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### **Formula 5000 Thunders into Road America in July David Hobbs to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award**

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*Rochester Hills, MI – (7/4/2009) –* The Formula 5000 Drivers Association is pleased to announce that a field of about a dozen historic Formula 5000 cars will be competing in the Kohler International Challenge at Road America on July 16-19, 2009.

The field of entries is rich with a variety of different makes, such as, Gurney Eagle, Lola, McKee, McRae and Shadow spanning production years from 1969 to 1976. Among the cars present will be the 1969 Gurney Eagle Championship car driven by Formula 5000 Champion Tony Adamowicz. This July represents a special commemorative event at Road America for Adamowicz and the Eagle. A win in the Formula 5000 race here in July 1969 set the stage for the F5000 Championship in 1969.

Also, at the event will be the ex-Brian Redman 1976 Championship Lola T332 now owned and raced by Rick Parsons. Eric Haga returns to racing reunited with his 1970 Lola T190 which he raced in 1970 and 1971 in the original SCCA Continental Series.

The field of drivers comes from various areas of North America from places such as: British Columbia, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Michigan, Illinois and Washington.

Drivers will compete for trophies for top place finishes in their Class. Race drivers also will compete for a Championship Trophy based on points accumulated over the 2009 racing season at the three events held at Mid-Ohio, Road America and Watkins Glen.

According to Seb Coppola, president of the Formula 5000 Drivers Association organizing the F5000 racing program: "It is fantastic to have a large field of Formula 5000 racing again at Road America in a revival more than 30 years after these cars competed in professional races at this storied track. Drivers and fans will enjoy a thrilling weekend of racing"

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

During the weekend, the Formula 5000 Drivers Association and Vintage Motorsport magazine will present a Lifetime Achievement in Motorsport award to David Hobbs. Hobbs had a long and successful career in Formula 5000. He won the U.S. Formula 5000 Championship in 1971 and battled for dominance in the F5000 Series throughout the early 1970s.

His racing resume includes Formula 1, Le Mans and many other historic racing series throughout the racing world.

Other Formula 5000 Champions and drivers of the original series expected in attendance at Road America, include: Brian Redman (1974-1976 Champion), Graham McRae (1972 U.S. Champion and 1971-1973 Tasman Champion) and Gus Hutchinson (1967 Formula B Champion). Autograph sessions, reception and other celebration activities will be held in a special area within the Road America paddock.

The Formula 5000 Drivers Association is a membership car club established to promote the registration, restoration and use of historic Formula 5000 race cars. The Association organizes vintage racing events and other activities for its members. In addition, the Association manages a registry of formula 5000 cars ([www.F5000Registry.com](http://www.F5000Registry.com)).

Individuals interested in joining the Association should contact Seb Coppola (248-601-2800; [SebCoppola@F5000Registry.com](mailto:SebCoppola@F5000Registry.com)) or Bruce Leeson (831-582-2494 x222; [bleeson@gingerpeople.com](mailto:bleeson@gingerpeople.com)).

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