



Loqus Solutions becomes Technical Partner of the Mille Miglia and Ferrari Tribute

Loqus Solutions is a technical partner of the Mille Miglia, the annual 1000-mile race across Italy in which more than 300 vintage cars compete. The legendary race, which was held between the 11th and the 15th of May, attracts car enthusiasts from all over the world. Loqus Solutions provided the race organisers with the Racelink solution that delivers real-time monitoring and improved safety. The system has been enhanced specifically to cater for the needs of classic car racing. A prestigious off-shoot of this event is the 'Ferrari Tribute to the Mille Miglia'. This is held simultaneously on the same course as the Mille Miglia but is limited to Ferraris constructed after 1957. These iconic cars were also tracked using the same technology as the main participants.

The Racelink solution provided by Loqus entails the fitting of a GPS device on each of the vehicles. The device, apart from tracking the vehicle in real time, is equipped with two buttons with which the drivers can signal a medical emergency or mechanical problem. All tracking information and alerts are monitored on Loqus' race console in race control by the marshals and race director. In the case of any emergency, the nearest support car can be directed to the location of the vehicle requiring assistance.

All this improves safety and guarantees the application of race rules. Live coverage of the race was also available to the public through Loqus' website www.racelink.it as well as the Mille Miglia official website.

The Mille Miglia was an open-road endurance race for sports and touring cars that raced over 1000 miles from Brescia to Rome and back. The first race was run in 1927 and twenty-four annual races took place before a tragic accident caused the race to be banned in 1957. The race was subsequently revived, in 1982, as a regularity race whose popularity has continued to grow amongst serious classical car-racing enthusiasts. During the three days of competition, the drivers have to cover set distances within precise timeframes. This magnificent classic race was once described by Enzo Ferrari as "la corsa più bella del mondo" (*the most beautiful race in the world*) a definition which has remained to this day.