

DEGA TRANSFORMED

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It's almost complete. The 50 million dollar infield project will be ready Talladega Super Speedway fall weekend of October 11, 12, and 13 th . The weekend double header Nascar Playoffs will be a one of a kind Talladega Garage Experience (TGE) which will feature "up close" access to race cars, drivers, and garage crew. The heart of this new facility is the open-air social club with 35,000 square feet of comfortable seating, a 74-foot bar, and a 41-foot video screen. New concessions, with most items at 4 dollars, have also been added.

Two garages on opposite sides will house the top 22 teams in the Monster Energy Cup Series. Two other nearby garages will hold the rest of the teams with up close viewing as well. You will be able to see "your" driver and team which ever that may be.

The new Gatorade Victory Lane will offer fans a close look at the winner and be part of the celebration. The stage will also be used for drivers Q&A and live musical acts on the covered stage.

The new Pit Road Club is directly behind pit road and for an entrance fee will offer access to TGE and will serve breakfast and lunch with unlimited beer, soda, water and afternoon hor d'oeuvres. Former



and current drivers also helped out. Rusty Wallace tightened the last bolt on the Social Club and also drove the floor polisher until he started drifting the heavy machine and they had to take the keys away from him. (Just kidding). You can take the driver

out of the race, but not the race out of the driver. Rusty also posed with the winners wreath. A throw back to 1969 when it started and will now be brought back in victory lane.

Current driver Matt DiBenedetto also helped with running the paving machine for the parking lot of the TGE. Matt was tight lipped about anyone picking him up

for next season but it was announced in the next few days that he would be driving for the Wood Brothers in the number 21 car replacing Paul Menard full time in 2020.



IT'S "LEFTY LOOSEY, RIGHTY TIGHTY" RUSTY



GO! RUSTY GO!



VICTORY CIRCLE 50 YEARS LATER

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