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Mark Harmer and Dudley Cunningham Take First Place in Class at Watkins Glen – U.S. Vintage Grand Prix Harmer and Parsons clinch F5000 Championships

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Rochester, MI – (9/12/16) – The Formula 5000 Drivers Association is pleased to announce the results of its race at the SVRA U.S. Vintage Grand Prix race event at the Watkins Glen International Raceway on September 11, 2016.

Finishing first in F5000 Class A (pre-1972 cars) was Mark Harmer driving the ex-David Hobbs 1969 Surtees TS5. Harmer drove consistently throughout the weekend and led the race until overtaken on the last lap by Dudley Cunningham in a much newer car. Second in Class A was Paul Dudiak in his 1969 McKee Mk-12. Seb Coppola took third place in his 1970 Lola T192.

Finishing first in F5000 Class B (1972-1976 cars) and first overall in the group was Dudley Cunningham in his 1974 Lola T332 (ex-Warwick Brown 1975 Tasman Series championship car). Second place in Class B went to Jim Stengel in his 1973 McRae GM1. Rick Parsons took third place in his 1976 Lola T332c (ex-Brian Redman 1976 championship car). Parsons had started on pole but halfway in the first lap pulled over with a stuck throttle.

Although the recently re-surfaced track was very smooth and enjoyable when dry, wet and oily conditions most of the weekend made the racing extremely challenging for the group.

The Watkins Glen event also was the final round of the 2016 F5000 Revival Race Championship Series. Mark Harmer, was crowned Class A 2016 Formula 5000 Champion. Harmer came to Watkins Glen second in the Class A points standing trailing Bruce Leeson, who could not make the final race of the season.

In Class B, the 2016 championship was won by Rick Parsons. Parsons came to Watkins Glen with an insurmountable points lead in Class B. Parsons needed to finish at least in sixth place in the qualifying and feature races to clinch the championship. His first and third place finishes in the qualifying and feature races 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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