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Dale Earnhardt's legacy stretched beyond NASCAR's tracks

Mitchell Northam
USA TODAY

It's difficult to encapsulate the full scope of Dale Earnhardt's legacy in stock car racing. In life, he transcended the sport, steering its popularity to new heights. In death, he transformed it.

Nearly 25 years ago – on Feb. 18, 2001 – Earnhardt, the seven-time Winston Cup champion, died after crashing on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

Fans today are still mourning the loss of the man they called the "Intimidator." Go to any NASCAR track and you'll still see countless shirts, jackets, flags and hats sporting his iconic No. 3.

Besides winning a whole lot of races, Earnhardt elevated NASCAR and brought in a new wave of fans with visionary merchandising and marketing strategies. The driver that some folks called "the Man in Black" or "One Tough Customer" was on Wheaties boxes, the covers of Sports Illustrated and TV Guide, and on Coca-Cola vending machines. He was in commercials for McDonald's and Burger King. He went on David Letterman's show and made cameos in Hollywood movies. The ninth-grade dropout-turned-racing legend flipped his fame and success on the track into a business. In 1996, he sold his merchandising company Sports Image to Action Performance for a reported $30 million.

In the way Michael Jordan is to the NBA, Earnhardt was synonymous with NASCAR. Some fans adored him, some hated him – but everyone knew the mustached man wearing aviators from Kannapolis, North Carolina, was one of the best drivers to get behind the wheel.

"His character was bigger than life," NASCAR vice chairman Mike Helton once said of Earnhardt in an ESPN documentary. "It's like trying to explain John Wayne or Neil Armstrong."

While Earnhardt impacted the sport in a tremendous way while he was dominating tracks of all kinds from 1979 to 2001, his death changed it in a monumental way for the better.



Dale Earnhardt won the season championship in NASCAR's top series a record-tying seven times: 1980, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994.
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Earnhardt always knew the risks associated with racing. One of the qualities that made him great was that he never feared them. Above all else, he wanted to win. Of the dangers of stock car racing, Earnhardt said in 1980, "I ain't never wanted to do anything else."

Last-lap crash

By the time the green flag waved at the 2001 Daytona 500, Earnhardt – while driving the No. 3 car for Richard Childress Racing – had started his own Cup Series team: Dale Earnhardt Inc. Among his drivers were his son – Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the No. 8 Budweiser car – and his friend Michael Waltrip driving the No. 15 NAPA Auto Parts machine.

When the race was nearing its finish, they were running in the top three at the top of the pack: Waltrip in first, Junior in second, and Senior in third. It seemed obvious that Earnhardt was trying to ensure a victory for one of his DEI drivers and went into defense mode, attempting to block others drivers from catching up to Waltrip and Junior.

On turn four of the final lap, as Junior pushed Waltrip toward the finish line, Earnhardt received some contact, lost control of his No. 3 car and slammed head-on into the concrete wall.

Folks watching at home could feel the mood change from the broadcast booth, where former champion Darrell Waltrip quickly went from celebrating his brother in one moment to worrying about Earnhardt in the next: "I just hope Dale's OK. I guess he's alright, isn't he?"

Less than three hours after the race ended, Helton returned to the press room at Daytona International Speedway to deliver the somber and shocking news: "We've lost Dale Earnhardt."

Earnhardt died about two months shy of his 50th birthday. The cause of death was determined as a basilar skull fracture, suffered during his head-on collision with the wall at Daytona. Earnhardt was at least the ninth NASCAR driver to die of this injury since 1990.

He is also the last.

Safety changes in NASCAR

His death was the catalyst for multiple safety reforms in NASCAR.

"One of the greatest drivers to ever sit in a race car is gone. When a star disappears, then people pay attention," Kyle Petty, whose son Adam died of a basilar skull fracture in a crash at New Hampshire in 2000, told ESPN.

By October 2001, NASCAR began mandating the use of the HANS (head and neck support) device, a restraint designed to keep the head and shoulders of a driver in place on a frontal impact. It sits on top of a driver's shoulders and attaches to the helmet. This device, and others like it, were available to drivers before Earnhardt's death but not mandated by NASCAR.

