

What's New

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NASCAR Hall of Fame Opens on Time with Fanfare

On May 11, 2010, the City of Charlotte proudly welcomed NASCAR owners and executives, celebrities, and dignitaries to the heart of the city's uptown area for the highly anticipated grand opening of the \$195 million NASCAR Hall of Fame. The BE&K Building Group — an integral member of the Turner/BE&K/Davis Joint Venture responsible for constructing the NASCAR Hall of Fame — played a major role in delivering this high-profile project to the finish line, as well as the associated Charlotte Convention Center Expansion and Parking Facility. These components of the project were timed for completion concurrent with the Hall of Fame.

The NASCAR Hall of Fame is owned by the City of Charlotte, licensed by NASCAR and operated by the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority (CRVA). Turner/BE&K/Davis, a joint venture of Turner Construction Company, BE&K Building Group and Walter B. Davis (a minority owned firm), broke ground on the Hall of Fame, Convention Center Expansion and Parking Facility in early 2007.



Grand Opening Day festivities included a fireworks display despite overcast skies.

Designed by the world-renowned New York architectural firm Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, and regional firm Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, the NASCAR Hall of Fame honors the heritage of NASCAR. The high-tech venue, designed to educate and entertain race fans and non-fans alike, includes artifacts, interactive exhibits, a "Hall of Honor," and a 275-person "High Octane Theater" featuring a 64-foot-wide curved projection screen with surround sound. Additional amenities include a casual restaurant and the NASCAR Hall of Fame Gear Shop. The facility also houses a NASCAR Media Group-operated broadcast studio.

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About the BE&K Building Group — The BE&K Building Group, a KBR Company, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a prominent construction services firm with an established track record for serving commercial, healthcare, industrial, and institutional clients throughout the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and South Central regions. The BE&K Building Group, which has operations in nine locations, is the exclusive commercial construction arm of KBR, a leading U.S. based engineering, construction and services company.

Impeccable Safety Record

The Turner/BE&K/Davis joint venture and the N.C. Department of Labor (NCDOL)/OSHA entered a special partnership agreement that allowed NCDOL to play an enhanced and supportive role in the safety and health of the project's large construction workforce.

"Reaching one million man-hours without a lost-work day is a significant accomplishment, especially on a construction project of this magnitude. This milestone is a testament to the success of our partnership with the Turner/BE&K/Davis team. I applaud their commitment to the safety of their workers."

— Cherie Berry
NC Labor Commissioner

Project Details

- 150,000 sf NASCAR Hall of Fame interactive entertainment attraction and museum. Great Hall features a 14' x 18' fan billboard screen. Reception capacity is 680; banquet seating for 360 people. Glory Road's 0 to 33° banked ramp simulates various racetracks. This area highlights 40 current and historic racetracks; features 18 historic cars.
- 102,000 sf expansion to the Charlotte Convention Center, includes the new Crown Ballroom — a 140,000 sf facility (the largest of its kind in Charlotte area). Features built-in stage (30' x 60' x 32'). Banquet seating capacity is 2,400; theater seats 4,200 people.
- 350,000 sf parking facility for 1,000-plus vehicles. Cast-in-place, post-tensioned concrete structure has five levels — three below ground — with convention center ballroom placed atop uppermost level. The parking structure is bound on three sides by busy city streets.

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