

SACC OGM 19/9/17 – Student Report

All student societies are preparing to start the 2017/18 academic session and there are many things that come with these preparations. Each club will be present at their university's Freshers' Fair. These events are the biggest chance for the clubs to recruit new members as it is the first insight new students get into the extra-curricular activities available at the university.

Many societies organise taster sessions for the week after to allow new members to see what they do and to meet new people. These usually take the form of an arrive-and-drive karting event as it is a social format which is relatively inexpensive for attendees. The benefit to the low expenditure is that it encourages people who may not have tried the sport before to try it without feeling that they are shelling out too much.

This year, Strathclyde University are running an additional event in partnership with Scottish Sporting Car Club. The event will be an Autotest taster session using the club's car and the aim is to help boost the club interest in the format. The plan is to allow the new members the chance to learn the ropes on some very basic courses before progressing the difficulty level to keep the challenge element for competitors.

As well as individual societies running taster events, Scottish Motorsports are organising a Student Challenge event with a similar format to previous years following the positive feedback received from the student body. This event has been successful in giving students the chance to experience different forms of grass-roots motorsport and is the predominant reason why Strathclyde is setting up to offer Autotest events to its members.