Besides requiring drivers to use the HANS device, NASCAR in 2003 implemented the SAFER (steel and foam energy reduction) barrier at its tracks. Added to the walls around speedways, these barriers reduce G-forces by 30 to 80%, soaking up the impact of crashes and reducing injuries to drivers.

NASCAR also made design improvements in seats, belts, helmets and cockpits and began collecting crash data to continue to make innovations in safety.

Since Earnhardt's tragic and fatal crash at Daytona, no driver in any of NASCAR's top three touring circuits has been killed in competition.

Career highlights

The son of the dominant short-track racer Ralph, Dale Earnhardt ran his first full season in NASCAR's Winston Cup Series in 1979. Driving the No. 2 blue-and-yellow Chevrolet Monte Carlo for Rod Osterlund Racing, Earnhardt got his first win at Bristol and notched 10 other top-five finishes in 1979, winning Rookie of the Year honors. The next season he won five races and captured his first championship.

In 1984, Earnhardt began driving the No. 3 – first with the blue-and-yellow paint scheme with a Wrangler sponsorship before switching to the signature black-and-red GM Goodwrench look in 1988 and would win six more championships: 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. He is tied with Richard Petty and Jimmie Johnson for the most Cup Series championships in NASCAR history.

Earnhardt took victories in all of NASCAR's majors, winning the Southern 500 at Darlington and the World 600 at Charlotte three times each, taking the checkered flag at the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1995 and winning the Daytona 500 in 1998.

He's eighth all-time in Cup Series victories with 76. Earnhardt is the all-time Cup Series wins leader at Talladega with 10 and Atlanta with nine.

He was named one of NASCAR's 50 greatest drivers in 1998 and was inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame in its inaugural class in 2010.

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In re:
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Debtor.

