

Prescott Hillclimb – 22/23 April 2017

Thanks to all competitors on what was both a busy and successful weekend of racing at Prescott. We were blessed with perfect conditions on both days and some tremendous competition across the classes.

As you will know, the Bugatti Owners' Club has been running drive-by noise assessment for the past six seasons and first introduced a venue specific noise protocol at the start of the 2015 season. This has been very successful in helping to reduce the overall noise generated at both our events and, of course, elsewhere. We thank competitors for doing their very best to adhere to the restrictions.

Our noise management is a pro-active approach intended to ensure the longevity of our sport and of course our fabulous venue. This weekend we experienced some inconsistent and erratic readings which resulted in us taking the difficult decision to suspend the protocol for the entire meeting. We will now spend a period of time reflecting on our next steps, liaising with the MSA and further developing conversations with other venues that use drive-by noise monitoring technology.

In the short term we will revert to "Plan B" and as we did on Sunday randomly test competitors via the MSA standard ½ metre methodology. We will continue to take measurements via our drive-by noise monitoring equipment, but for data gathering purposes only. Sanction will only be applied for failures of the ½ metre test as detailed in the MSA "Blue Book". This position is unlikely to change for the rest of the 2017 season.

Our medium to long term plan is to site the drive-by noise monitoring equipment in a permanent and stable position to ensure our equipment gives us consistency while ensuring that we take advantage of best practice in this discipline. We will give you more information as we progress our development in this area.

Should any of you wish to discuss this please contact me either by email or by phone at the Club Office.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you at Prescott and other venues throughout the season.

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