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A FOUR-day motoring festival, the Targa Classica, will be winding its way up the Great Alpine Road in late March, visiting Bright and Mount Hotham.

Vintage classics will join modern supercars to take on the challenge as they wind their way to top of the mountain in the lead-up to the Australian Grand Prix.

Targa Classica follows the European format that allows the enjoyment of cars with precision rather than speed.

The skills of drivers and navigators are tested as they drive to set average speeds and meet exact times over set

stages in different locations, including the Mount Hotham village.

Drivers can compete in two categories: the Classica Trofeo, classic cars pre-1976; and the Legend Trofeo, classic cars post-1976 to modern.

Each category will follow the same course and take in the same stages.

The event covers around

1000kms over four days and involves 70-80 competition stages.

On March 28, the classic cars will travel from Healesville, through Myrtleford, and stop at Bright from 3-5pm at Ireland Street.

They will then travel to Mount Hotham, where the cars will be on display in the Corral carpark, and spectators can view the vehicles and meet the competitors.

Andrew Lawson, director of Targa Classica, said Mount Hotham's winding roads are the perfect backdrop for the event.

"The village will be abuzz with excitement and fun, the street lined with more than 100 cars from 1924 to now," he said.



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