



Weekly Edition

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Announcements



STEM Volunteers Needed for Detroit Students

SAE A World in Motion, a Ford-supported STEM program for kids in pre-K through eighth grade, is looking for volunteers to help students in Detroit schools. Training will be provided and a free background check is required. Email acoll121@ford.com to sign up, for more info or to be notified when new opportunities are available.

Ford News



F-150 Lightning Towing, Pro Power On-board Impresses in Journalist Test

Every vehicle takes a range hit when used for towing. But it's one of the most common critiques of the F-150 Lightning.

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Bronco® Brand Earns Rebelle Rally's First-Ever Three-Peat In X-Cross™

The Bronco Sport Badlands duo lead five out of seven rally days in the X-Cross class, which features two-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicles.

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Throwback: Ford Employee Remembers Parents' 2005 Mustang Build

Those Mustangs, code-named S197, were the first in their 40-year existence to be built at Auto Alliance International, now known as...

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Son Of RCP Employee Now Singing for Team Blake

During COVID, Brayden Lape got bored. The high school freshman was going to school virtually and his school district shut down all athletic activities for the year.

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Global Notes



Petrolhead Heaven as Dunton Hosts Vehicles Enthusiasts Day

Around 160 vehicles were on display at the Dunton Vehicles Enthusiasts Day, the first since before lockdown.

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Next-Gen Ford Territory Combines Modern Design with Smart Technologies

Ford Vietnam officially launched the Next-Gen Territory, marking its return in the C-SUV segment in Vietnam...

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Ford Pays Tribute to Former Executive, Opens Richard Parry-Jones Center

The Richard Parry-Jones Appraisal Center honors the company's renowned engineering leader who passed away in April...

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Robert Thacker, who retired from the Design Center in 1999, is pictured with his cars (from left): a 1952 Ford Customline, a 2004 Ford Thunderbird and a 2021 Lincoln Nautilus.

Outside Voices

Hype Surrounding Ford F-150 Lightning Well-Deserved

(Wards Auto) The F-150 Lightning is one of the stars of Ford's drive to electrification. And the battery-electric full-size pickup shows it's worthy of the ballyhoo by being named a Wards 10 Best Engines & Propulsion Systems winner for 2022.

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Response to Ford Lightning Is Surprising Even to Its Chief Engineer

(Edmunds) Three-quarters of Lightning buyers are new to Ford, which is a surge the company didn't expect.

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This Ford Mustang Has Been Trapped in A Barn for Over 40 Years

(Hot Cars) This barn find showcased by Jerry Heasley on YouTube is as an all-American and real barn find. It is a classic Ford Mustang, in the heartland of America in a Michigan barn.

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Ford Employees Recreation Association (FERA)

FERA offers recreation and travel opportunities for Ford employees and alumni. It has more than 45 clubs to support your recreation interests, as well as discounts on travel (such as trips to Orlando, Fla. and hotels) and attractions (like the North American International Auto Show and the Renaissance Festival). You can find more information by visiting www.fera.org. **The FERA desk at Ford World Headquarters is now permanently closed. The roving FERA desk has been suspended until further notice.** Send questions or for more information, email fera@ford.com.

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Alumni Club Information Now Online

****NEW UPDATES****

A complete list of alumni club information and group meetings has been **relocated to an [@FordOnline web page](#)**.

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