

New Format for the 2010 ARRC by GRM

Since it's resurrection by Atlanta Region in 1994, the American Road Race of Champions Presented by Grassroots Motorsports (the ARRC by GRM) has billed itself as the "National Championship event for non-Runoffs classes." To keep from competing with the Runoffs for entries, none of the Runoffs classes have been invited to compete each November at Road Atlanta. Even though limited to regional-only classes the ARRC by GRM has featured 20-lap championship races, victory laps, Winners' Circle interviews, professional race announcers, and coverage by national media. Over the years the event has grown in stature and truly become a destination event on the SCCA calendar.

In reaction to recent decisions by the National BoD, we are now modifying that format slightly. Starting in November 2010, the ARRC by GRM will be open to ALL SCCA classes including Runoffs classes. To preserve the regional-only nature of the event, however, the caveat is that you cannot run the ARRC by GRM in the same class you competed in at the Runoffs. If you ran in EP at the Runoffs, for example, you'd have to enter a different class if you also wanted to compete at the ARRC by GRM. Most of the Runoffs classes also fit in a regional-only class with minimal modifications (in the previous example EP can run SPU), so if you want to run both events in the same car it's very doable.

Due to the support demonstrated by IT and SM communities in the past, those four (4) run groups will see minimal changes. Those groups will still have exclusive use of the Club Race paddock as they did in 2009, we'll have split starts to retain the championship atmosphere of the races, and we'll feature extensive compliance checking during Impound (which means you'll still race before lunch on Saturday). For those wanting additional track time we will still have the Pro-IT race on Friday afternoon plus the Three Hour (which will be part of the SEDiv's 2011 ECR series) on Sunday afternoon. The major changes will be experienced by the groups operating out of the Infield Paddock.

The dates for 2010 are November 4-7 at Road Atlanta. Following are the anticipated run groups (not necessarily in this order):

. IT7, ITA, SP-2, SP-3

. ITR, ITS, SM

. ITB, ITC, ITT, SSB, SSC

. SM, SM2, SSM

. AS, GT-2, GT-3, ITO, ST, STO, T-1, T-2, T-3, TCC

. ASR, CSR, DSR, FA, FB, CFC, FC, FE, FM, FS

. GT-1, GTA, SPO

. EP, FP, GTL, HP, SPU, SRF, STU

. F5, F6, CF, FF, FST, FV, S2

(SP-2 & SP-3 are 944 Cup classes, SMX is '99+ with no restrictor and MX-5 with a restrictor TBD, SM2 is '97 & earlier SMs)

We'll have more information as the 2010 season progresses, but I wanted to let y'all know the basics of what we have planned. If you have questions you can post them here or contact me at "butch /at/ b-k-racing /dot/ com".

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