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Barry Blackmore - Lola T332 & Mark Harmer - Surtees TS5 take First Place in Class at Formula 5000 Race at July 2009 Road America Event

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Rochester Hills, MI – (7/20/2009) – The Formula 5000 Drivers Association is pleased to announce the results of its race event at the Kohler International Challenge presented by Road America on July 18-19, 2009.

Overall winner of the Sunday Race and placing in First place in Class B (post 1971 cars) was Barry Blackmore in a 1975 Lola T332. Winner in Class A (pre 1972 cars) was Mark Harmer driving a 1969 Surtees TS-5.

Finishing in Second place in Class A was Tony Adamowicz in the 1969 Championship # 7 gurney Eagle. Tony maintained his starting position in a close battle with Paul Dudiak driving a 1969 McKee Mk12c who finished Third in class only about a second behind Adamowicz.

In Class B, Second place went to Rick Pearson driving the ex-Brian Redman 1976 Lola T332. Rick had an excellent race in only his second outing since returning to racing after a long absence. Finishing in Third place in Class B was Tom Simpson in a 1972 McKee Mk18.

Two separate incidents on lap 6 changed the entire dynamic of Class B positions as pole winner and race leader Chris Pederson went off at turn 8, damaged his 1972 Lola T300 and was out. Meanwhile at turn one, Hamish Somerville in a 1975 Lola T400 and Jim Stengel in a 1974 McRae GM1 touched each other going into the turn and caused enough damage to the cars to take each other out.

Somerville had mechanical problems during qualifying on Saturday and started the race from the rear of the 14-car field. Within 5 laps he had taken second position before the unfortunate incident. In his spirited run through the field, he managed to set fastest lap in the race at 1 minute 12 seconds at this spectacular four mile course on a perfect weather day.

Race fans certainly enjoyed the sounds, sights and beauty of these powerful cars both on track and in the paddock.

During the weekend, the Formula 5000 Drivers Association also bestowed a Lifetime Achievement in Motorsports award to David Hobbs, the Spirit of Formula 5000 – President Choice award to Doug Magnon for his commitment to the Association and Revival Race Series, and a special commemorative award to Tony Adamowicz in recognition of his 1969 win at Road America and his support for the Formula 5000 Revival Race Series.

The Formula 5000 group now focuses its attention to Watkins Glen for its next race event on September 10-13, 2009.

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Round 2 - Formula 5000 2009 Championship Points Standings

Driver	Car	Class	Points
Paul Dudiak	1969 McKee Mk12C	A	108
Jim Stengel	1973 McRae GM1	B	104
Barry Blackmore	1975 Lola T332	B	100
Rick Parsons	1976 Lola T332	B	98
Seb Coppola	1970 Lola T192	A	96
Tony Adamowicz	1969 Eagle FA	A	86
Mark Harmer	1969 Surtees TS5	A	60
Tom Simpson	1972 McKee MK14	B	42
Chris Pederson	1972 Lola T300	B	38
Mike Knittel	1970 Chinook	A	36
Ray Boissoneau	1973 McRae GM1	B	32
Mark Rauchfuss	1974 Lola T332	B	30
Hamish Somerville	1974 Lola T400	B	28
John Obialero	1973 Lola T332	B	24
Eric Haga	1969 Lola T190	A	10

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