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## **PRESS RELEASE – for immediate use**

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### **DIESEL CLASS FOR HILLCLIMB**

Possibly for the first time on a UK hill, the Westmorland Motor Club are introducing a class for diesel-powered cars at their two 2005 Speed Hill Climb events at Barbon Manor in Cumbria.

Spokesman Andrew Forsyth revealed the news this week after discussions within the Club about the interesting scope that the new class could offer. "With so many seriously quick diesels out there now, we believe that their strong torque characteristics could produce some competitive times away from the top racing car classes. But the only way to find out will be to give it a go. We intend to canvass some of the co-ordinators of the visiting Championships to encourage them to build a similar class into their own competitions and so try and give the diesels a wider platform. We've all watched VW's efforts with the Tdi Golf and the VW Taureg V10 powered Le Mans car with interest and have glimpsed their massive potential. To begin with, we'll just have a single class and may need to work with a handicap system if, say, we have a diesel Astra against a 330d BMW but we can't wait to see what comes out of the woodwork. Particular care will need to be taken to ensure that no fuel is allowed near the track surface or trafficked areas of the paddock but, beyond that, don't envisage any other problems."

Once released next season, the Regulations for the May 14<sup>th</sup> & June 18<sup>th</sup> 2005 meetings will be posted as PDF files as usual to the Club's website.

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