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Tom Chilton and Hayanari Shimoda drove their Zytek 04S to their career-first ALMS wins and the first ALMS win ever for the Zytek entrant and marque by taking victory in the 2005 Laguna Seca ALMS season finale.

Chilton won the pole and Shimoda set Fast Lap as the duo won by 75.064 seconds over the runnerup Champion Audi R8 of Frank Biela and Emanuele Pirro. Third, a lap down, was the Dyson Lola EX257-MG of Chris Dyson and Andy Wallace as three chassis and engine marques and three entrants occupied the podium!

The race was led by five drivers piloting three cars from three entrants; the lead changed hands six times. Butch Leitzinger led the first twenty laps in the #16 Dyson Lola EX257-MG. Chilton then led the next twenty laps in the #15 Zytek 04S. Leitzinger then led lap 41 in the #16 Lola EX257-MG before Frank Biela led twenty laps (42-61) in the #2 Champion Audi. Chilton took the lead back for ten laps (62-71) in the Zytek before James Weaver put the #16 Dyson entry ahead for twenty-one laps (72-92). Shimoda then led the final seventy-two laps (93-164) of the 164-lap race!

All told, the #15 Zytek led 102 laps, the #16 Dyson Lola-MG led forty-two laps, and the #2 Champion Audi led twenty laps. Among the drivers, Shimoda led 72 laps, Chilton 30 laps, Leitzinger and Weaver each led 21 laps, and Biela twenty laps.

Lucas Luhr, Sascha Maassen, and Penske Racing made the debut of the Porsche RS Spyder in ALMS P2 competition a winning one by taking the P2 class victory in the 2005 Laguna Seca season finale. Maassen won the P2 pole and started fifth overall; Luhr set P2 Fast Lap. The duo finished fifth overall, just one lap behind the overall winners, and won the P2 class by eight laps over the P2 runnerup finisher, the eleventh-place overall Miracle Motorsports Courage C65-MG of Jeff Bucknum, Chris McMurry, and James Gue. Third in P2 and twelfth overall, just one lap behind the runnerup P2 finishers, was the Sportsbook Courage C65-Mazda of Jamie Bach and Guy Cosmo.

Chevrolet Corvette Racing won GT1 in the 2005 Laguna Seca ALMS event as the new C6R model scored its ninth consecutive win!

GT1 winners Olivier Beretta and Oliver Gavin scored their sixth GT1 win in 2005 ALMS competition and fifth consecutive victory. The trio won from third starting position in GT1 as they started eleventh overall and finished seventh overall. Gavin also set GT1 Fast Lap. The Corvette won by one lap over the eighth-place overall Ron Fellows/Johnny O'Connell C6R as Corvette Racing posted a 1-2 GT1 finish! Third in GT1 and ninth overall, two laps behind the GT1-winning Corvette, was the Prodrive Aston Martin DBR9 of Peter Kox and Pedro Lamy. The other Aston finished fourth in class and tenth overall, a further lap down.

Terry Borcheller qualified the ACEMCO Saleen S7R on the GT1 pole, starting eighth overall, but the car retired with mechanical problems.

Petersen White Lightning Porsche 911 GT3 RSR drivers Jorg Bergmeister and Patrick Long won GT2 in the 2005 Laguna Seca ALMS race! The duo scored their fifth victory of 2005 and their fourth consecutive 2005 GT2 win! The duo won the 2005 ALMS GT2 title and the honor of most 2005 GT2 wins at five over the four apiece of Alex Job Racing pilots Timo Bernhard and Romain Dumas.

Bergmeister and Long started seventeenth overall and second in class and finished fourteenth overall with 151 laps completed, only thirteen laps down on the overall winners. Jorg and Patrick scored a 14.078 seconds victory over the GT2 runnerup finisher, the Panoz Esperante GTLM of Bill Auberlen and Robin Liddell. The Panoz started twentieth overall and fourth in class and finished fifteenth overall. Third in GT2 and sixteenth overall after starting eighteenth overall and third in class was the BAM Porsche 911 GT3 RSR of Mike Rockenfeller and Wolf Henzler, also with 151 laps completed. Fourth, also at 151 laps completed as GT2 produced a top four on the same lap for the first time in 2005, was the Flying Lizard 911 GT3 RSR of Jon Fogarty and Johannes Van Overbeek.