

## **SACC SCOTTISH AUTOSOLO SERIES 2016**

The three planned events in the 2016 Scottish Autosolo Series have now taken place and have been generally well received.

From the competitors point they had properly run events with good documentation, fast open test layouts, no reversing or hand brake turns, clear route arrowing and numbering on test to reduce "wrong directions". Multiple runs at two layouts and discarding the slowest time proved popular especially with newcomers. Trophies were presented on the day and apart from Club websites etc a new Facebook page "Scotosolo" was created to spread reports, comments, and interest. Competitors had 7 or 8 runs at tests averaging some 1minute 40 seconds per run, so a total of some 13 or 14 minutes of competitive driving per day.

With the open all forwards layouts results were always going to be close. At the end of event one the gap between first and second was 3.3 second, at event 2, second third and fourth overall were covered by 2 seconds, and at event 3 just 0.4seconds separated first and second.

The three car Team competition was popular with drivers entering into the spirit on the day.

Organising clubs had the opportunity to be involved in a slightly different format of event, combining over the three events on standardised documentation, entry fees, on route arrowing, numbering and route markers, multiple use of fast open test layouts and presentation of awards immediately after the event.

Glenrothes Motor Sport Club, East Ayrshire Car Club and Scottish Sporting Car Club all ran first class events and all events had a good "atmosphere".

Entries were varied in experience and car type, ranging from Mazda MX5s, Lotus Elises to a Smart Car and a Skoda Superb.

Despite circulation of regulations not many competitors did all events and entry numbers dipped from Knockhill which had 25 to Kames at 18 and Ardeer with 16. The comment seems to be that there are just too many other things happening as summer progresses.

Go Motorsport were involved at two events where passenger rides were on offer to try to create interest from spectators.

The series was supported by Craig Moncreiff Cars in Edinburgh.

Ryan Gardiner driving a Mazda MX5 was presented with the Scottish Association of Car Clubs award for "Best Performance Over the Series" based on the view of the organising committee.