



The final round of the 2019 Scottish Autotest Championships was held at Leuchars on Sunday 17th November. Due to the recent adverse weather and a few venue problems, some Championship AutoSolos and Autotests had been cancelled, therefore this event was also being used by the Scottish Road Car Series / Street Car and the Saltire Rally Club as a replacement for their missing rounds.

Running this event with 4 different disciplines - Autotest, PCA, AutoSolo and an All Forward Autotest required 4 different Permits and different sets of Test diagrams, a daunting task at the time.

There were 30 entries and 29 starters with the All Forward Autotest attracting the largest entry with numerous double entered cars, with some of the longer tests taking more than a minute the cars were having to work hard.

Some of the tests were flowing but some of the more technical tests proved to be taxing as there were quite a few wrong direction penalties, and this gave Raymond Mann a few head scratching moments to determine the results for all the different classes.

Gordon Clendinning gave us a masterclass in car control with his Beach Buggy to take FTD in the Autotest from a hard charging James Morrison, Bob Mather took FTD in the AutoSolo by the smallest of margins from Paul Davidson - 0.6 of a second and Frazer Matchet took FTD in the All Forward Autotest, Richard Crozier narrowly missing out by just 0.3 of a second.

2 Championships were decided at this event - James Morrison is the 2019 Scottish Autotest Champion just 2 points ahead of Gary Clark after the whole season and Bob Mather has won the 2019 Scottish Road Car Series with 1 round to go, Paul Davidson will finish second, a great result for him in only his first year of motorsport.

The first year of the resurrected Championship seem to have been well received by the competitors and apart from some frustration with date clashes resulting in low entries I plan to coordinate it again for 2020, hopefully the proposed Autotest working group can iron out any issues we had in 2019 and continue to grow the entries to this grassroots motorsport.

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