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COCHRAN WINS FIRST IMSA LITES RACE IN FRONT OF RECORD BREAKING LIME ROCK PARK CROWD

Lakeville, CT. – July 7 – A record number of fans covered the beautiful rolling hills of Lime Rock Park on this fiftieth year of competition. The crowds would not be disappointed as the IMSA Lites presented by Hankook would provide the best race of the season in all three categories. The Lites 1 premier series would see experience triumph over youth as Jay Cochran captured his first win in IMSA Lites competition in only his fourth start.

Lime Rock Park was the site of round six of a two race weekend for the IMSA Lites series as the record crowd came to see a host of exceptional support races and stayed to see the American Le Mans series race. This track has played host to many great race car drivers and series over its fifty year history. From Carroll Shelby to Roger Penske, Mark Donahue, Al Holbert and Tom Kendell, and from Trans-Am to Can-Am, IMSA GTP, NASCAR and the American Le Mans Series, Lime Rock Park has seen it all.

Jay Cochran, driving the #8 Primetime Race Group Elan DP02, has a racing resume that includes IMSA World Sports Car factory team Ferrari 333 sp, Le Mans 24 hours, and competition in the European Le Mans series driving a Panoz LMP900/EPP. Cochran showed experience over youth as he passed the young driver, Gerardo Bonilla, in turn one of the first lap. Both drivers would put on a show for the crowd as Cochran was fast in some sections and stretched out his lead only to run into traffic and have Bonilla pull up on his bumper and challenge for the top spot. This battle continued for the entire race, but Cochran would never put a wheel wrong and went on to win his first IMSA Lites race of the season.

"That was a proper race," Cochran said. "We had a good start. Gerardo (Bonilla) and I had a little tussle through turn one, but it was super clean. It's just a matter of putting your head down and going, which was a little better than the first race. The Hankook tires are a lot better, much more consistent, definitely a lot more grip. Cochran explained. "We are really happy. The team did a super job. It's just great to be on the podium."

Gerardo Bonilla, driver of the #9 BK Motorsports Mazda/Skip Barber Elan DP02, would be on pole for both races and would win round five of the two race weekend. This win and his 2nd place finish will move him into 1st place in the Championship points race.

"We had a lot of fun going into the first turn, real professional with Jay (Cochran)," explained Bonilla. "We had a little love tap, but it was a driver's love tap, it wasn't a

punting kind of love tap so that was fun." Bonilla continued. "I have a nice gap in the points and that is much more important than winning this one race. Lime Rock is a risky track but a lot of fun. It was just smarter to stay where I was and wait for him to make a mistake. He didn't make any, he drove really well today, so good for Jay and a great weekend for BK Motorsports."

Joel Feinberg, driver of the #7 790 THE TICKET Elan DP02, enjoyed a successful weekend and recorded back-to-back 3rd place finishes at Lime Rock. Feinberg is no stranger to the podium. He competed in the inaugural year of the IMSA Lites series and was on the podium multiple times. Joel moved from the L2 to the L1 for the 2007 season and looks to be a top contender.

The Lites 2 race was something for the fans to see as some of the competitors would "catch some air" as they crested the uphill section of the track. Mark White, driver of the #02 Accumoto Motorsport/Throttle Threads.com/Duraform WEST WR1000, led the way at the start with Robby Card, in the #45 PVM Racing Cleveland CycleWorks/Easy entry, falling off the pace in the opening laps with a mechanical issue. Robby would recover and go on to win the race.

"I probably caused the wave off on the first start because I had a problem with my shifter and I pulled out of line." Card explained. "It took me a couple of laps to get used to the shifter, but after that I was ok." He said. "The IMSA officials warned me that if I came off the ground on the back straight they would black flag me. I had come off the ground about six inches so I had to short shift there the whole race and just take it easy. Mark (White) must have had a mechanical issue so we got lucky on this one. We had a lot of fun this weekend."

Tom Sedivy, driver of the #22 PVM Racing WEST WR1000 entry, would finish in 2nd place after finishing 3rd in the first race of the weekend. Mark White would also have a double podium effort with a win and a 3rd place finish for rounds six and seven of IMSA Lites 2 competition.

Lites 3 competition was a great battle between the veterans. The top three competitors would put on another show for the fans, as late breaking in turn one was the place to make the pass. Robert Mumm, driver of the #10 Mumm Brothers Wilton-Jet Tools and Equipment entry, was on the pole for the second race of the weekend. Mumm was the 2006 IMSA Lites 3 Champion and was on pace for the win in the early stages of the race. The winner of the first race of the weekend was Richard Spicer in the #65 SpiceHagerman Hagerman RacEngineering/Spicer Racing Engines/ Summit Computers entry. Spicer would show his experience at this track and move up to 1st place by lap eleven, leading the race until a mechanical gremlin would slow his pace. Drivers Mumm and Chris Funk, in the #5 KC Racing entry, would take advantage of the situation, getting around Spicer on lap 27. Mumm was in control after that and would capture the win. Chris Funk finished 2nd after equaling that effort in the first race. Richard Spicer would bring home a 3rd place finish for a successful weekend but unfortunately ending his winning streak at Lime Rock Park.

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Drivers in the IMSA Lites Championship presented by Hankook Performance Tires will compete at Mosport International Raceway, Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada August 25th & 26th for rounds seven and eight with the American Le Mans Series.

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