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Seb Coppola and Jim Stengel Clinch 2017 F5000 Championship at Circuit of the Americas

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Rochester, MI – (11/7/17) – 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 5, 2017.

Finishing first in F5000 Class A (pre-1972 cars) was Paul Kuhl driving a 1968 Lola T140. Kuhl joined the F5000 group this year after buying the car from New Zealanders Allen and Paul Dunkley. Kuhl, an experienced racer, is repeating the success that the Dunkleys had with the car at the 2015 Monterey Reunion. Second in Class A was Seb Coppola in a 1970 Lola T192. Johnnie Crean took third place in his 1969 Gurney Eagle.

Finishing first in F5000 Class B (1972-1976 cars) and first overall in the group was Philip Lewis in a 1972 Matich A50. Lewis dominated throughout the weekend after Rick Parsons in his 1976 Lola T332c experienced engine problems. Second place in Class B went to Jim Stengel in his 1973 McRae GM1.

The COTA event also was the final round of the 2017 F5000 Revival Race Championship Series. Seb Coppola, who came to COTA leading in the points standing in Class A was crowned Class A 2017 Formula 5000 Champion. His point lead and second place finish at COTA made it very comfortable for Coppola to win the championship.

In Class B, the 2017 Championship was won by Jim Stengel. Arriving at COTA in first place in the Class B point standings, Stengel's point lead was insurmountable. With a 50 point deficit to Stengel, Philip Lewis gave it a good run by finishing first in both the qualifying and feature races. However, Jim Stengel's second place finish in the Sunday feature race put the championship out of reach for Lewis.

The F5000 Drivers Association now turns its attention to 2018 and the celebration of the 50th Anniversary Golden Jubilee of Formula 5000 with races planned at iconic race circuits in North America.

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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