Chapter 11
Case No. 26-50682-JWC

NOTICE OF BID AND SALE PROCEDURES, LOI DEADLINE, AUCTION, HEARING AND DEADLINES RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE DEBTOR'S ASSETS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 22, 2026, the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the "**Debtor**") in the above-captioned case (the "**Bankruptcy Case**"), filed the *Debtor's Motion for Entry of (I) Order (A) Approving Auction Sale Format and Bid and Sale Procedures; (B) Approving Stalking Horse Bidder and Bid Protections; (C) Approving Notices to be Provided to Interested Parties; (D) Scheduling a Court Hearing to Consider Approval of the Sale to the Highest or Otherwise Best Bidder; and (E) Approving Procedures Related to the Assumption of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases and (II) Order (A) Authorizing and Approving (I) The Sale of Substantially All of the Debtor's Assets Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances and Other Interests; and (II) the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases in Connection Therewith; and (B) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 17] (the "**Sale Procedures Motion**"). The Debtor seeks to complete one or more sale(s) of their assets (the "**Assets**") to either the Stalking Horse Bidder or a prevailing bidder or bidders (the "**Winning Bidder**") at an auction (the "**Auction**") free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 363.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, on February 5, 2026, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order [Docket No. 60] (the "**Sale Procedures Order**") approving the Bid and Sale Procedures set forth in the Sale Procedures Motion (the "**Bid and Sale Procedures**"), which set the key dates and times related to the sale of the Assets. **All interested bidders should carefully read the Bid and Sale Procedures.** To the extent there are any inconsistencies between the Bid and Sale Procedures and the summary description of its terms and conditions contained in this notice, the terms of the Bid and Sale Procedures shall control.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtor has designed a process by which (i) a Stalking Horse Bidder has been selected; and (ii) bidders may submit bids that are higher or otherwise better than the Stalking Horse Bid and thereafter participate at the Auction. If one or more letters of intent ("**LOIs**") are received by **5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** on **March 6, 2026** (the "**LOI Deadline**"), and additional higher or otherwise better bids (each a "**Qualified Bid**" as further defined in the Bid and Sale Procedures) are received by the Bid Deadline (as defined below), the Debtor will conduct an Auction to determine the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid. If no LOIs are received by the LOI Deadline, the Debtor will proceed directly to the Stalking Horse Sale Hearing (defined below) to seek approval of the Stalking Horse APA.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any party potentially interested in bidding for substantially all, or any portion of, the Assets must submit a LOI no later than the LOI Deadline. All LOIs must comply with the LOI Requirements set forth in the Bid and Sale Procedures and be sent to the following at or before the LOI Deadline: (i) proposed counsel for the Debtor, Polsinelli PC, 1201 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1100, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309, Attn: David Gordon (dgordon@polsinelli.com) and Ashley Champion (achampion@polsinelli.com), (ii) the proposed investment bankers for the Debtor, SOLIC Capital Advisors, LLC, 425 West New England Avenue, Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32789, Attn: Matthew M. Caine (mcaine@solicapital.com), and (iii) counsel for the Bond Trustee, Mintz, One Financial Center, Boston, Massachusetts, 02111, Attn: Daniel S. Bleck (DSBleck@mintz.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if a Qualified LOI is received, Qualified Bids must be received by the following parties on or before **April 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** or such later date as may be agreed to by the Debtor (the "**Bid Deadline**"): (i) proposed counsel for the Debtor, Polsinelli PC, 1201 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1100, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309, Attn: David Gordon (dgordon@polsinelli.com) and Ashley Champion (achampion@polsinelli.com), (ii) the proposed investment bankers for the Debtor, SOLIC Capital Advisors, LLC, 425 West New England Avenue, Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32789, Attn: Matthew M. Caine (mcaine@solicapital.com), and (iii) counsel for the Bond Trustee, Mintz, One Financial Center, Boston, Massachusetts, 02111, Attn: Daniel S. Bleck (DSBleck@mintz.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if no LOI is received by the LOI Deadline, the Court shall hold a hearing on the Sale Procedures Motion (the "**Stalking Horse Sale Hearing**") on **March 13, 2026** at **2:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** in Courtroom 1203, Richard B. Russell Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 75 Ted Turner Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303 or at such time thereafter as counsel may be heard or at such other time as the Bankruptcy Court may determine. The Stalking Horse Sale Hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice to creditors or parties in interest other than by announcement of the adjournment in open court on the date scheduled for the Stalking Horse Sale Hearing or on the agenda for such Sale Hearing. The Court will consider approval of the Stalking Horse APA at the Stalking Horse Sale Hearing.

Any objections to the Sale (other than an Assumption Objection or Post-Auction Objection, each as defined below) must be filed with the Court and served on the following no later than **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** on **February 25, 2026**: (i) proposed counsel for the Debtor, Polsinelli PC, 1201 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1100, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309, Attn: David Gordon (dgordon@polsinelli.com) and Ashley Champion (achampion@polsinelli.com); (ii) the proposed investment bankers for the Debtor, SOLIC Capital Advisors, LLC, 425 West New England Avenue, Suite 300, Orlando, Florida 32789, Attn: Matthew M. Caine (mcaine@solicapital.com); (iii) counsel to the Bond Trustee, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111, Attn: Daniel S. Bleck (DSBleck@mintz.com) and Eric R. Blythe (ERBlythe@mintz.com); (iv) counsel for the Stalking Horse Bidder, Latham & Watkins LLP, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, Attn: David Hammerman (David.Hammerman@lw.com) and Jonathan J. Weichselbaum (jon.weichselbaum@lw.com); (v) counsel for the Creditors' Committee, if any; (vi) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Northern District of Georgia, 75 Ted Turner Drive, S.W., Room 362, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 Attn. David S. Weidenbaum (david.s.weidenbaum@usdoj.gov) and Alan Hinderleider (alan.hinderleider@usdoj.com); and (vii) the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Richard B. Russell Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 75 Ted Turner Drive, SW, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 (collectively, the "**Objection Notice Parties**").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if one or more LOIs are received by the LOI Deadline and a Qualified Bid is submitted by the Bid Deadline (other than the Stalking Horse APA), an Auction will be conducted on **April 22, 2026**, at **10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** at Polsinelli PC, 1201 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1100, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309, or at such other place, date and time as may be designated by the Debtor; provided, however, the Debtor reserves the right to permit Qualified Bidders to attend the Auction virtually in which case the Debtor shall provide virtual access information to Qualified Bidders who request it. Following the Auction, the Court shall hold a hearing on the Sale Procedures Motion (the "**Auction Sale Hearing**" and together with the Stalking Horse Sale Hearing, each a "**Sale Hearing**") on **May 4, 2026** at **10:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** in Courtroom 1203, Richard B. Russell Federal Building and United States Courthouse, 75 Ted Turner Drive, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303 or at such time thereafter as counsel may be heard or at such other time as the Bankruptcy Court may determine. The Auction Sale Hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice to creditors or parties in interest other than by announcement of the adjournment in open court on the date scheduled for the Auction Sale Hearing or on the agenda for such Sale Hearing.

