



Asia's biggest motorsport event, the Asian Festival Of Speed, is opening its doors to Car Clubs from around the Region for the annual AFOS Car Club Gathering.

What started out as a way to give back to the motorsport enthusiasts through special invitations have now become an annual side attraction for the spectators. Those that attend the races at the Asian Festival Of Speed will also get the unique opportunity to walk through an array of cars from the different clubs participating in the AFOS Car Club Gathering.

The first year the Car Club Gathering was done, it was supported by one of the largest convoys ever seen in Malaysia with various different clubs participating and causing a 'little bit' of traffic jam heading into the circuit.

As the years went by, more and more clubs expressed their interest to be a part of the gathering leading to a turnout of exactly 1,000 cars by forty car clubs from around Malaysia last year.

"In the beginning we thought, its really hot in Sepang and every year, these car club guys will come in droves to watch the races. So in 2008 we decided, the grandstand is big enough so lets get the cars to park in it. This gave the Car Club members a special privilege that no others can get, as a thank you for their support" said David Sonenscher, CEO of Motorsport Asia.

"And now, this gathering is used as an opportunity for the different car club members to catch up with one another and what better way to do it than during a race weekend" he continued.

Adding to the atmosphere are some drivers who bring along trophies that they have won in the past to display in front of their cars whilst other clubs and their members display club paraphernalia and photos from past convoys or gatherings.

"This year, it took less than one week for almost 20 Car Clubs to confirm their attendance and most have told us that they have already added us to their calendar as a 'must do' event every year.

"Some of these car clubs even have large convoys with their members to the circuit. Last year, we had an impressive convoy from the Volvo club members where they brought with them a beautiful chronological array of cars from the classics to the brand new" continued Sonenscher.

This year, the Asian Festival Of Speed will feature three FIA-Sanctioned race Series, Rounds three to six of the JK Racing Asia Series, Rounds 3 & 4 of the Asian Touring Car Series and the Season Opener of the GT Asia Series.

No entrance fee is charged as the organisers continue to open the grandstand area to

spectators FREE of charge! There is a special RM10 pass that allows access to the Pit-Walkabout and giving a chance to mingle with the drivers and the AFOS Angels.