

# 2008 Mt Buller Sprint

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## Down Under's Variation on the Peak, Mt Buller Sprint

Unlike, the famous dirt surfaced Pikes Peak Hill climb, located approximately fifty kilometres from Colorado Springs. Victoria's Mt Buller Sprint, tarmac Hill Climb lacks nothing when it comes to motor sport excitement.

And whilst the Pikes **Peak** Hill Climb is the second oldest American motor racing event, to the Indy 500 car race which is the oldest. Australia's Mt Buller has equally as much appeal albeit's many years the Peak's junior historically speaking.

First staged in 1916 and won by Rea Lentz at the wheel of a Romano Special in a time of 20mins 55.6secs the Peak, at the time immediately captured the attention of the motor sport minded near and far. Because it was more than just a hill climb which is why it remains today a truly daring test of man and machine it's 12.42 mile ( 20 kilometre ) dirt surfaced *Race to the Clouds* as it is affectionately called, taking competitors up to an altitude of 14,110 feet or 4290 meters above sea level its little wonder the Peak has forged an unequalled reputation internationally.

But Colorado Springs is a long way from Australia and let's face it one would be hard pressed to find a venue of similar scale and accessibility to that of Pikes Peak in Australia anyway. That's why Mountain Motor Sport, [www.mountainmotorsports.com.au](http://www.mountainmotorsports.com.au) created the hill climb that had to be created, using one of the nation's best tarmac climbs in one of Victoria's most picturesque regions, immediately east of Mansfield, Mt Buller, to stage its Mt Buller Sprint for all those who want to exercise their 'tarmac-motor-sport-cars'

15.92 Kilometres in length, the Mt Buller Sprint, is just four ( 4 ) kilometres shy of the Peak's 20 kilometre dirt climb. But it is black tarmac ALL THE WAY! The Mt Buller Sprint, demands heaps from its competitors who must round better than twenty three high speed corner 'calls'

*And what's a call ?* Simply speaking it's the spoken 'call / advice' co drivers issue to their 'driver' to assist them to take the best line around the series of twists and turns UP Mt Buller that will ultimately determine how quick a time they are able to record UP Mt Buller's Sprint Course.

The Mt Buller Sprint, unlike the Peak, which only requires the 'driver' make the journey to the top, is all about the TEAM ( that is the car's co driver and driver's ) ability to work together to make the best out of every meter of Mt Buller's testing tarmac Climb UP to the 'Clouds'

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