

Cunningham, Murry and Lewis Take World Challenge Wins

Peter Cunningham, David Murry and Willy Lewis came up with victories in Round 5 of the Sports Car Club of America's World Challenge series on the twisty Trois-Rivieres circuit in Canada.

Cunningham brought his Honda Prelude home first in the Super Production class, which had its own race with a 21-car field on Saturday. Murry took the Sports victory in his Porsche 911, while Lewis won the Touring class, which was run with the Sports class on Sunday.

In Super Production practice, the Honda Preludes of Cunningham and Peter Schwartzott seemed to have the legs on the Olds Achievas. Because of the inversion used for the race, however, Ray Genao in a BMW M-3 lined up on pole, with Albert Mirko's Honda Prelude next to him. Mirko grabbed the lead at the start but got crossed up directly in front of Genao in the hairpin on the first lap. Genao T-boned him, and pushed him a dozen yards, allowing Phoenix-winner Paul Booher to slip through in a Saturn.

Before long, however, Ron Emmick had his Olds Achieva at the front and appeared to be running off with things when electrical gremlins struck, and Cunningham took his Honda to the point. He was able to hang on to the lead, from teammate Chris Harvey, with a recovering Genao coming home third.

In season points, Cunningham slips ahead of Dave Jolly by a single point, with Harvey moving into third and Schwartzott, who crashed on the pace lap, dropping to ninth.

In the combined Sport and Touring Class race on Sunday, Vic Sifton started on the pole and led the first go-round, but mechanical woes caused him to spin in Turn One on the second lap, handing the lead to John Heinrich's Corvette.

Heinrich was stalked tirelessly by season points leader Murry in the Rohr Racing Porsche 911 GT, but Murry seemed unable to reel him in. In heavy traffic on the 20th lap, however, Heinrich got held up, and Murry pounced and snatched the lead. The two ran in tandem for much of the rest of the race. Behind them, Team Saleen was doing well, with Steve Saleen third and Bob Bondurant fourth in their Saleen Mustang Cobras, until the disastrous 28th lap, when Saleen hit the wall and Bondurant was black-flagged for smoking. That boosted a torrid duel between the Corvette of Jim Minneker and the Porsche 911 of Jochen Rohr to a battle for third. After a late-race caution, however, Heinrich fell back on the restart and eventually dropped out, while Rohr got the better of Minneker and came home second.

The Touring Class wars saw Bill Cooper

fastest all weekend, and it was no surprise that Cooper pushed his Camaro into second by the end of the first lap and into a sizable lead by the second. The best start, however, was made by Greg Theiss, who zipped past all of them and into the lead on the first lap in his Camaro. Sixth at the start, he held his lead for a lap before relinquishing it to Cooper. He held on to second for three more laps until Lou Gigliotti got his Camaro into second. Theiss held on to Gigliotti until 23 laps in, then had to pit to change a left rear tire and lost two laps in the process. Gradually, Gigliotti reeled Cooper in and when Cooper went wide in Turn Two on the 33rd lap, Gigliotti drew closer and dive-bombed him in the hairpin at the end of the lap, slamming into him and spinning them both. Gigliotti limped across start/finish to lead lap 33 but only made it to Turn Two before retiring with crash damage. Cooper finally got restarted, made it back to the pits and changed tires, got back out on the track and salvaged a fourth place, one lap down.

Their squabble caused the race's only full-course caution and handed the lead to the Eagle Talons, as Lewis and Neil Hannemann moved up into first and second, followed by the Camaro of David Seuss, who finished as he'd started, in third, after being as far back as sixth in the early going.

Lewis now draws within four points of teammate Hannemann for the year.

—Rich Hanna

SCCA WORLD CHALLENGE • ROUND 5

Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, Canada (1,506 miles)
Aug. 6, 1995, SPORT CLASS: 1 (5) David Murry, Porsche 911, 47 laps; 2 (2) Jochen Rohr, Porsche 911, 46; 3 (3) Jim Minneker/Corvette, 46; 4 (5) Steve Saleen/Mustang, 44; 5 (4) John Heinrich/Corvette 43 (mechanical); 6 (8) Chris Wiehle/Corvette, 43; 7 (9) Wade Mueller/SSZ Stradale 42; 8 (7) Bob Bondurant/Mustang, 41; 9 (10) Pierre Bareil/Mustang, 39; 10 (11) Mark Knopper/SSZ Stradale, 12 laps (mechanical). **Time of Race:** 58:37.917. **Length of Race:** 47 laps; 70.78201 miles; **Margin of Victory:** 1 lap. **Winner's Average Speed:** 72.453 mph. **Fast Lap:** Heinrich, 1:09.299. **Lap Leaders:** Sifton, 1; Heinrich, 2-19; Murry, 20-47

