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# LEWIS OVERHAULS NICO FOR FIFTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

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Lewis Hamilton extended his world championship lead to 24 points after passing Mercedes team mate Nico Rosberg to win a thrilling race in the United States on Sunday afternoon, six years to the day since he secured his first drivers' title in Brazil.




Rosberg had controlled the race with seeming ease through the first cycle of pit stops - he stopped on Lap 15, and Hamilton followed one lap later - but in the second stint Hamilton steadily hunted him down, slashing a 2.5s gap to just 0.7s in a handful of laps.

Rosberg rallied slightly, but was taken by surprise at Turn 12 on the 24th lap when Hamilton came from a long way back, trusted his luck and risk assessment, and dived down the inside to take the lead. Thereafter it was all a question of control as he opened a gap and maintained it to the flag despite some late, heavy traffic - the result of several fierce midfield scraps which raged over the closing stages of the Grand Prix.

Rosberg never gave up the fight and said he didn't find his rhythm until his team mate overtook, but by then it was too late. It was Hamilton's fifth straight victory, his 10th of the season and the 32nd of his career - putting him ahead of Nigel Mansell's previous British record of 31 Grand Prix wins.

Williams' Felipe Massa seemed set to complete the podium until a slow stop on the 32nd lap dropped him behind hard-charging Daniel Ricciardo, who recovered superbly from a slow start to take the place for Red Bull despite a late counter-attack from the Brazilian.

Valtteri Bottas in the second Williams was a relatively quiet fifth, while Fernando Alonso fought his way through to sixth. He only just held off a charging Sebastian Vettel, who started from the pits and made four stops en route to seventh for Red Bull.

The race itself was neutralised by the safety car on the first lap after Force India's Sergio Perez crashed into Adrian Sutil's Sauber - an incident currently being investigated by the stewards - and Vettel ran over the resulting debris, suffering a puncture. The German pitted again with a handful of laps remaining for a set of soft-compound Pirellis, which enabled him to scythe through the field in the final laps.

McLaren's Kevin Magnussen made an early stop under the safety car and later fought tooth and nail for eighth ahead of a tough fight between Jean-Eric Vergne's Toro Rosso and Pastor Maldonado's Lotus. Maldonado had shouldered his way to ninth on the final lap but the Venezuelan was later dropped back to tenth after picking up a five-second penalty for speeding in the pit lane.

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Vergne had earlier muscled his way past the second Lotus of Romain Grosjean, another incident currently under investigation. Grosjean brought his E22 home in 11th, completing what was Lotus's strongest race for a long time.

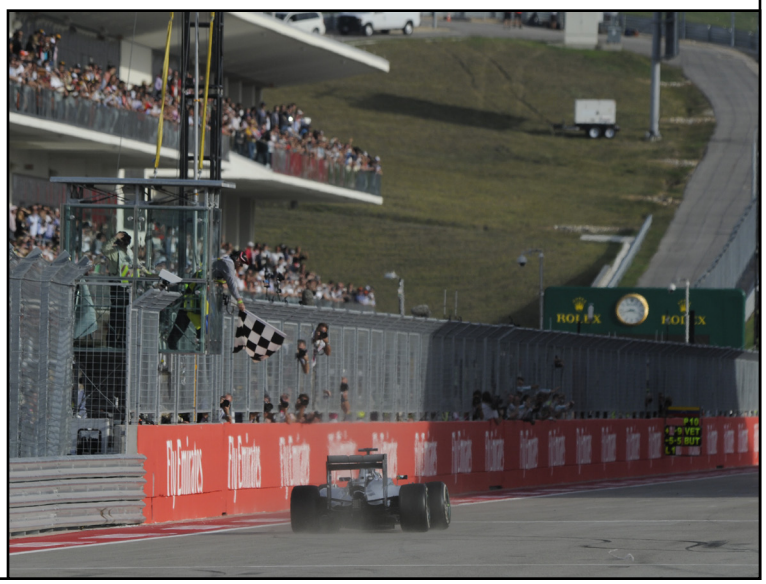
Jenson Button also ran over debris at the start and suspected for the rest of the race that he'd damaged his McLaren's floor. He had a fantastic scrap early on with Alonso, but fell back steadily to 12th as his McLaren lacked grip and pace. Kimi Raikkonen had a horrible race, finishing 13th for Ferrari after being tagged by Perez in his lap-one incident with Sutil, ahead of Sauber's Esteban Gutierrez and Daniil Kvyat in the second Toro Rosso.




Perez and Sutil retired as a result of their first-lap collision, while Nico Hulkenberg completed a miserable weekend for Force India when he pulled off circuit with mechanical problems.

As a result of his triumph, Hamilton now has 316 points to Rosberg's 292, which effectively means he can clinch the 2014 title by finishing second to Rosberg over the remaining two Grands Prix. Ricciardo strengthened his grip on third place, on 214.

