

NASCAR Acceleration Weekend 2013 Previews New Season

NASCAR Hall of Fame Induction, Driver Appearances, Q&As, Gen-6 Car Featured

A long winter's wait is over. NASCAR Acceleration Weekend 2013 rolled into Charlotte, N.C. Friday through Sunday, Feb. 8-10, 2013 signaling the beginning of the new season.

Three days of activities at the NASCAR Hall of Fame and adjacent Char-

lotte Convention Center included the hall's induction of the Class of 2013 and the popular NASCAR Preview 2013 featuring driver appearances, up-close viewing of the NASCAR Gen-6 race cars, autograph sessions and fan Q&As.

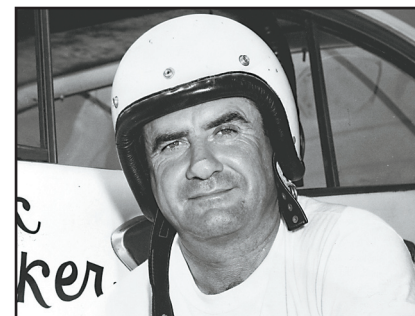


Race Fans attend the Nascar Preview at NASCAR Hall of Fame on February 9, 2013 in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Hall of Fame inductee Herb Thomas, who died in 2000 at the age of 77, won 48 races between 1951 and 1956 – establishing a record winning percentage of 21.05 percent over a 228-race career. He ranks 13th among all-time NASCAR premier series winners. Thomas won three of the first six Southern 500s at Darlington Raceway. "It's win or bust," Thomas once said. "Second place is never good enough."

The event marked the final weekend before engines roar to life at Daytona International Speedway and the start of Daytona Speedweeks 2013. The Sprint Unlimited is set for Saturday, Feb. 16 (FOX, 8 p.m. ET). Ten days of practice,



Hall of Fame inductee Buck Baker, who died in 2002 at age 83, is among five being inducted into the NASCAR Hall of Fame on Feb. 8. His fellow members of the class of 2013. "He was the perfect example of how a (stock car) driver used to be; the typical Scotch-Irish driver of the past," said H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler, the former president and general manager of Charlotte Motor Speedway and one-time sportswriter. "If you were in a corner and (it was) someplace he wanted to go, he'd be there. Either you'd be in the wall or he would."

qualifying and racing culminates with the 55th running of the Daytona 500 on Sunday, Feb. 24 (FOX, 1 p.m. ET).

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