



Weekly Edition

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Announcements



Michigan Central Advances Plans for Mobility Innovation District; Google Joins Ford as Founding Member

Not only is Ford welcoming Google as the first founding member of the Michigan Central innovation district to join Ford, we also are announcing a landmark new public-partnership with the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit which allows us to continue creating a hub for mobility innovation, entrepreneurship, sustainability and community development.

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VIDEO: Lincoln Celebrates a Century of Elegance and Innovation, Looks Ahead to a Connected, Electrified Future

On Feb. 4, 1922, Henry Ford, with encouragement from his wife Clara and his son Edsel Ford, purchased The Lincoln Motor Company from distinguished inventor and automotive engineer Henry Leland for \$8 million. The transaction set in motion the creation of an iconic American luxury brand.

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Modern Luxury, Intuitive Technology: Lincoln Takes Top Spot in 2022 MotorTrend's Ultimate Car Rankings

The 2021 Navigator, Lincoln's flagship full-size SUV, once again ranked first place in the best luxury full-size 3-row SUV, ahead of the 2022 Jeep Grand Wagoneer and the 2022 Cadillac Escalade with a score of 8.7. MotorTrend called the Navigator "legitimately luxurious" with a refined, capable powertrain and gorgeous interior.

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The banner features the Ford logo in white on a dark blue background. Below the logo, the text reads "Behind the Blue Oval" in a large, white, sans-serif font, followed by "A Conversation about Ford Driver Assist" in a smaller font. To the right is a portrait of Amy Garby, a woman with blonde hair wearing a grey blazer over a pink top. To her right, the text says "Opening Remarks" in italics, followed by "Amy Garby" in a bold font, and "Chief Driver Assist Features & Software" in italics. At the bottom of the banner, a dark blue bar contains the text "Register Now at blueovalevent.com" in white.

Register Now for "Behind the Blue Oval: A Conversation About Ford Driver Assist"

Ask Ford's most innovative minds about what's happening behind the scenes in Driver Assist Technology. Join us Feb. 17th for a live Q&A session with DAT team members to learn about exciting projects like BlueCruise, how we are using Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to support sensing and perception, what it's like to work here in one of the fastest growing technology fields, and opportunities for your friends and family to join the team.

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Ford News



Built for America, Ready for Work: Ford Pro™ Begins Shipping Electric E-Transit to Customers, Works to Boost Production

Ford E-Transit™, the electric version of America’s best-selling commercial van is now shipping across the U.S. The popular E-Transit already has more than 10,000 orders from businesses of all sizes and Ford is working on ways to increase production. The all-new E-Transit is produced at Kansas City Assembly Plant – Ford’s first U.S. plant to assemble both batteries and all-electric vehicles in-house...

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Special-Edition Ford Bronco Everglades Engineered and Outfitted to Take on Extreme Adventures with Confidence

For off-roaders looking to go further off the grid, Ford today has introduced the new 2022 Ford Bronco® Everglades™ special edition – an SUV born to breathe when the air gets thick and designed to press on when the trail turns others around. For decades, Bronco SUVs have traversed remote locations with G.O.A.T. – Goes Over Any Type of Terrain – mentality. Bronco Everglades, available...

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Ford GT Alan Mann Heritage Edition Celebrates Experimental GT Race Car Prototypes from 1966 at Chicago Auto Show

As a tribute to Alan Mann Racing's 1966 Ford GT lightweight experimental prototypes, Ford is introducing the Ford GT Alan Mann Heritage Edition. The limited-edition vehicle celebrates the role the prototypes played in the history of the development of the Ford GT. In 1965-66, Alan Mann Racing used lighter materials to create AM GT-1, along with a second car, based on the GT Mk I. While neither prototype...

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Parking Lot DJ Shares His Love of Music with Others at Kansas City Assembly Plant

Every night before his shift begins at Kansas City Assembly Plant, Jeffrey Tarpinning, a weld tear-down inspector in the Transit body department, stakes out a parking spot near the front entrance as close to the turnstiles as possible. Then he settles in to relax a little and play DJ, rolling down the windows of his Expedition and cranking up the jams to share a variety of energetic tunes with employees arriving for the night shift or leaving work for the day...

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Global Notes



Next-Gen Ford Ranger Raptor Pushed to the Limits: Reveal Date Announced

Ford Motor Company will reveal the ultimate performance derivative of the Ranger on February 22, at 2 p.m. Bangkok time via Ford's Facebook and YouTube channels. Developed by Ford Performance for off-road enthusiasts, the next-gen Ranger...

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How a Unique Ford Transit is Helping Long Covid Sufferers Breathe Better

The National Health Service in Essex has teamed up with Ford and local community health leaders to identify and assess the effects of 'long Covid' using a Ford Transit van as a mobile clinic. The clinic uses spirometry testing - a diagnostic...

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Ford Thailand Racing Organized 'Track Day' for Customers, Dealers and Employees

On Saturday, February 5, Ford Thailand Racing team (FTR) hosted 86 Ford Ranger customers from various clubs, Ford dealers and employees for a fun 'Track Day' at the Bira International Circuit, Chonburi. Participants were...

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Weekly Spotlight

To continue celebrating Lincoln's 100th anniversary as part of Ford Motor Company, share a photo and a memory of your Lincoln, or of working with the Lincoln brand.

Phil Schilke retired in December 2002 after 30 years at Ford Light Truck Engineering. Here is his 4th Lincoln CUV, a 2020 Lincoln Nautilus.

Outside Voices

New \$53,000 Ford Bronco Everglades Has a Snorkel: How it Protects Engine

(Detroit Free Press) No, this isn't a James Bond getaway vehicle. It's the new 2022 Ford Bronco Everglades, an SUV built with a snorkel that's scheduled to debut at the Chicago Auto Show on Thursday. The snorkel is designed and engineered by Ford. And it comes straight from the factory, having...

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VIDEO: Bill Ford on Ford Motor Future: “We’re Going All Electric”

(Fortune) An “epoch in Detroit’s industrial history,” as The New York Times put it at the time, was written 100 years ago on Friday when Ford Motor Co. bought Lincoln Motor Co. for \$8 million. The sale, the Times reported in a February 1922 article, came together after automotive entrepreneur...

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Ford Knocks Toyota Off Perch as Brand Americans Consider First

(Kelley Blue Book) More Americans considered buying a Ford than a car from any other brand in the fourth quarter of 2021. It’s the first time a brand other than Toyota has taken the title in more than four years. The news comes from Kelley Blue Book’s Brand Watch survey – a quarterly consumer perception survey...

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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

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

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