

# TWO GREAT MOTORS EVENTS IN



TAKE JAP . . . car fans can see all the major Japanese brands on and off-track in a Japanese spectacular at Knockhill in Fife this weekend

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## KNOCKHILL is going flash in the Japan!

The Fife circuit is hosting Scotland's first ever Total Jap Car event on Sunday.

More than 300 show cars are expected, with a further 150 on track.

With 600bhp Timeattack cars, 700bhp drifting demos from the British Drifting Championships a 1,000bhp hillclimb car and up to 150 track cars, it will be a bevy of power treats for all fans of Japanese cars.

Leading the way will be hundreds of Hondas, Subarus, Evos and Nissans, but almost every brand of Japanese car will be represented too, including Mazda, Toyota and Scotland's newest Japanese brand Infiniti on show.

## Demo

Track time will be from 9am with a special demo by Boyzone's Shane Lynch.

He has swapped performing with the boy band from Ireland, and joined Team Jap-speed, one of the most professional teams in the British Drifting Championships.

The BDC is growing, gaining more in popularity, and will be at Knockhill in August with around 80 competitors, and with the craze from Japan shows every sign of growing even more.

Lynch will be hoping this practice, on what is widely

regarded as the most challenging drifting track in Europe, will stand him in good stead for his championship event.

The Knockhill Calendar Girls will be adding some glamour, while Sumo wrestling and jousting all add to the fun and games on and off the track.

Elsewhere, a Japanese sushi bar will spice up the Far Eastern appeal.

Event director Stuart Gray said: "We are delighted to be

hosting the Total Jap Car Scotland event at Knockhill.

"Over the last 30 years, Japanese marques have grown to dominate all sectors of the car market, from the diminutive Honda CRX sports car of the 80s to the mighty Mugen CRZ hybrid of 2011.

"No other country in the world has seen such an advance in makes, models and versions of performance cars. The Japanese share the European love of

performance cars, and through motorsport with Formula One and the World Rally Championships, have shown that they can win at all levels."

Gates will open at 8am on Sunday with track action from 9am to 5pm.

● Adult admission is £15, including a free Show programme containing numerous discount offers from many of the trade stands present. Concessions are £8 and under-12s free.

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## FEAST OF JAPANESE STARS ON HILL