In the constructors' stakes, Mercedes have 608 points to Red Bull's 363, with Williams third on 238. Ferrari are fourth with 196, 49 points ahead of McLaren.



# STEWARDS: BEHIND THE RULEBOOK

**BY LYNNE HUNTTING**

Every country hosting a Formula One GP has a designated ASN Steward; and this National Steward is part of the four-person F1 Stewards of the Meeting: Chairman, International Steward, ASN Steward and the Driver Steward.

At USGP, Tim Mayer is the ASN National Steward. This weekend, along with Tim, the Stewards are Chairman Gary Connelly of Australia; International Steward Ms. Silvia Bellot of Spain; and Derek Warwick, as Driver Steward.

FIA has five F1 Chairmen it rotates throughout the 20-race season. Additionally, there are 11 who are the International Stewards, plus a roster of International Drivers' Stewards.

At other Formula One races, Tim is an International Steward. Among the countries he has worked are Abu Dhabi, Australia, Silverstone, and Spa. He's also been an FIA steward in other countries for other FIA events such as the China Formula E race. Next year Tim will officiate at the Formula E races in Miami and Long Beach.

This weekend Dennis Dean of Washington DC Region is part of the USGP COTA Steward's group. Dennis is 'shadowing' Tim.

Before Dennis became a SCCA Steward in 2004, he was also a Scrutineer; and he's continued in his role as F1 Scrutineer for all the USGPs - until 2014.

At COTA, he was in the McLaren Garage the first year and in Red Bull Racing's Garage last year. Dennis is also President of the FIA Records Commission, which, among other things, certifies FIA Land Speed Records.

This weekend, Dennis has been assigned as Porsche Mobil 1 Supercup Steward, which has taken up a large portion of his time.

Dennis said "It's interesting at the end of the day how similar all this is to other Stewarding assignments such as SCCA, IMSA, etc. The principles and processes are the same.

"Here's is a matter of getting familiar with the rule book, terminology, etc. It's new, but it's comfortable. In the past two years I've sat in on the International Sporting Review Commission.

"We did the reorganization and simplification (not rewrite) of the International Sporting Code. It's far more readable now, and it's the Bible with which we work, so I'm comfortable with that.

Regarding the FIA Steward Training process, Tim said he did two years of training with five races a year in events of different level, before he ever became a FIA Steward.

Tim has been stewarding in various major US series for the past 23 years, as well as working as a track organizer and series race official on different levels. After retiring from his day job, Tim started attending FIA events and then stewarding various FIA events at several levels.

The ASN National Steward succession plan is for Dennis to become the ASN Steward for F1 and WEC, and move up to replace Tim in F1, so Tim can concentrate on more of his many other organizational and administrative duties in motorsports.

Tim said "Dennis has extensive stewarding experience, including being the 2014 Chief Steward for the SCCA National Runoffs. He's a very experienced person."

Dennis will have the opportunity to sit in on all the discussions, and traditionally with the FIA ASN's Shadow Stewards, will participate in all the discussions as they are all very experienced people.

As for Dennis' future plans, he'd like to move up into FIA Stewarding in the various FIA events.

As for this week, Dennis said "It's good fun. The people are marvelous, interesting and I'm enjoying learning the craft of stewarding.

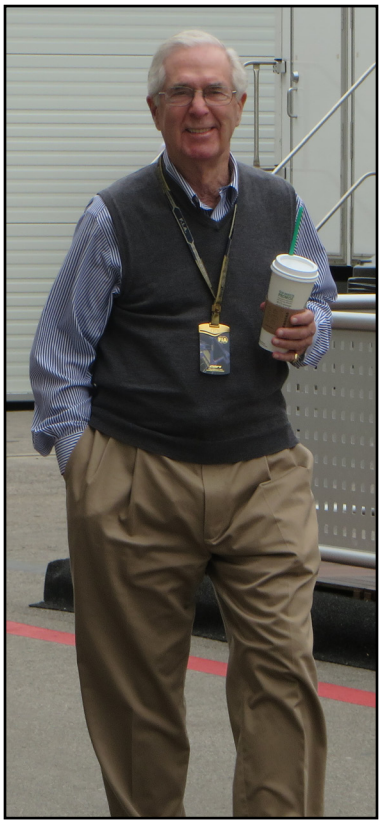
"Working in this International capacity is something in which Dennis has been interested for some time, and with the help of Tim (Tim Mayer) and Nick (Nick Craw-President of ACCUS) it's happened."



