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NORBAR SUPPORT FOR BRITISH LAND SPEED RECORD ATTEMPT TEST DAY AT BRUNTINGTHORPE – 30 MAY 2006

Bearing in mind the early start, there was a massive attendance for the test day in Leicestershire, with ITN Central News and BBC Southern TV crews in attendance.

The weather was cold and quite windy but by the end of the day, we all went home happy in the knowledge that we had witnessed unofficially, probably the fastest speed on land ever witnessed in the UK. Thanks in no small measure to Norbar, there were no mechanical problems to mar the day.

Mark Newby, Colin Fallows and the team had taken two jet cars, Vampire and Split-Second and the electric car E-Motion for their final runs before the official record attempt to be held at RAF Fairford on the 7 July.

Colin was first out in Vampire and achieved an amazing 262.30mph in Vampire before Mark appeared in Split-Second to be measured at 334.57mph. This latter time exceeds the current record by some margin but was unofficial as it was only measured over a quarter of a mile rather than the required one mile for the official record.

Sadly, E-Motion was affected by battery problems but not before Mark had achieved 123.62mph with the power switched off!

Norbar has been involved in speed record attempts since the days of Malcolm Campbell and Bluebird and its range of torque measuring equipment plays an important part in motor racing with salon car racers Triple 8 and the British Army Rally team as well as the current speed record attempt.

Things are now looking good for the attempt in July and you can be sure that we will keep you posted with more information as soon as we have it.

In the meantime, please find enclosed images from the tests at Bruntingthorpe. If you need any more information or images, please do not hesitate to let us know.