

Chairman's Report to SACC Meeting – 20th September 2016

Firstly, my apology for the late distribution of this report. I have tried to lead by example in getting these out in good time but on this occasion, I have failed.

Much of what I might want to cover is expected to come up at some point in the meeting but from the beginning, I want to draw particular attention to what I see as being some particularly important points.

We will hear from Alison and Rory during the meeting but I want to commend the efforts of everyone who has been involved in events through the summer to increase the profile of motorsport in Scotland.

There were some high profile outings including the Grampian Festival of Speed, the Scottish Car show and the Ignition Festival in Glasgow. These three events alone had more than 50,000 visitors.

I also know that several SACC member clubs have been involved in events local to them and they are all to be commended. Hopefully we have a platform from which to build for next year in terms of encouraging new participation in motorsport either as competitors or volunteers (or better still both).

Rory will also talk about the coaching initiative and I would again encourage each SACC member club to think about how this is relevant to them and the extent to which they should get engaged.

I want to draw your attention to the revised nomination process for MSA Club and Volunteer of the year awards. These are both very valuable to the winners and I would encourage everyone to think of who should be put forward and then to just follow the process.

The report from Regional Committee mentions the plans to introduce a rally tracking system. It is important that you bring this to the attention of your members involved in stage rallies.

The Scottish Government has put out a consultation paper setting out some changes to the future of forestry management in Scotland. The Association are already engaged as are the Scottish Rally Championship and the MSA but it is a public consultation which anyone can view if you are interested. Consultation closes early in November.

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