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Formula 5000 Drivers Association 2015 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion Wrap-up F5000 Championship Point Standings

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Rochester, MI – (9/8/2015) – The Formula 5000 Drivers Association is pleased to announce the results of its two race weekends at the Monterey Pre-Reunion and Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion on August 8-9 and 13-16, 2015.

Zak Brown and Richard Dean, who shared driving duties, dominated both the Pre-Reunion and Reunion races in the ex-Mario Andretti 1974 Lola T332. The car had last raced at Laguna Seca in October 1975 and had won that race. But, Paul Zazryn from Australia in his Lola T332, Alan Dunkley in his Lola T140 and Craig Bennett in the ex-Jackie Oliver Shadow DN6 were not that far behind doing best laps in the 1 minute 27 seconds in the Pre-Reunion and Reunion races.

In the pre-Reunion Sunday Bonhams Race, Zak Brown took first place overall and in Class B* followed by Craig Bennett and New Zealander Steve Ross in his 1973 McRae GM1. Bruce Leeson in his 1969 McLaren M10B was 5th overall and first in Class A*. Also in Class A, Mark Harmer in the ex-David Hobbs 1969 Surtees took 2nd place and New Zealander Tony Roberts was 3rd in his 1969 McLaren M10A.

In the final Sunday Reunion Rolex Race, Richard Dean took over for Zak Brown and drove from pole to an uncontested win overall and 1st place in Class B. According to Dean: "The ex-Mario Andretti Lola T332 was very well balanced, quick and a dream to drive. This is the most fun, historic car I have driven in quite a while. I look forward to doing this again soon if Zak lets me." Second overall and showcasing his magnificent racing skills was New Zealander Alan Dunkley in his 1968 Lola T140 with the high wing. To achieve such a finish with one of the oldest cars in the group is quite phenomenal. His best lap of 1.27.598 was barely above the best lap of the race set by Paul Zazryn at 1.27.352. Zazryn finished third overall and second in Class B followed by Steve Ross.

In Class A Dunkley took first place with Bruce Leeson in 2nd and Mark Harmer in 3rd place. The finishing positions do not tell the whole story about the spirited and close racing within the group during the final race on Sunday. A great show to be sure. According to Seb Coppola, F5000 Association President, "The F5000 group displayed by far one of the best shows of race cars both on track and in the paddock. Race drivers, race fans and the event organizers, all seemed to share the same feeling."

F5000 drivers were also recipients of a number of awards handed out by



the Monterey Reunion organizers and sponsors. Zak Brown was the recipient of The President's Cup for historic significance to the Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca for returning his pristine restored Lola T332 to the track after the Mario Andretti win in 1975. John Bryant from Australia was the recipient of the Bonhams Cup for exemplifying the spirit of the event. After experiencing engine problems in the Pre-Reunion, John purchased a motor from a local race shop and installed it in time for the Sunday Reunion - Bonhams Race. Alan Dunkley received the Rolex Award for Excellence for his overall performance on track.

At the end of the 3rd round of races, the 2015 Formula 5000 Championship points ranking show Bruce Leeson in the overall lead and first in Class A with 174 points. Right behind is Paul Zazryn with 150 points and leading in Class B. The team of Zak Brown and Richard Dean is in third place overall and second in Class B with 120 points. With the final round being contested at COTA on November 4-8, 2015, there are multiple possibilities for winning the 2015 Formula 5000 Championship. Although Bruce Leeson seems to have the Class A championship locked up, a first place finish by Mark Harmer in both the qualifying and feature races could make it interesting.

In Class B, it appears that Paul Zazryn will not be able to add any more points given that his race car is returning to Australia. Zak Brown or Richard Dean could leap past with a win in the feature race and finish first overall with a win in the qualifying race by taking 60 points and accumulating 180 points in total for the season. Rick Parsons also has a fair shot at the Championship by winning both races during the COTA weekend. It should be fun to see the outcome.

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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*Class A = pre-1972 cars; Class B = 1972 and later