

Scottish Road Car Series Update

There are still two rounds of the 2019 Scottish Road Car Series to go. The penultimate event run by Glenrothes Motor Sport Club is this weekend at Leuchars and the final round two weeks later run by East Ayrshire Car Club at Kames. Unlike the F1 world championship, which was decided in favour of Lewis Hamilton with two rounds to go, the SRCS title is still up for grabs. Leading positions are:

1st	Bob Mather	72
2nd	Paul Davidson	68
3rd	John MacLeod	62
4th	Steven McConnell	54
5th	Lauren Austen-Maycock	48
6th	Stephen George	36
7th	Callum Webster	33
8th	David Aitken	31
9th	Richard Fairlie	31
10th	Andrew MacDonald	25

It is now time to look ahead to 2020. We have gathered opinions from existing competitors and also event organisers on what they would like to see for next year. There is a strong view that the series should continue but there does need to be some changes. It is acknowledged that the series lost some of the initial razzmatazz generated during the first year and there should perhaps been clarity around the rules & regulations as well as the actual event format in terms of test layout and surface. Most importantly, the series was set up and run by the Scottish Motor Sport team who carried this on through the second year. But this team is not set up to run this on a long term basis and the time has come to pass the baton.

With all this in mind, the Scottish Motor Racing Club have stepped forward and offered to run the series in 2020. The details are still being developed and will be published in good time for the start of the new season. In the meantime, Rory Bryant, SMRC Business Development Manager, has said

“We’re very pleased to be taking on the running of the Scottish Road Car Series for 2020; we’re in the very early stages of planning but we certainly have some ideas to bring it back to strength. Our intentions are to grow a series that provides an accessible entry point into the sport for newcomers but also one that will provide an aspirational platform for people already involved in motorsport to enjoy. We would very much like to form partnerships with other clubs to grow this series and would welcome discussion on how we can work together to make it a real success in 2020.”

At the same time, the Scottish Association of Motor Sport Clubs knows that many clubs already run very successful AutoSOLO events at venues up and down the country. The nature of some of these events, usually influenced by the available venue, are not quite what is wanted for the SRCS. With this in mind, SAMSC are keen to introduce an Association championship for AutoSOLO to add to the existing Autotest championship. The detail of this will also be worked on in the coming weeks and details published early in 2020.