

87th Pikes Peak International Hill Climb

July 14th to July 19th, 2009

Vintage Race Group

Start Altitude: 9,390ft

Length: 12.42 Miles

156 Turns

Finish Line: 14,110ft

87th Year

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Dallenbach

Mears

Jones

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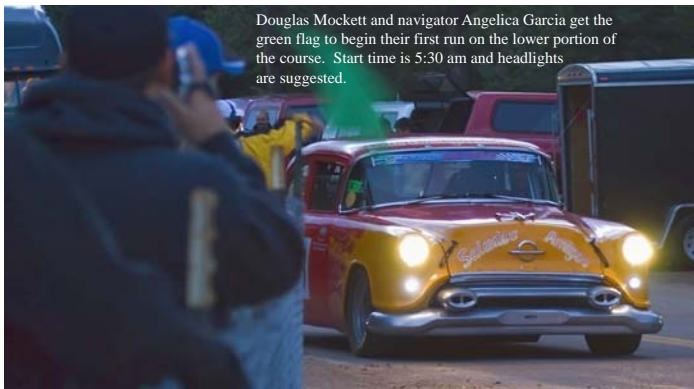
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You have probably heard of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb and may have seen it on television or possibly in person at some time. This event is one of the oldest continuing auto racing events in the world, second only to the Indianapolis 500. For the second year in a row Vintage Racers have been invited to run in this amazing event.

Last year a group of 16 cars made up the Vintage Race Group. The cars were a mix of Vintage Racers from Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing and racers from the La Carrera Panamericana series. The Vintage Race Group is intended for cars that meet PPIHC & RMVR tech and safety requirements and are capable of completing the run in 15 minutes or less. Entries are open to Vintage Race and La Carrera Panamericana Cars, 1972 and older; PPIHC historic cars 1980 and older. PPIHC cars from 1981-1989 with significant history per approval by Vintage Race Group Chair.



Douglas Mockett and navigator Angelica Garcia get the green flag to begin their first run on the lower portion of the course. Start time is 5:30 am and headlights are suggested.

Things start out with Registration and Tech Inspection on Tuesday, July 14th, 2009. Each car will be checked closely for operational safety and driver safety. Some items that are required are 6 point roll cage; 5 point seat belt and shoulder safety harness required, 6 point system is recommended; helmets shall meet 2005 SA Snell Foundation requirements or newer; and all competitors shall wear approved head and neck restraint devices. Snell Foundation SA2005, SFI Foundation - Spec 32.1, Spec 32.1A or British Helmet Standard BS 6858: 1958. A complete list of PPIHC Rules are available on their website, www.PPIHC.com.

There are three days of practice prior to the race. The course is divided into three sections. The sessions begin at 5:30am and end 8:30am. The groups will run their sections of the course as many times as possible during this time. Qualification times will be based on

the best time achieved on the qualification section of the course, which is typically the lower section. Some racers found that getting up to race at 3:00am was a challenge, but the multiple runs and hours of practice times each day were well worth it.



The Vintage Race Group and truck groups prepare to go back down for another run on the middle portion of the course.

Since the practice sessions finish up in the morning there is plenty of time to work on your racing setup and to take in some of the local attractions. Practice sessions are run Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with Saturday off. Race day is Sunday, with the race beginning at 9am. The course looks very different now, with thousands of fans along the way from start to finish. Banners are in place, and fans and photographers are everywhere. This is what you came for!

The race starts out on pavement, and transitions from pavement to dirt and back several times over the length of the course. The course is challenging and must be run with respect. There are minimal runoff areas or barriers, so drivers and navigators must be on top of their game when running. When everyone is done there is a slow parade back down the mountain, thru miles of cheering fans.



Mike Jones & Doug Coffee come back down through the crowd at Devil's Playground area.

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There is much more to the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb than the breath taking run up one of America's most famous roads. The week is full of events and opportunities for racers, navigators, crew and their families.

On Tuesday night the Vintage Race Group drivers, navigators, crew and families will have the chance to get to know each other during a special reception, hosted by Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing. This will give everyone a chance to get acquainted before the practice sessions begin. This is a chance for new competitors to get some advice from peers that ran the event last year.



On Friday night the PPIHC holds a huge "Fan Fest" in downtown Colorado Springs. The top qualifiers in each race group are invited to show their cars, trucks and motorcycles. The event also includes live music, vendor booths and masses of fans. Last year there were motorcycle jumping exhibitions, a firefighter's chili cook off and beer garden.

This year the Vintage Racing Group will be part of a Vintage Racing Festival on Saturday in the historic town of Manitou Springs. The town sits at the base of Pikes Peak, and is home to dozens of great shops and restaurants. All Vintage Race Group cars and Vintage Motorcycles that are part of the hill climb this year will be invited to show their vehicles at the festival. In addition to the hill climb racers there will be historic hill climb racers and dozens of other racing cars and motorcycles on display. In this event, the cars and motorcycles are the stars, admission to the event is free, and the public is welcome to interact with the

racing participants and vehicle owners. There will be drink stands and vendors throughout the area. The festival will be held at Memorial Park in the center of town, with plenty of shade and a play area for the kids.



The PPIHC practice and race schedule leaves some time for the participants to relax and enjoy their time throughout the week. Here are some ideas for things to do in the area:

RMVR will be racing at the new High Plains Raceway on July 11th & 12th in Byers. Come out and meet the local vintage racers, and maybe even join them on the track. Check ahead of time for race eligibility and event details at www.RMVR.com.

The area around Colorado Springs is filled with things to do and interesting places to see:

- Garden of the Gods
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
- Seven Falls
- Cave of the Winds
- Pikes Peak Highway (open after practice sessions)
- Pikes Peak Cog Railway
- Royal Gorge Bridge and Park
- Historic Colorado City - Shopping and Restaurants
- Historic Manitou Springs - Shopping and Restaurants

For information about registering for the 2009 Pikes Peak International Hill Climb - Vintage Race Group:

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2008 Vintage Racing Group
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