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Firstly, thanks to everyone who has called or sent welcome emails on my recent appointment as Scotland's new Regional Development Officer. This is a very exciting time for me, and I am looking forward to building on the foundations that Duncan Vincent started. Duncan's RDO role was very much focused on school and college presentations. This strategy has now changed and I will be moving away from this and concentrating on working more with Clubs.

Since taking on this role two weeks ago, I have been undertaking a survey to email and social network contacts to determine their thoughts on their Clubs. This is nearly complete, and I should have the results to show you at the AGM on 5th June.

I have also been in contact with the Young Farmers Association. Their next newsletter will contain a feature on the need for car clubs to have access to land for autotests etc. Interested farmers will contact me, and I can pass on their details to the nearest car club.

We are also forging a relationship with Tesco. My approach was initially focused on the need to provide a distraction for the boy racers who blight their car parks at night. As a result, South of Scotland CC will be hosting a taster event during National Motorsport Week. If successful, my intention is to roll this initiative out regionally.

Clubs are being encouraged to increase their activity within National Motorsport Week (30th June – 8th July) <http://www.nationalmotorsportweek.co.uk/> There is also the chance for your club to win £500. Please contact me if you want to be involved and are stuck for ideas!

This week I attended a Way Forward meeting at the University of the West of Scotland's Hamilton campus. The head of the Motorsport Design Engineering course, David Kennedy, suggested that clubs are welcome to contact him with a view to visiting the University to view the facilities and work in progress. David can be contacted on 07979 325320.

I am planning to give you monthly progress reports via Roger. To make progress, I really would appreciate you working with me. I look forward to having the chance to meet you all at the AGM, but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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