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Bruce Leeson and Rick Parsons Take First Place in Class and clinch F5000 Championship at Circuit of the Americas

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Rochester, MI – (11/13/15) – The Formula 5000 Drivers Association is pleased to announce the results of its race at the SVRA National Championship race event at Circuit of the Americas (COTA) in Austin, Texas on November 7, 2015.

Finishing first in F5000 Class A (pre-1972 cars) was Bruce Leeson driving a 1969 McLaren M10B. Bruce returned to F5000 racing in 2015 for a full season after almost a two-year absence. Leeson set fastest lap of the race in the F5000 group at 2 minutes, 18.595 seconds despite a damp track. Second in Class A was Mark Harmer in a 1969 Surtees TS5 (ex-David Hobbs car). Seb Coppola took third place in his 1970 Lola T192 after retiring early in the race due to slippery track conditions.

Finishing first in F5000 Class B (1972-1976 cars) and first overall in the group was Rick Parsons in his 1976 Lola T332c (ex-Brian Redman 1976 championship car). Parsons had a decisive race and was gaining speed with each lap as the track began to dry. Second place in Class B went to Jim Stengel in his 1973 McRae GM1. Eric Haga took third place in Class B in his ex-Eppie Wietzes 1972 Lola T300 after also retiring early due to slippery track conditions.

The COTA event also was the final round of the 2015 F5000 Revival Race Championship Series. Bruce Leeson, who came to COTA leading in the points standing among all F5000 drivers, was crowned Class A 2015 Formula 5000 Champion. His point lead was insurmountable.

In Class B, the 2015 championship was won by Rick Parsons. Coming to COTA in second place in the class point standings, Parsons needed to finish at least in third place in the qualifying and feature races to clinch the championship. His first place finishes made the task much easier.

The U.S. Formula 5000 Drivers Association is a membership organization established to promote the restoration, presentation, registration and racing of historic Formula 5000 race cars. (www.F5000Registry.com).

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