



## Weekly Edition

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## Announcements



### **Ford Releases September U.S. Sales**

Ford EV Sales tripled in September and the company remained America's No. 2 EV maker, as Mustang Mach-E sales climbed 47%. Meanwhile, F-Series and Transit vans ranked first in both the gas and electric segments and Bronco sales more than tripled.

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## 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](mailto:acoll121@ford.com) to sign up, for more info or to be notified when new opportunities are available.

## Ford News



### From Jim Farley: Celebrating an American Classic

To celebrate the launch of the all-new Mustang, Jim Farley talks with Ford archivist Ted Ryan about Mustang's rich history and takes questions...

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### **F-150 Lightning Impresses Ford Retiree Dad – And the Neighbors**

Erin Shuster treated her father to a Ford F-150 Lightning test drive that turned into a cool demonstration of the vehicle's abilities.

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### **New Ford GT LM Celebrates Ford's Le Mans Winning Heritage**

The 2022 Ford GT LM Edition celebrates America's only Le Mans-winning race car that won in 2016 and the historic 1-2-3 podium sweep...

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### **Throwback: Ford Plants Seeds of Truck Leadership with Model TT**

The truck retained the cab and engine of its predecessor but also included a heavier-duty frame capable of carrying a payload of up to one ton.

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## **Global Notes**



### **Former Whirlpool, Osram, Honeywell Executive Joining Ford China**

Sam Wu joined Ford China on Oct. 1 in the new role of managing director and chief operating officer.

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## All-New Ford Mustang GT Supercars Race Car Revealed

Ford's challenger for the 2023 Australian Supercars Championship was shown in pit lane, in a global first appearance...

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The additional locks complement Ford's existing security features, and are available for front...

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James Shaffer, who retired from the Product Development Center in 2007, with his 2021 Lincoln Aviator Black Label. "I love this Aviator and have had Lincolns for years," he said.

## Outside Voices

### **2022 Ford GT LM Edition Carries Lots of 3D-Printed Titanium**

(CNET) The GT LM receives a unique 3D-printed titanium exhaust, in addition to a titanium GT LM badge just above the tailpipes.

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### **Ford Maverick Lariat Truck Review: What You Get for \$35,000**

(*Business Insider*) I drove the \$35,000 Ford Maverick. The small pickup is perfect for people who want more than an SUV but hate huge trucks.

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### **10 Reasons Why We'd Buy a Ford Mustang Mach-E Over a Tesla Model Y**

(*Hotcars*) Within the world of electric vehicles, one name has taken the motoring world by storm. And Tesla knows it.

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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](http://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](mailto:fera@ford.com).

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# Alumni Club Information



Members of the Ford Retirees Club of Tellico Village, Tennessee recently celebrated the club's 25th anniversary. They received a recognition letter from Executive Chair Bill Ford thanking them for their many volunteer activities. Also, a certificate from the Tennessee Department of Transportation was presented for the club's 25 years of participation in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

The club, founded by Jerry Halkey and Bob Bierman, had 28 members at its first meeting in 1997, nine of which attended the anniversary party. The club has grown to 61 members today. It holds bi-monthly luncheon meetings and other planned events. The anniversary party was coordinated by Jo Ellen Campbell and her team of: Larry Campbell, Bill and Donna Long, Sharon Clayton, Bruce Rein, and Kathie and Bart Hogarth (club president). Picture courtesy of Bart Schmidt.

### **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.**

**Click here** to check out the listing of alumni clubs and groups, as well as upcoming meeting dates shared with the Blue Oval Connect team.

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