in Wisconsin, Minnesota and some of the national events. Entering 9 National events and walking away with 3-1st, 3- 2nds, a 3rd, a 6th and 8th." He tells me he used to travel more but it got to be too much. Along with the national titles, Chuck also holds 8 hill climbing records.

### Are stock machines allowed?

"You can run stock machines. Your climber does not have to be customized for climbing."

### Does it take a lot of money to build a Climber?

Like any aspect of racing, the cost can get up there depending on how competitive you want to be.

### Have you ever gotten hurt, or should I say what haven't you broken?

Only a couple of times (Ha-Ha)



Chuck's dad Ray



*The correct way to hill climb!*



*Wrong Way to go up the hill!*



*The Snortster*

### Any advice for someone who would like to race?

According to Chuck, "The faster off the line, the better."

To sum up this story. Plan on attending a climb this summer. The next Hill Climb is coming up June 5th at Daracuse Park 13 miles S of Wisconsin Rapids on Hwy 13. Starting at 11 am for info call 715-421-5038

Also don't forget to check out Neinfeldt Cycle's 2nd Annual Neinfeldt Cycle open House 9Am-5Pm Music by Tuck Pence 12:30-3Pm Bikini Bike Wash, Food, Refreshments, Drawing and Discounts. Proceeds from Refreshments will be donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation for more info 715-423-1903

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