

31. GHD "I Feel Slovenia" Ilirska Bistrica 2025

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The fourth race for the national championship took place on the first weekend of July.

The organizer was AMD Novo mesto again this year. On Saturday, drivers competed on the 4.3 km long track in two practice heats, and on Sunday in two race heats. The race counted towards the FIA HHC - European Historic Hill Climb Championship, as well as the Slovenian and Austrian national championships.

The excellent conditions and beautiful weather were best exploited by an old acquaintance of Gorjanci, Austrian Karl Schagerl, who raced his VW Golf through more than 20 turns at an average speed of 145 km/h. He was joined on the podium by the fast Slovenians Vladimir Stankovič and Matej Grudnik.

In the Historic championship, the victory went to Italian Pierro Lottini (Osella PA9/90), followed by Slovak Marcel Benik (Lucchini SN 89/90) in second place and Austrian Harald Mossler (Daren MK3) in third.

Matej Grudnik took home the victory in the national championship with his Renault Clio E1, achieving the second-best time of the day (143.43 km/h). Second place on the podium went to seasoned racer Milan Bubnič (Lancia Delta HF Integrale), and third place went to Anže Dovjak (Hyundai i30 TCR).

In class 5a, the battle between the drivers from Dolenjska was fairly even, but this time it was local driver Miha Fabijan (Renault Clio Cup) who celebrated his first victory, followed by the equally fast Primož Kavšek (Citroen Saxo) and Alojz Udovč (Renault Clio R3) in third place.

In class 5b, Domen Buh (Peugeot 205 1.3 Rally) celebrated victory, followed by Erik Maglica (Škoda Fabia) in second place and Nejc Kukec (Renault Clio) in third.

In the Regularity competition, Branko Lukman (BMW 2002 Ti) took the victory, followed by Marjan Prešeren (BMW 530i) in second place and Simon Trušnovec (Shelby Cobra) in third place.

Among the women, Sanja Smrdelj (Yugo Lancia Proto 4 WD) took the win, Maja Šketelj (Peugeot 206 1.6 16V) finished second, and Maša Eržen (Peugeot 306 S 16) finished third.

The last weekend in August will see the 31st hill climb race in Ilirska Bistrica, which will count towards the European Championship for modern and historic cars (FIA EHC and FIA HHC), as well as the Austrian, Croatian, and Slovenian championships. As every year, the organiser, Avto klub Olimpija, expects a large number of drivers from several European countries to participate. They are hoping for good weather conditions, which, as every year, attract a large number of spectators to the track.

The organiser wishes to inform everyone, that the previously mentioned Press Conference, which was scheduled for 26th of August, will not be held.

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