



Ward Burton

Full Throttle Racer

Ward Burton made the NASCAR Cup series in 1994, and today is considered one of the all-time best in NASCAR, with five Nextel Cup racing wins under his belt, including the coveted 2002 44th Daytona 500 Champion title. In his racing career, Ward has secured 24 Top 5 finishes and 85 Top 10 finishes out of the 356 races that he competed in throughout NASCAR's top series.

The Burton name is synonymous with stock car racing. Both Ward and his brother, Jeff, grew up racing each other at their hometown track in South Boston, Virginia. Both have had illustrious careers in the top series of NASCAR.

Despite the success and the demands that a career in NASCAR's top series can bring, though, Burton has always had time for his fans, and that's why he remains just as popular today.

Ward still resides in his native South Boston with his wife and three children. These days Ward spends much of his time back at his hometown speedway in South Boston, where his son, Jeb, 16, has just debuted in stock car races there. Jeb is a natural talent behind the wheel and is expected to move quickly through the ranks to follow his father's footsteps into the elite circle of NASCAR's best drivers.

Full Throttle Conservationist

Ward and his foundation, The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation, are pioneers in environmental education and advocacy, resource protection, and habitat restoration. He has dedicated his life to giving back to the next generation our natural resources.

The foundation has been recognized both by leaders at every level of government and has partnered with several leading conservation organizations to develop state-of-the-art environmental and engineering programs. These projects have served as a conservation model both regionally and nationally.

Ward is committed to global environmental policy issues from renewable energy to enabling landowners to access federal and state programs that protect their land in perpetuity and allow for the land to be passed down from generation to generation with minimal financial impact.



Ward speaks regularly at the state and national levels, including The White House Cooperative Conservation, and is often called upon by dignitaries to offer advice on environmental policies that affect the United States. There are also numerous publications about his work.

"Our natural resources are like a child. It has no voice. We can either nurture or abuse. It is our inherited responsibility as Americans to give our natural resources a positive voice for future generations to come."

Achievements

NASCAR ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1995 winner, AC Delco 400 in Rockingham, North Carolina
- 2000 winner, Mall.com 400 in Darlington, South Carolina
- 2001 winner, Southern 500 in Darlington, South Carolina
- 2002 winner, Daytona 500
- 2002 winner, New England 300 in Loudon, New Hampshire
- Who's Who of drivers at Darlington Raceway for multiple track wins
- Seven Bud Pole awards
- 2000 second year in a row finishing in the top 10 in the final NASCAR Winston Cup point

ACHIEVEMENTS IN CONSERVATION:

- Founder of the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation
- Recipient of the Governor's Award for Clean Air Champion
- USDA radio spokesman
- Key note speaker at the White House's Cooperative Conservation Conference
- 2006 Fundraiser of the Year
- Recipient of the Virginian Award from the Virginia Broadcasters' Association
- National spokesperson for the U.S.F.W.S. Wildlife Refuge Centennial, 2003-04
- National spokesperson for the NRA
- Spokesperson for the Virginia Park System
- Involved with the 4-H clubs in Alabama and Virginia through PSAs and assisting 4-H clubs to conduct wildlife enhancement programs on Foundation land
- Capital campaign chairman for the Conservation Education Center at the Appomattox 4-H Camp, Appomattox, Virginia - this \$15 million campaign requires many meetings with donors, state leaders, and related fundraising events.
- 2004 Spokesperson for the Capital Christmas Tree Campaign in Washington, DC



- Partner with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to create awareness for the need to protect and create additional wetlands in America
- Spokesperson for the 2004 Save Our Salmon campaign - an alliance of six fishing organizations in the Pacific Northwest organized to create spawning habitat for salmon and steelhead for recreational and commercial fishing
- Spokesperson and celebrity draw to an annual fundraiser for Return to Nature, Inc., a non-profit conservation educational organization that takes the conservation and stewardship message into the elementary schools reaching over 210,000 students nationwide
- Spokesperson for National Hunting and Fishing Day
- Spokesperson for National 4-H Shooting Sports
- Promotional work for Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, and Wildlife Forever for membership drives and animal re-introduction
- PSAs for the Alabama DNR and the West Virginia DNR to promote their work in conservation, hunting safety programs, and Hunters for the Hungry
- PSAs for Wildlife Mississippi for membership drives and events
- Former board member of Wildlife Forever
- Assisted the Hoosier Heritage Youth Foundation to establish an organization providing conservation education to youth
- Hosted hunting and fishing events with ill and terminally ill children from the United Special Sportsmen Alliance and Carilion Health System
- Honorary co-leader of the Virginia Natural History Museum in Martinsville fundraising efforts
- Life member of the National Rifle Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Quality Deer Management Association, and the National Wild Turkey Federation
- Partnerships with Beretta, VASF Chemical Company, and ACF Foresters
- Through his efforts, Ward has been afforded such opportunities and accolades as key note speaker at the White House's
- Cooperative Conservation Conference, 2006 Fundraiser of the Year, recipient of the Governor's Award for Clean Air Champion, spokesperson for the Virginia Park System, and won the 2008 Environmental Leadership Award from Environment Virginia.
- On November 1, 2005 then Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner appointed Burton to the Virginia Board of Game and Inland Fisheries. Ward assumed the seat on the board for Virginia's 5th Congressional District.



WORLDWIDE
SPEAKERS GROUP

HIGHLIGHTED ACHIEVEMENTS IN CONSERVATION:

- 2008 The Governor's Environmental Excellence Award
- 2008 Leadership Award
- 2006 Fundraiser of the Year
- Conservation Education Center at the Appomattox 4-H - capital campaign chairman
- White House Cooperative Conservation Conference - Key note speaker
- Governor's Award for Clean Air Champion - Recipient
- 2006 Federal Duck Stamp judge
- 2006-2007 nature Conservatory spokesperson
- 2006-2207 USDA Radio spokesperson
- Cooperative Conservation program with Disney, Inc.
- Former board member of Wildlife Forever
- Board member, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
- Capital campaign chairman for the Conservation Education Center at the Appomattox 4-H Camp
- Partner of the Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Honorary co-leader of the Virginia Natural History Museum in Martinsville fundraising efforts