

TALLADEGA SUPERSPEEDWAY  
SPRING 2006 MEDIA GUIDE



AARON'S DREAM WEEKEND  
APRIL 28 - 30, 2006



## ACREAGE

- » Originally built in 1969, Talladega Superspeedway property now covers approximately 3,000 acres including the track site and parking areas.
- » The infield area is 212 acres.

## TRACK

- » Talladega Superspeedway is a 2.66-mile tri-oval course.
- » The north and south turns are banked 33 degrees and the grandstands tri-oval is banked 18 degrees.
- » The track is 48-feet wide with an apron that is an additional 12 feet in width.
- » The frontstretch is 4,300' long, while the backstretch is 4,000' long.

## RECORDS

- » Talladega Superspeedway holds records for the fastest 500-mile stock car race (188.354 mph, May 10, 1997, winner: Mark Martin), the most lead changes in a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series event (75, May 6, 1984) and the most leaders in a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series event (26, twice, July 27, 1986 & April 22, 2001), making it widely known as "NASCAR's Most Competitive Track."

## LOCATION

- » Talladega Superspeedway is located on Speedway Boulevard, which runs parallel to Interstate 20. The track is 40 miles east of Birmingham, Ala. at Exit 168 and 95 miles west of Atlanta, Ga. at Exit 173.

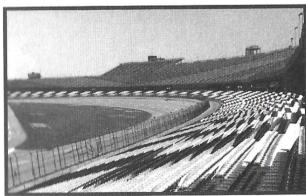
## TRACK FACTS

## SAFER BARRIERS

- » SAFER (Steel and Foam Energy Reduction) barriers are designed to absorb some of the energy and therefore lessen impact for the driver on contact.
- » The SAFER wall project began in the fall of 2000 and remains an ongoing safety initiative for NASCAR, the Indy Racing League, Dr. Dean Sicking and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The barriers were first used in May 2002 for the Indianapolis 500 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
- » In October 2002, Talladega Superspeedway became the second track hosting NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series events to begin installing the barriers. Although SAFER barrier technology had not yet advanced at that time to enable their use along the outside of the high-banked turns at Talladega, the track was able to install the barriers in the inside retaining wall at the exit of Turn 4 and the entrance to Turn 1 of the track.
- » In April 2004, advances in SAFER barrier research had progressed considerably, and Talladega Superspeedway was able to add SAFER barriers on all four turns, the tri-oval and the inside retaining wall of the backstretch.
- » The SAFER wall at Talladega Superspeedway is 40 inches high and extends through the turns and tri-oval about 30 inches from the track wall.

## RACING ACTIVITY

- » Talladega Superspeedway presents five separate racing shows each year as host to the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series, the NASCAR Busch Series, the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA).
- » The facility is used for various automotive testing purposes as well as by driving schools. Driving schools that regularly visit Talladega Superspeedway include Dale Jarrett Racing Adventure, Richard Petty Driving Experience and Racing Experience, Inc.
- » The facility is occasionally used by film production companies for television commercial and motion picture shoots.



## GRANDSTANDS

- » Talladega Superspeedway's grandstand seating capacity is 143,231.
- » There are reserved grandstands on both the east and west sides of the track.
- » The grandstand seating area on the west side of the track is one mile in length. It includes Gadsden, Lincoln, Anniston O.V. Hill North, O.V. Hill South, Birmingham, Moss-Thornton and Talladega Grandstands, Gadsden, Lincoln, Anniston, O.V. Hill North, O.V. Hill South, Birmingham, Moss-Thornton and Talladega Towers, as well as Tri-Oval and Start/Finish Line Suites.
- » Along the east side and out of the track's second turn is the Allison Grandstand, named for the famous Alabama racing family that includes racers Bobby, Donnie, Clifford and Davey Allison.

