

SAMSC – Student Co-ordinator’s Report – September 2018

As this report is being written, student clubs across Scotland are preparing for the kick-off to the Student calendar with their respective Freshers’ Fair Events! These events are crucial to cement a club’s membership for the coming year and involve rigorous planning from the clubs and their committees.

Each club approaches the event in their own way, with some opting for large and extravagant stalls to provide a visual draw; while others put on a number of taster events to attract some interest. While the exact plans of clubs have not been communicated to me, I can report on the plans the Strathclyde cohort have. They plan to display one of their member’s karts on the stall to draw the eye of passing students and also hope to set up a simulator to run a hot-lap contest throughout the day and keep any interested students engaged for long enough to talk through what the club offers and create a discussion. This is something that other clubs have utilised in the past and it has worked in their favour!

After Freshers’ week has passed and (mostly) everyone has recovered, several clubs will be running “Give It A Go” taster events to show potential new members what they can expect in the coming year. For most, this takes the form of an arrive-and-drive karting event as it allows a large group of entrants at a minimal cost per head and with little to no paperwork. These events are usually capable of drawing 30-40 students and make for a fantastic evening of “friendly” competition and a great atmosphere. Strathclyde have also arranged to attend one of Scottish Sporting Car Club’s (SSCC) Autotests to give new members their first taste of autotesting in their club car.

The next event for most students will be the Student Challenge event organised by the new Scottish Student Motorsport Team. This event is to be held on 29th September at Knockhill and as in previous years will consist of a number of different motorsport events. Karting and Autotesting have been confirmed (thanks to Glenrothes Motorsport Club for permitting and organising the Autotests) and there is the potential of a special guest attending although this is unconfirmed at present. The event is always well attended and despite being called off due to bad weather several times in the 2017/18 session, this year’s event is shaping up well!

The last update I want to pass on is also related to the Scottish Student Motorsport Team. Over the summer – yes, students do still do things over the summer – the team have worked to create a website and social media presence for the organisation in order to promote their upcoming events to students and allow online registration to ease the admin work a little. The team have also planned a draft calendar to attract students and promotional material has been commissioned with help from SMS. Everything is almost in place and the team are ready for what hopes to be a successful year!

That’s all for now but as always if you would like any further information on Student activities, drop me a line at: andrewsw3598@gmail.com

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