



My Private Tour at Hendrick Motorsports



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NASCAR is Alive and Well Here in the Carolinas!



Pictured here the #24 Jeff Gordon car and the #5 Kasey Kahne car.

Interest & Dividends

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Ever think about what it would be like to be a race car driver?

I think most of us have thought about what it would be like to be something that would otherwise seem to be out of our reach at one time or another. The truth is, hard work and dedication will get you far. You may not become the rock star, ballet dancer, major league baseball player or race car driver that you would have liked to have been, but it will still get you far.

I had a chance to get a private tour of the Hendrick “garage” as they call it. I can assure you, it is not even



This is a measuring apparatus for the car frames.

close to what you would normally consider being a garage!

Brian Whitesell gave us the tour, who has quite an impressive resume in the racing world. He is the uncle of one of the kids in Cub Scouts that our Sam is friends

with down the street and the Team Manager for Hendrick.

From the moment you walk into the building, you know that racing is serious business. There is not a spec of dirt to be found, anywhere. Everything is neat and tidy with not so much as a nut or bolt laying on a tool box.

Understanding how much engineering and how precise everything is built blew me away. When they build the frame of the cars, their goal is to be within three

decimal places of being perfectly accurate. Brian told me that they usually miss it and are only within 2 decimal places of being perfectly accurate....unbelievable.

Even if you’re not a raving NASCAR fan, the preparation and the behind the scenes of what it takes to build a race car is something to behold. Thank you again Brian for an evening at the Hendrick Motorsports “garage”.

Enjoy your January edition of Interest & Dividends!

- David



I was only allowed to take pictures in this room from afar although I was able to get up close and personal anywhere that I wanted. The painted body seen above you will also see at Daytona in February. Jeff Gordon will be inside of it.

2014 Has Arrived!



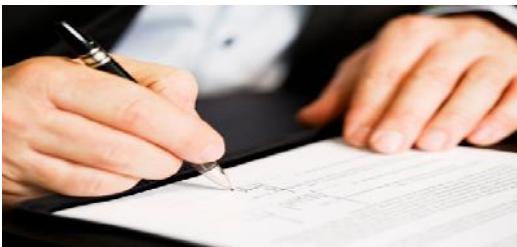
So 2014 has arrived and with it comes a whole new crop of, you guessed it, New Year's resolutions!

Ah yes, the ever famous New Year's resolution. I had to dig in a little on this one so that I could find what the top 10 were. I'm not a big fan of saving change for a New Year but hey, that's just me.

Okay, here we go. The top 10 New Year's resolutions that are broken :) are:

- Lose Weight and Get Fit
- Quit Smoking
- Learn Something New
- Eat Healthier and Diet
- Get Out of Debt and Save Money
- Spend More Time with Family
- Travel to New Places
- Be Less Stressed
- Volunteer
- Drink Less

My take on change is that if you're making change for the better, do it NOW. Waiting for a New Year is just procrastination.



On a business note, I would like to mention that the start of a New Year is a great time to put some financial processes in place that you could reap the rewards from now or in the future. If you'd like a list of the top 10 financial improvements that I helped people make in 2013, just call or email me and I'll send them to you. There's always room for improvement.

Numerous public polls continue to reveal that the number one fear of people that have retired is that they will run out of money. With a good plan, the risk of that happening can be reduced drastically. If you or someone that you know has that concern, get in touch with me and I'll be happy to help.

Personal Note

On a personal note, I'd like to mention that Cindy and I will be welcoming a third boy to our family on or around March 3rd. His name will be Spencer so we'll have the S's covered; Sam, Simon and Spencer. Also, if you're wondering how Simon is doing, he's very well. We actually had a breakfast power meeting at Showmars this morning. See for yourself.....



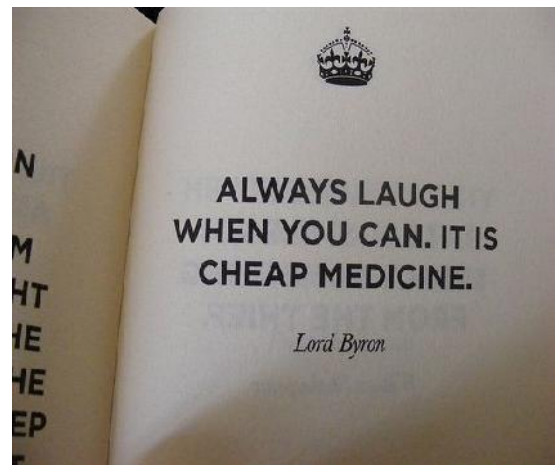
Brian Whitesell pictured above.



Brian pictured with the Cub Scouts.



Our Cub Scout Sam pictured in front of Dale Earnhardt, Jr's car that he will be racing in Daytona.



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