

Dale Earnhardt Jr. knows just how to spend the upcoming off week

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NASCAR -- except for the Nationwide Series -- is off for Easter weekend and Dale Earnhardt Jr. has plans for how to spend it.

"I'm going to raise a little hell and I'm going to go to [Whisky River](#) and I'm going to go on vacation during Easter and take it easy, man," he said. Whisky River is his bar in Charlotte.

Junior finished 20th at Texas, the site of his first career win in 2000. He's not sure how he could have improved on that finish at a track like Texas where track position is so important.

"We were running pretty good all day. We were really fast. We just started way back there and you can't pass. You've got to start where you've got to finish, you know. You've got to start up front or you won't finish here," he said.

So he was asked whether that means his team needs to pay more attention to qualifying.

"Yeah, we've actually been thinking about that too. We've been working toward showing up in qualifying trim. We used to show up in race trim and run a half-hour in that first Friday practice and now we're we're just going to show up in qualifying trim for a while and try to get better. Really, it's so challenging and so hard to pass, especially at a place like this, starting up front really helps and the cars drive a lot better when they're up in clean air," he said.

"Our teammates always did it and I wondered why we never did. So we're doing what they're doing."

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Dale Earnhardt Jr. gets ready for a practice session at Texas Motor Speedway.