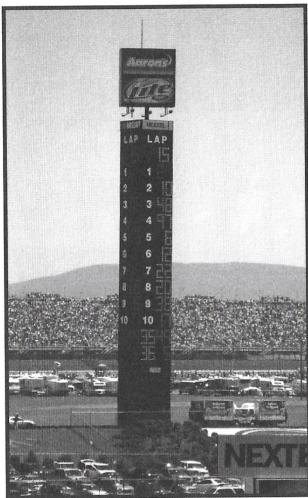
## PIT ROAD

- » Pit Road at Talladega Superspeedway is 1,730' long from entrance to exit.
- » Each of the 47 stalls on pit road at Talladega is 30' by 16'.
- » The area behind the wall of each pit stall is 30' by 21'.

## TRACK FACTS

## GARAGES

- » The NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series garage at Talladega Superspeedway is a 32,400-square-foot structure with a total of 62 bays. Each of these bays is 14' by 24' and has electrical outlets for each team.
- » The NASCAR Busch Series/ARCA RE/MAX Series garage at Talladega Superspeedway is a 23,250-square-foot structure with a total of 68 bays. Each of these bays is 12' by 21' and has electric outlets for each team.



## SCORING TOWER

- » The scoring tower located in the track's infield is 148' tall and displays the positions of all of the cars on track. The first 10 positions during a race are always displayed on the tower, with positions 11-43 rotating on the bottom two spaces.
- » There are 7,440 light bulbs used for the scoring position displays.
- » The power it takes to run the scoring pylon throughout a race day could also power approximately five 3-bedroom homes for the same period of time.

## NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SERIES RACE SUMMARIES

Date	Event	Winner	Pole Winner	Pole Speed (mph)	Time of Race	Average Speed	Margin of Victory	Cautions/ Laps	Lead Changes
Oct. 2, 2005	UAW-Ford 500	Jeff Gordon	Elliott Sadler	189.260	3:30:51	143.818	U/C	10/33	50/20
May 1, 2005	Aaron's 499	Jeff Gordon	Kevin Harvick	189.804	3:30:46	146.904	.193 seconds	8/30	33/16
Oct. 3, 2004	EA SPORTS™ 500	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	Joe Nemechek	190.749	3:11:12	156.929	.117 seconds	5/22	47/20
April 25, 2004	Aaron's 499	Jeff Gordon	Ricky Rudd	191.180	3:51:53	129.396	U/C	11/55	54/23
Sept. 28, 2003	EA SPORTS™ 500	Michael Waltrip	Elliott Sadler	189.943	3:12:17	156.045	.065 seconds	5/23	41/17
April 6, 2003	Aaron's 499	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	Jeremy Mayfield	186.498	3:27:28	144.625	.125 seconds	6/32	43/16
Oct. 6, 2002	EA SPORTS™ Thunder 500	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	Jimmie Johnson	183.665	2:43:22	183.665	.118 seconds	0	35/12
April 21, 2002	Aaron's 499	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	Jimmie Johnson	186.532	3:08:41	159.022	.080 seconds	3/19	26/10
Oct. 21, 2001	EA SPORTS™ 500	Dale Earnhardt, Jr.	Stacy Compton	185.240	3:02:45	164.185	.388 seconds	3/16	32/13
April 22, 2001	Talladega 500	Bobby Hamilton	Stacy Compton	184.861	3:10:41	157.354	.2 seconds	6/25	37/26
Oct. 15, 2000	Winston 500	Dale Earnhardt	Joe Nemechek	190.279	3:01:06	165.810	.119 seconds	3/13	49/21
April 16, 2000	Diehard 500	Jeff Gordon	Jeremy Mayfield	186.969	3:06:11	181.157	.189 seconds	4/17	27/10
Oct. 17, 1999	Winston 500	Dale Earnhardt	Joe Nemechek	198.331	3:00:04	166.632	.114 seconds	3/17	32/16
April 25, 1999	Diehard 500	Dale Earnhardt	Ken Schrader	197.765	3:03:38	163.395	.137 seconds	2/18	28/14
Oct. 11, 1998	Winston 500	Dale Jarrett	Ken Schrader	196.153	3:08:20	159.317	.140 seconds	4/20	20/12
April 26, 1998	Diehard 500	Bobby Labonte	Bobby Labonte	195.728	3:03:35	163.439	.167 seconds	3/16	19/9
Oct. 12, 1997	Diehard 500	Terry Labonte	Ernie Irvan	193.271	3:11:36	156.601	.146 seconds	4/22	32/16
May 10, 1997	Winston Select 500	Mark Martin	John Andretti	193.627	2:29:18	188.354	.143 seconds	0	26/13
July 28, 1996	Diehard 500	Jeff Gordon	Jeremy Mayfield	192.370	2:34:21	133.387	.146 seconds	5/35	24/10
April 28, 1996	Winston Select 500	Sterling Marlin	Ernie Irvan	192.855	3:20:02	149.998	.22 seconds	6/31	25/14
July 23, 1995	Diehard 500	Sterling Marlin	Ernie Irvan	194.212	2:53:15	173.187	.05 seconds	2/11	21/9
April 30, 1995	Winston Select 500	Mark Martin	Terry Labonte	196.532	2:47:43	178.901	.16 seconds	2/8	24/10
July 24, 1994	Diehard 500	Jimmy Spencer	Dale Earnhardt	193.470	3:05:50	163.173	.025 seconds	5/20	24/10
May 1, 1994	Winston Select 500	Dale Earnhardt	Ernie Irvan	193.298	3:10:32	157.477	.067 seconds	4/23	30/11
July 25, 1993	Diehard 500	Dale Earnhardt	Bill Elliott	192.397	3:15:01	153.857	.6 inches	5/27	26/10
May 2, 1993	Winston 500	Ernie Irvan	Dale Earnhardt	192.355	3:13:04	154.511	2 car lengths	4/25	22/7
July 26, 1992	Diehard 500	Ernie Irvan	Sterling Marlin	190.586	2:50:11	176.303	.19 seconds	2/11	17/8
May 3, 1992	Winston 500	Davey Allison	Ernie Irvan	192.831	2:59:01	167.609	2 car lengths	5/21	16/6
July 28, 1991	Diehard 500	Dale Earnhardt	Sterling Marlin	192.085	3:35:35	147.383	1 car length	7/43	32/12
May 6, 1991	Winston 500	Harry Gant	Ernie Irvan	195.186	3:01:10	166.920	.14 seconds	3/18	24/11
July 28, 1990	Diehard 500	Dale Earnhardt	Dale Earnhardt	192.513	2:52:01	174.429	.26 seconds	2/12	23/13
May 6, 1990	Winston 500	Dale Earnhardt	Bill Elliott	199.388	3:08:02	159.931	2 car lengths	7/28	25/12
July 30, 1989	Talladega Diehard 500	Terry Labonte	Mark Martin	194.800	3:10:41	157.354	1/2 car length	6/25	49/9
May 7, 1989	Winston 500	Davey Allison	Mark Martin	193.061	3:12:30	155.869	.22 seconds	7/26	28/9
