

Wednesday, April 18 • 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Larry McReynolds

One of NASCAR's most successful and recognized crew chiefs, Larry McReynolds' NASCAR career began in 1975. He worked his way up the ladder and took his first crew chief job in 1985. His first win as a crew chief was in 1988 at Watkins Glen with Ricky Rudd as the driver. The combination in 1991 of McReynolds, Robert Yates and driver Davey Allison was pure magic! Together they brought home 11 wins and three pole positions, and McReynolds won his first Daytona 500 in 1992 with Allison behind the wheel of the famous No. 28 Texaco Ford.



When teamed with driver Ernie Irvan in 1993, the two combined for five pole positions. After joining Richard Childress Racing in 1997, McReynolds helped NASCAR legend Dale Earnhardt earn the one missing jewel of his champion's crown—the 1998 Daytona 500!

McReynolds has enjoyed 23 victories, 21 pole positions, 122 Top 5 finishes and 209 Top 10 finishes in 457 starts! McReynolds-led teams have finished in the Top 10 in the Winston Cup point standings six times and finished in the Top 5 three of those times. At the end of the 2000 NASCAR season, McReynolds made the hard decision to leave Richard Childress Racing to venture into the Fox Sports broadcast booth with Mike Joy and three time Winston Cup champion Darrell Waltrip.

But amidst all the success also came tragedy. Not only was McReynolds the crew chief for Allison, they were best friends who spent more time together away from the track than at the track. Allison's fatal helicopter accident on his way to Talladega Superspeedway in 1993 tore at the very heart and soul of McReynolds. Later in 2001, McReynolds was broadcasting the race for FOX Sports when another of his treasured friends, Dale Earnhardt, was killed in the final lap of the Daytona 500.

McReynolds will speak to his success and heartbreak, and why he not only continues to broadcast for FOX Sports and SPEED, but how he fully supports his son's NASCAR career.

Meet Larry following the Awards Brunch! He will be in USG's booth #303 until 1 p.m.