



## Weekly Edition

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*(Editor's note: This is the final edition of Blue Oval Connect for 2022. We wish you a happy and safe holiday season. Blue Oval Connect will return Jan. 6, 2023.)*

## Announcements



## **F-150 Lightning Wins MotorTrend Truck of the Year for 2023**

The win sets a precedent – the F-150 Lightning is the first electric truck to win by a unanimous vote among the judges. It’s also only the second time an electric vehicle has won unanimously in the history of MotorTrend's “Of the Year” competitions

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**RELATED: [Employees Celebrate F-150 Lightning’s Truck of the Year Honor](#)**



## **New Ford Escape Achieves Top Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Good Rating**

Of the 15 small SUVs tested, Escape was one of only two to receive the IIHS top tier ‘good’ rating. The new IIHS 2.0 moderate front overlap crash testing now includes measuring impact to rear-seat occupants in addition to front passengers.

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# Volunteers Needed

## **STEM Volunteers Needed for Detroit Schools Students**

In-person STEM volunteers are needed once each week for about 6-8 weeks starting in January for the Ford-sponsored SAE A World in Motion, a hands-on program for Detroit Public Schools Community District students in pre-K through eighth grade. Training is 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.

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## **Ford News**



### **Jim Farley To Retirees: ‘Until We Fix Quality, Nothing Else Matters’**

Going forward, Ford is targeting best-in-class in every segment, Farley said.

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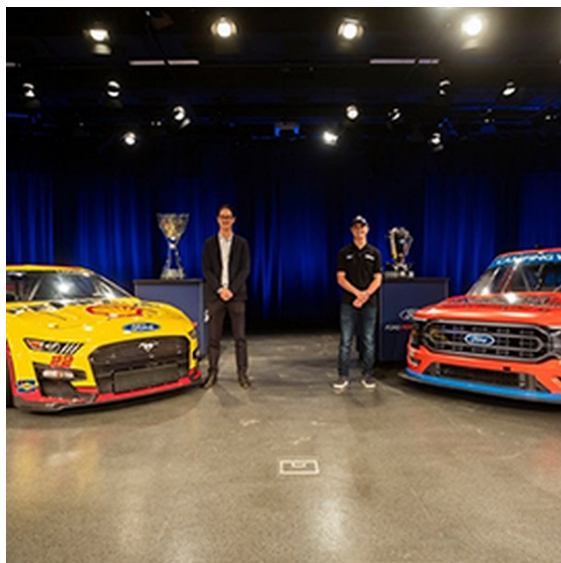


### **Throwback: Ford Taurus Stars in Hit Holiday Films**

It is probably best for “Robocop,” but Taurus has also served as a sleigh...

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### **NASCAR Champions Visit WHQ, Take Photos with Employees**

Joey Logano visited the Dearborn campus, along with NASCAR Trucks Series champion Zane Smith.

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### **REVC Employees Help to Save Colleague's Life**

The employee had back issues the week prior, but Matt McCormick sensed something else was...

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# Global Notes



## Extra Festive Fun for All at the Ford Family Fun Hub

Fed up watching Christmas movies, or indulging in your favorite yuletide snacks?

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## Meet the World's First Fully Accessible Mustang Mach-E

Ford Spain presented the world's first fully accessible Mustang Mach-E to Ford...

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## F-150 Raptor Off-Road Academy Opens in China

The drive experience for media, influencers, F-150 Raptor owners and fans began in early...

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## Outside Voices

### **The Mustang Mach-E And F-150 Lightning Are Paying Dividends for Ford**

*(TopSpeed)* Ford's commitment to producing EVs is proving to be a lucrative choice, but the Blue Oval has a long way to go to catch up to top EV maker Tesla.

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### **Ford's EV Production Is the Innovative Future We Never Saw Coming**

*(Slash Gear)* The reception to the F-150 Lightning, Mustang Mach-E, and E-Transit has been close to universally positive, with demand far exceeding supply. Yet with rival electric trucks, SUVs, and cars arriving all the time, expecting would-be buyers to be patient isn't a solution.

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### **Ford of Europe Aims to Be 'More American'**

*(Muscle Cars & Trucks)* European Union customers wanted the V8-powered Mustang GT so bad that Ford actually discontinued the EcoBoost model for that market, despite the conventional thought that they would go for the more fuel-efficient and affordable variant. And going forward, it appears Ford Motor Company will be leaning into this ethos a bit more.

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### **Ford Adds Work Crew at Michigan Plant as It Boosts Output of EV Pickup**

*(Reuters)* The U.S. automaker said it added 250 jobs in November at its Rouge plant in Dearborn, Michigan, as a result of the additional crew.

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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

## **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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