July 31, 1988	Talladega Diehard 500	Ken Schrader	Darrell Waltrip	196.274	3:14:12	154.505	1 car length	8/31	30/14
May 1, 1988	Winston 500	Phil Parsons	Davey Allison	198.969	3:11:40	156.547	.21 seconds	7/29	23/9
July 26, 1987	Talladega 500	Bill Elliott	Bill Elliott	203.827	2:55:10	171.292	.15 seconds	4/18	23/9
May 23, 1987	Winston 500	Davey Allison	Bill Elliott	212.809	3:04:13	154.214	.65 seconds	9/39	18/10
July 27, 1986	Talladega 500	Bobby Hillin, Jr.	Bill Elliott	209.005	3:17:59	151.552	1/2 car length	9/44	49/26
May 4, 1986	Winston 500	Bobby Allison	Darrell Waltrip	212.229	3:10:16	157.698	2 car lengths	9/42	24/9
July 28, 1985	Talladega 500	Cale Yarborough	Bill Elliott	207.578	3:21:41	148.771	1 second	7/44	30/12
May 5, 1985	Winston 500	Bill Elliott	Bill Elliott	209.398	2:41:04	166.288	1.72 seconds	2/8	28/10
July 29, 1984	Talladega 500	Dale Earnhardt	Cale Yarborough	202.474	3:12:44	155.485	1.66 seconds	7/38	68/16
May 6, 1984	Winston 500	Cale Yarborough	Cale Yarborough	202.692	2:53:27	172.988	1 car length	4/17	75/13
July 31, 1983	Talladega 500	Dale Earnhardt	Cale Yarborough	201.744	2:55.52	170.611	1/2 car length	2/16	46/10
May 1, 1983	Winston 500	Richard Petty	Cale Yarborough	202.650	3:14:55	153.936	1/2 car length	7/42	27/13
Aug. 1, 1982	Talladega 500	Darrell Waltrip	Geoffrey Bodine	199.400	2:58:26	168.157	1/2 fender	5/25	38/11
May 2, 1982	Winston 500	Darrell Waltrip	Benny Parsons	200.176	3:11:50	166.693	1 car Length	8/39	48/13
Aug. 2, 1981	Talladega 500	Ron Bouchard	Harry Gant	195.897	3:11:24	156.737	2 feet	8/36	39/11
May 3, 1981	Winston 500	Bobby Allison	Bobby Allison	195.864	3:25:29	149.976	0.1 seconds	7/44	43/10
Aug. 3, 1980	Talladega 500	Neil Bonnett	Buddy Baker	198.545	2:59:47	166.890	1 second	5/25	36/11
May 4, 1980	Winston 500	Neil Bonnett	David Pearson	197.704	2:56:00	170.481	3 feet	6/28	40/12
Aug. 5, 1979	Talladega 500	Darrell Waltrip	Neil Bonnett	193.600	3:06:09	161.229	2 seconds	5/28	34/8
May 6, 1979	Winston 500	Bobby Allison	Darrell Waltrip	195.644	3:13:52	154.770	1 lap, 50 sec.	4/30	19/8
Aug. 6, 1978	Talladega 500	Lennie Pond	Cale Yarborough	192.917	2:51:45	174.700	1 foot	4/17	67/9
May 14, 1978	Winston 500	Cale Yarborough	Benny Parsons	191.904	3:07:53	159.995	None Stated	5/30	44/8
Aug. 7, 1977	Talladega 500	Donnie Allison	Benny Parsons	192.684	3:04:37	162.525	U/C	5/27	49/9
May 1, 1977	Winston 500	Donnie Allison	A.J. Foyt	192.474	3:05:59	164.877	.29 seconds	6/27	63/11
Aug. 8, 1976	Talladega 500	Dave Marcis	Dave Marcis	190.651	3:10:27	157.542	None Stated	3/25	58/8
May 2, 1976	Winston 500	Buddy Baker	Dave Marcis	199.191	2:56:17	169.897	.35 seconds	3/14	24/8
Aug. 17, 1975	Talladega 500	Buddy Baker	Dave Marcis	191.340	3:49:14	130.892	None Stated	8/61	60/17
May 4, 1975	Winston 500	Buddy Baker	Buddy Baker	199.947	3:26:59	144.948	inches	5/45	51/12
Aug. 11, 1974	Talladega 500	Richard Petty	Buddy Baker	194.926	3:21:52	148.637	None Stated	6/40	34/11
May 5, 1974	Winston 500	David Pearson	David Pearson	196.916	3:28:09	130.220	None Stated	6/60	53/13
Aug. 12, 1973	Talladega 500	Dick Brooks	David Pearson	197.064	3:26:17	145.454	None Stated	7/52	64/15
May 6, 1973	Winston 500	David Pearson	Buddy Baker	191.485	3:47:23	131.956	None Stated	4/54	13/10
Aug. 3, 1972	Talladega 500	James Hylton	Buddy Baker	190.677	3:22:09	148.728	1 car length	5/37	30/9
May 7, 1972	Winston 500	David Pearson	Bobby Isaac	192.439	3:43:15	134.400	4.9 seconds	9/62	53/7
Aug. 22, 1971	Talladega 500	Bobby Allison	Bobby Isaac	187.393	3:25:28	145.915	2.1 seconds	5/43	54/6
May 16, 1971	Winston 500	Donnie Allison	Donnie Allison	186.169	3:23:32	147.419	6 car lengths	7/45	45/4
Aug. 23, 1970	Talladega 500	Pete Hamilton	Bobby Isaac	186.034	3:09:17	158.517	10 seconds	4/30	23/9
April 12, 1970	Alabama 500	Pete Hamilton	Bobby Isaac	190.658	3:17:00	152.321	44 seconds	6/42	32/8
Sept. 14, 1969	Talladega 500	Richard Brickhouse	Charlie Glotzbach	190.466	3:15:07	153.778	7 seconds	7/35	35/7

