

## **Chairman's Report to the June General Meeting of SAMSC**

Sorry if this written report is a bit later than I would want but, like everyone else, I continue to be very busy with both motorsport and, believe it or not, some life beyond it. Despite managing to be away on holiday and other social activities, I have been at no fewer than 13 events across 6 different disciplines and 9 motorsport related meetings in the 12 weeks since the last SAMSC meeting.

I am not saying this to show how important I am but to ask everyone to reflect on how much activity is going on and what impact this has on all of the volunteer resource across all the motorsport disciplines. At the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>, I hope to have some numbers for us to consider from the weekend 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> June when there are five major events taking place at Knockhill, Larkhall, Doune, Forest Estate and Crail; all but the Crail rally are over both days. Then on the Sunday, there are four Autotest events around the country. This when the BTCC is at Croft, not so far away from Scotland.

You will not have failed to note the continuing changes at Motorsport UK. Some of this is evident to you and some has already happened but I know that there is more to come. What has been made clear to me is that we should not expect any 'big bang' change. Things will develop and evolve as they are properly investigated and considered. The new regime has made no secret of their intention to work towards embracing a wider audience but have also made it clear that the existing base of licence holders and registered marshals remains core.

I want to draw particular attention to what has been published in terms of people putting themselves forward for roles on the Motorsport UK committees. This is a change to the previous process and we will take time on the 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss it.

Closer to home, after Gillian was appointed as SMS Development Manager, I am delighted to welcome Shabaz Khan to the role of Development Officer. He is new to motorsport but from the meetings I have already had with him, I feel sure he will be a great asset to us all. I look forward to welcoming him and introducing him at our meeting. The SMS project remains important to us all and I would draw your attention to the results of the recent survey carried out by the SMS team. No doubt we will get a chance to discuss this at our meeting.

I will cut myself short there and get on with my packing for the Summer Stages .....

**Pete Weall**

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