TOURING CLASS: 1 (9) Willy Lewis/Eagle Talon AWD, 45 laps; 2 (10) Neil Hannemann/Eagle Talon AWD, 45; 3 (5) Kermit Upton/BMW M3, 45; 4 (4) Bill Cooper/Camaro, 44; 5 (7) Paul Armstrong/Eagle Talon AWD, 44 laps; 6 (6) Greg Theiss/Camaro, 43; 7 (1) Mark Dixon/Firebird, 43; 8 (12) Walter M. Swick/BMW M342, 9 (11) Rick Dilorio/Mustang 39 (crash); 10 (2) Keith Mitchell/Mustang Cobra, 39 (mechanical). **Time of Race:** 58:37.917; **Lap Leaders:** Theiss, 1; Cooper, 2-32; Lou Gigliotti, 33; Lewis, 34-45

SUPER PRODUCTION: 1 (9) Peter Cunningham/Honda Prelude, 45 laps; 2 (7) Chris Neville/Honda Prelude, 45; 3 (1) Raymond Genao/BMW M3, 45; 4 (10) Dave Jolly/Olds Achieva, 45; 5 (14) Alain Chabeir/BMW, 45 laps; 6 (15) Brad Sofronas/Olds Calais 442, 45; 7 (13) Michael Sturm/Honda Prelude Si, 44; 8 (3) Mark Spruell/Olds Achieva, 44; 9 (6) Taz Harvey/Honda Prelude Si, 42; 10 (5) Ron Emmick/Olds Achieva, 41. **Time of Race:** 59:34.893. **Margin of Victory:** 889-second. **Winner's Average Speed:** 68.245 mph. **Fast Lap:** Emmick, 1:17.985. **Lap Leaders:** Booher, 1-4; Spruell, 5-12; Emmick, 13-20; Cun-

Bob Schader Wins ACRL Outing

Bob Schader made it two wins in a row as he drove his Petro-Cal/Valvoline Super Sports 2000 Lola to victory in Round 6 of the American City Racing League series at Laguna Seca International Raceway in California.

Schader surprised pole-sitter Peter Zarcades and Lee Lucas when he shot through the middle of the two front-row cars from his third spot on the grid and took off after two aborted starts.

Zarcades' Wynns Oil Swift dropped to fourth on the start behind Schader. Lee Lucas in the Saturn/Audiovox/Kendall Swift and points leader Phil Mahre in the Marker Ski Bind-



Photo/Doug Berger

Bob Schader won the shortened ACRL event at Laguna Seca, Calif., after jumping from third to first at the start.

ings/Lange Ski Boots Lola. To make matters worse, Zarcades spun at Turn Four on lap five, allowing Jeff Glenn (Bank of the West/KJWL Radio/Top Shelf) Swift, and Gary Green (Valvoline/Innovon) Swift and Margie Smith-Haas (Valvoline/Innovon) Falcon H95 to get by before he continued. He worked his way back, running the fastest race lap of 1:31.150 on lap nine. The next lap he passed Green for fifth place, and Smith-Haas also got by for sixth.

At Turn 11, the last turn before the front straight, the leaders arrived to lap a group having their own dice back in the pack. This allowed Lucas and Mahre to close the gap on Schader. Mahre got by Lucas on lap 15, and the race was checked after 15 of the scheduled 19 laps because of a car off in a hazardous position at Turn Two.

At the flag it was Schader, Mahre, Lucas, Glenn, Zarcades, Smith-Haas, Green, Brad Krause's Kinko's Lola, Leo Sismani driving his California Scene/Valvoline Falcon H94 and Bob Thomson in his Ferenco Lola.

—Mary Mitchell

AMERICAN CITY RACING LEAGUE • ROUND 6

Laguna Seca (Calif.) Raceway (2,214 miles), Aug. 6, 1995, 15 laps (33.210 miles): 1 Bob Schader, Lola/Loyning, 25:34.901; 2 Phil Mahre, Lola/Jennings; 3 Lee Lucas, Swift/Rust; 4 Jeff Glenn, Swift/Rust; 5 Peter Zarcades, Swift/Jennings; 6 Margie Smith-Haas, Falcon/Loyning; 7 Gary Green, Swift/Loyning; 8 Brad Krause, Lola/Hasselgren; 9 Leo Sismani, Falcon/Jennings; 10 Bob Thomson, Lola/Ivey. **Winner's Average Speed:** 77.892 mph. **Fast Lap:** Zarcades, 1:31.150. **Pole:** Zarcades, 1:30.352. **Lap Leaders:** Zarcades 1-2 (under caution for aborted starts); Schader, 3-15.