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Scholarship puts Alick's career on the right track

By George Topp

THE motorsport career of talented Lanarkshire teenager Alick Kerr has been given a massive boost thanks to him winning a major scholarship.

The 2300 Club, organisers of the legendary Tunnock's Tour of Mull closed road tarmac rally, have announced that the 19-year-old from Bothwell is the winner of the 2007 John Easson Scholarship for young rally drivers.

The scholarship, now in its fourth year, is named after rally driver John Easson, a regular competitor on the Isle of Mull and a generous supporter of the 2300 Club before tragically losing his life in an air accident in 1999.

As winner, Alick will be awarded with a free entry to the Tunnock's Tour of Mull rally in October 2007.

He will also receive tyre, fuel and ferry costs for the rally, and will next winter be given the trip of a lifetime to the world-famous John Haugland Rally School, situated on a frozen lake in Norway.

The Norway trip will include four

days of tuition on advanced rally driving technique from John and his expert team, a prize which in itself is worth over £3000.

Alick won the scholarship despite being up against drivers of a very high from across the UK.

Kerr was delighted by the judges decision and said: "The John Easson Scholarship is a great opportunity and I am very grateful to the judges and the 2300 Club for awarding it to me.

"I think the rally and the trip to Norway will be an amazing experience and I can't wait!"

Alick started his motorsport career in

karting aged just eight-years-old.

Then in 2003 he moved towards rallying, progressing onto autotests, auto cross and the Ford Rallye Academy.

In 2005 he began his competitive rally career with various rallies on gravel and tarmac in his Peugeot 205.

In 2006 and 2007 he has continued his career in the Ecosse 205 Challenge and the Scottish Rally Championship gaining various class and championship round wins.

Alick is hoping to contest the Tunnock's Tour of Mull in a Fiesta ST and will be partnered by usual co-driver Tom Hynd.



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