The Court will consider approval of the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid determined at the Auction or at the Auction Sale Hearing. The deadline by which all objections to the manner of and conduct at the Auction and/or the identity/adequate assurance information of the Winning Bidder (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder) (a "**Post-Auction Objection**") is **April 24, 2026** at **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** (the "**Post-Auction Objection Deadline**"). All Post-Auction Objections must: (a) be in writing, (b) state, with specificity, the legal and factual bases thereof, (c) be filed with the Court and served so as to be actually received by the Objection Notice Parties no later than the Post-Auction Objection Deadline, and (d) comply with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any applicable orders of this Court.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the terms of the Bid and Sale Procedures, the Debtor has designated certain Assigned Contracts that may be assumed or assumed and assigned to the Stalking Horse Bidder or other Winning Bidder in connection with the Sale. By **February 6, 2026**, the Debtor shall send a notice to each counterparty to an Assigned Contract setting forth the Debtor's calculation of the cure amount, if any, that would be owing to such counterparty if the Debtor decided to assume or assume and assign such Assigned Contract, and alerting such counterparty that their contract may be assumed and assigned to the Stalking Horse Bidder or other Winning Bidder (the "**Cure Notice**").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the terms of the Bid and Sale Procedures, any counterparty that objects to the cure amount set forth in the Cure Notice or the possible assignment of their Assigned Contract(s) must file with the Bankruptcy Court and serve an objection (an "**Assumption Objection**") on it is actually received on or before **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** on **February 25, 2026** by the Objection Notice Parties. Where a counterparty to an Assigned Contract files a timely Assumption Objection asserting a higher cure amount than the amount listed in the Cure Notice, or an objection to the possible assignment of that counterparty's Assigned Contract, and the parties are unable to consensually resolve the dispute, the amount to be paid under Bankruptcy Code section 365 (if any) or as the case may be, the Debtor's ability to assign the Assigned Contract to the Stalking Horse Bidder or other Winning Bidder will be determined at the applicable Sale Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtor is seeking to waive the fourteen-day stay period under Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) in order for the Sale to close immediately upon entry of the Sale Order by the Bankruptcy Court.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this notice is subject to the full terms and conditions of the Sale Procedures Order and the Bid and Sale Procedures, which shall control in the event of any conflict, and the Debtor encourages parties in interest to review such documents in their entirety. A copy of the Sale Procedures Motion, the Bid and Sale Procedures and the Sale Procedures Order may be obtained (i) by contacting proposed counsel for the Debtor, Polsinelli PC, 1201 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1100, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309, Attn: David Gordon (dgordon@polsinelli.com) and Ashley Champion (achampion@polsinelli.com), (ii) for free by accessing the website of the Debtor's noticing agent, Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC, at https://dm.epiq11.com/GeorgiaProton or (iii) for a fee via PACER at https://www.pacer.uscourts.gov.

Respectfully submitted, **POLSINELLI PC** */s/ David E. Gordon*, David E. Gordon (GA Bar No. 119871), Ashley D. Champion (GA Bar No. 423962), 1201 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1100, Atlanta, Georgia 30309, Telephone: (404) 253-6000, Facsimile: (404) 253-6060, dgordon@polsinelli.com, achampion@polsinelli.com, *Proposed Counsel to the Debtor and Debtor in Possession*

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