*Tim Mayer*



*Dennis Dean*



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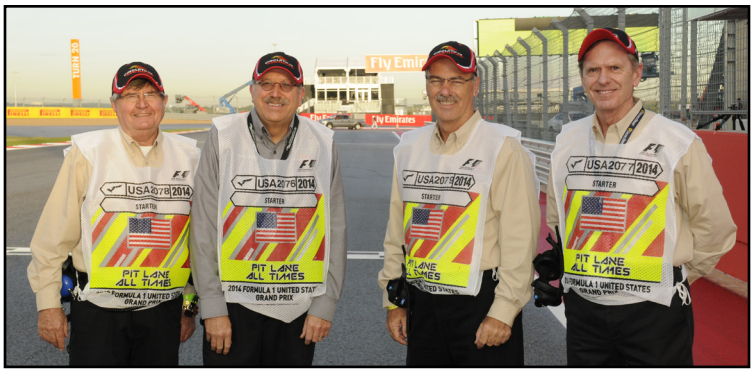
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# DID YOU KNOW: FIA VOLUNTEERS & OFFICIALS COMMISSION



FIA's F1 Race Control Observer, Herbie Blash, is also the FIA Marshal's Ambassador for the Volunteers and Officials Commission.

The Commission is now four years old, and is interested in reaching and recognizing the volunteer race marshals all over the world.

Fifteen different countries, including Australia, are represented on the Commission and those representatives meet quarterly in Paris.

Herbie said the idea for the Commission came after discussions with Charlie Whiting, F1 Race Director. The two have traveled around the world for 18 years, working in Race Control with the various staffs; and doing the track inspections and interacting with the marshals.

FIA wants to honor and recognize these volunteer marshals and race officials more for their efforts. Another goal is to help grow the sport.

Although there is a representative from Mexico, there is none from the US. Other countries include Bahrain, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates.

One of the Commission's goals is to create a website for the FIA Volunteers and Officials. It has been in development for some time now, and hopefully will be live by the end of the year.

When it is up and running, the website will be available to countries around the world. Among the plans for the website will be to provide information, make training packages available, and provide a forum for marshals worldwide.

The Commission is aware of the impact of social media and wants to better utilize it to promote its goals and keep marshals in touch world-wide. Among the Commission's several goals is to provide for a better, more consistent level of marshal training, a consistent definition of roles, and a License/Licence structure to support those roles. The idea is to integrate all the marshals with teams.

One initiative of the Commission is the FIA Official Marshals Awards. There is one overall Award for the best Marshal in the world, and that person is sent to the Monaco FIA F1 Prize Giving Gala to receive the award.

Twelve other awards are presented throughout the season, nominated by the country in which the selected marshal resides. The Award selection process starts with six Commission members reviewing the nominations and passing on their choices to the full Commission. The names are then put forward to FIA for the final consideration.

In 2012 the overall award went to a German doctor, Michael Scholz.



In 2013, it was International F1 Steward, Ms.Silvia Bellot for all of her stewarding activities throughout Spain in various categories, coming up through the ranks. She currently is the FIA Steward for GP2 and GP3.

"It was an honor. I worked hard in Spain." Silva She was/is the youngest ever and the first woman to be an International F1 Steward.

Additionally, the Commission is interested in helping countries recruit, recognize and better train marshals and officials. It was to recruit more marshals and bring them on up the ranks to the top levels and then to Race Control and Clerk of the Course.

Another Commission goal is to formalize the licensing procedures and have FIA issue Officials Licenses. This is easier said than done as all countries have different procedures and structures.

The plan is to have consistency, with the same structure around the world including a uniform procedure for cross-access between countries, making it easier for marshals from one country to work an event in another. It's already common to have ten or more countries represented at any given F1 race, with USGP a good example.

The Commission has a Working Group, tasked with developing a Senior Officials training framework for the various ASN's (the local FIA arm in each country, i.e., ACCUS for the US). This Working Group will then take its results to the Commission and ultimately to FIA for approval and enacting.

Another initiative from the FIA Commission is the Pit Lane Walk, which originated in Australia and is now done uniformly. USGP has had one all three years, on Friday night. Herbie commented on how much positive feedback he's received from the marshals on this practice. One marshal told Herbie that the Pit Walk was the highlight of his weekend.

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Herbie is working on having a lottery, or draw, which would bring 10-15 marshals up to Race Control to see how it works, with Herbie on hand to show them around.

Anyone can nominate an official or marshal for an award, by contacting the local ASN for the form.

For the US, that would be ACCUS. (7800 S. Elati St. Suite 303, Littleton, CO 80120. Phone 303.730.8100.Fax 303.730.8108).

The deadline for this year's awards has passed and the winner already selected. However, Herbie can't reveal the name.

Sixty to seventy nominations were submitted in 2013. Interestingly, Herbie said that Australia was most vigorous in providing many nominations and has won several awards.

Surprisingly, Herbie said that while there were a few from Mexico, which at that point had no F1 GP. That will change next year with a return to Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez.

What struck Herbie was the lack of nominations from the United States. He hopes that will change.













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