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NASCAR NEXTEL CUP  
ALL-TIME RECORD BOOK

## NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SERIES RACE SUMMARIES

QUALIFYING RECORD, ALL-TIME FOR THIS TRACK

212.809 mph.....Bill Elliott, Ford, Spring 1987

ALL-TIME RACE SPEED RECORD

188.354 mph.....Mark Martin, Spring 1997

MOST WINS

10.....Dale Earnhardt

MOST TOP 5'S

23.....Dale Earnhardt

MOST TOP 10'S

27.....Dale Earnhardt

MOST LAPS LED

153 of 188.....Pete Hamilton (Aug. 23, 1970)

MOST LAPS LED BY A RACE WINNER

153 of 188.....Pete Hamilton (Aug. 23, 1970)

FEWEST LAPS LED BY A RACE WINNER

2.....Dale Jarrett, Oct. 2, 2005

Most Laps Led by a Non-Winner

123.....Darrell Waltrip, July 31, 1988

OLDEST WINNER

Harry Gant.....51 Years, 3 months, 26 days (May 6, 1991)

YOUNGEST WINNER

Bobby Hillin, Jr.....22 Years, 1 Month, 22 Days (Aug. 27, 1986)

CLOSEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

0.005 second.....Dale Earnhardt defeated

Ernie Irvan July 25, 1993

GREATEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

1 Lap, 50 seconds.....Bobby Allison defeated

Darrell Waltrip, May 6, 1979

## CAREER RECORDS

MOST COMPETITIVE MILES

25,998.8.....Dave Marcis

MOST STARTS

61.....Dave Marcis

MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS

Bill Elliott.....53

MOST POLE POSITIONS

Bill Elliott.....8

DRIVER WITH MOST

CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES

Dale Earnhardt, Jr.....4

## NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SERIES CAREER FIRSTS FOR DRIVERS

## FIRST NEXTEL CUP SERIES CAREER START

Billy Hagan.....9/14/69

Bill Ward.....9/14/69

Ernie Shaw.....9/14/69

Amos Johnson.....9/14/69

Bobby Fleming.....9/14/69

Dick Lawrence.....9/14/69

Wilbur Pickett.....9/14/69

Larry Bock.....9/14/69

Stan Starr.....9/14/69

C.B. Gwynn.....9/14/69

Earle Canavan.....9/14/69

J.W. King.....9/14/69

Bobby Brewer.....9/14/69

Al Strub.....9/14/69

Doug Easton.....9/14/69

Alton Jones.....9/14/69

Richard Childress.....9/14/69

Doc Faustina.....5/1/71

A.J. Foyt.....5/1/71

William Miller.....5/4/75

Jeff Hardy.....8/17/75

Peter Knabek.....5/1/77

Steve Moore.....8/1/77

Jimmie Rapis.....8/1/77

Frank Bill.....5/14/78

Kevin Hoosby.....5/6/79

Dennis Setzer.....4/26/88

Wayne Broome.....5/6/79

James McMurray.....10/1/02

Kyle Petty.....8/5/79

Gary Baker.....5/4/80

Homer Huddleston.....8/30/80

Terry Herman.....8/29/81

Philip Duffie.....5/2/82

Terry Link.....5/5/74

Jerry Hansen.....8/11/74

L.W. Wright.....5/2/82

David Simko.....5/2/82

Bob Slawinski.....8/1/82

Phil Barkdull.....5/6/84

Davey Allison.....7/28/85

Bill Ingram.....7/30/89

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