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## Weekly Edition

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## Announcements



### Message from Jim Farley to Buffalo Team Members

This message was shared with our Buffalo Stamping Plant team members. Please stay tuned to [@FordOnline](#) and [@BlueOvalNow](#) for further updates and resources.

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### **Jim Farley Talks Persistence, Success and Passion for Cars on New 'DRIVE' Podcast on Spotify, Debuting May 25**

What do you drive — and what drives you? That's what Jim Farley is asking guests on his new podcast "DRIVE" debuting May 25 on Spotify. Going behind the mic to interview friends, comedians and fellow auto enthusiasts, Farley takes on this new role to explore persistence, success and passions — and the ways in which cars unite us all. A project he undertook on weekends, Farley interviews some familiar names like Dax Shepard, Jimmy Kimmel and Tom Brady, but also some less-familiar ones you'll want to get to know.

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### **Innovation on Overload: Artificial intelligence Cornerstone of Global Technical Excellence Winning Project**

In the race toward electrification, Ford engineer Beatriz Garcia Collado may be in for a speeding ticket.



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# Supplier Diversity & Inclusion



## Ford Recognized for Supplier Diversity & Inclusion Efforts

Ford Motor Company has been recognized as one of the 2022 Top Global Champions for Supplier Diversity & Inclusion by WEConnect International, in partnership with Disability:IN and the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce.

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**Tune in LIVE on Monday, May 23 at 4:40 p.m. EST** to watch Ford Land Global Design and Brand Director Jen Kolstad speak at Fortune's Brainstorm Design conference in Brooklyn, N.Y. In her discussion with Fortune Senior Executive Editor Brian O'Keefe entitled "Workplace Reinvention: The New "Office," Jen will recount Ford's process for electing a hybrid work model and

how new standards for workplace design will support the future of Ford+.

Tune In Monday at 4:40 p.m.

## Ford News



### **Listen: Episode 2 of Masters of Scale with Bill Ford**

The second episode of the Masters of Scale podcast featuring Ford Motor Company executive chair Bill Ford is live. The conversation with host Reid Hoffman included the changes happening for sustainability and environmental stewardship, and the challenges and successes along the way.

Listen Now



### **Ford, Christman/Brinker and MIOSHA Gathered Workers at Michigan Central Station as Part of a National Fall Prevention Awareness Campaign**

At Michigan Central Station, some 500 construction professionals are working hard each day to restore the centerpiece of what will be a 30-acre mobility innovation district. But all project partners at the active...

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### **Daughter of Flat Rock Assembly Plant Tradesman Gets Chance to Witness Her New Mustang Being Built**

For Carla Cecil, having a brand-new car built especially for her is a first. Until now, she had always bought what was available on a dealer lot, so when she ordered her 2022 Ford Mustang in December, it was a pretty special event. Still, she expected...

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### **A Lost, But Not Forgotten, Plant Tradition**

John Chapo, an 84-year-old former die maker leader for Dearborn Tool & Die, recently came back to the Rouge for a visit to his old stomping grounds. Along for the trip was Imre Csaki, former Dearborn Tool & Die assistant plant manager, and Milo Gaynier, former plant manager and stamping engineering chief engineer.

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## **Global Notes**



**Mustang Club Mexico: 40 Years Driving Together**  
Ford Mustang, the



**The Heroes Behind Chinese Intelligent Manufacturing**  
In the summer of 2020,



**Birthday Treat for Mustang Fan Carter**  
A ride in a Mustang convertible is every little

world's most famous pony car, celebrates its 58th anniversary with the 40 years old Mustang Club México A.C, the first club in Mexico acquiesced by fans of the iconic car. The first Mustang club in Mexico was founded in 1981 by Humberto Rábago and his friends Héctor Athié and Adolfo Monroy, pony fans who were looking for a friend's community united by Mustang's love and passion.

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the Lincoln Aviator, Lincoln's first locally produced large-size luxury SUV with intelligent manufacturing hit the market. Lincoln Nautilus followed suit as a popular choice in mid-size luxury SUV segment in April 2022. Both products' impressive performance reflects the highly recognized advanced technology, superior quality, and driving experience by...

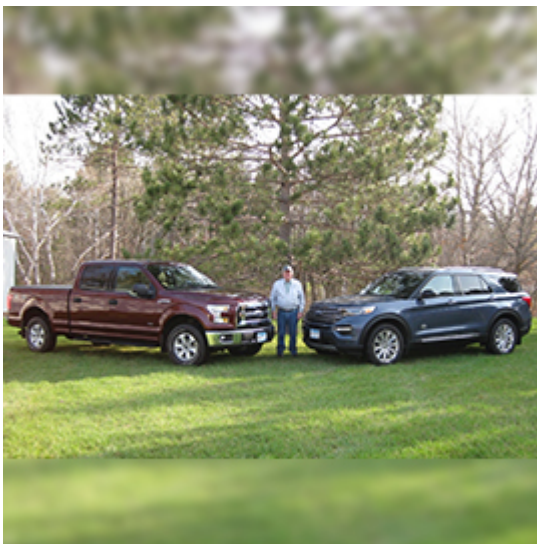
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boy's dream, and it was a dream that came true for young Carter French, after his mum Claire reached out to Essex Ford at Dunton. She wanted the autistic youngster to have the best sixth birthday possible, and he did. "It was incredible, it was just the best day," said Claire. His bedroom now sports a Ford logo and, after seeing the dealership's workshop, he is now ready to service his own...

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## Alumni Connect

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### Weekly Spotlight

Fred Seppelt retired from the Twin City Assembly Plant in 2007, where he worked in the body and paint department, after nearly 39 years. Prior to Ford, Fred sailed the Great Lakes working on the iron ore ships. He is also a Vietnam veteran. Fred is pictured here with his first pickup, a 2015 F-150 XLT, and his first SUV, a 2021 Explorer King Ranch. He is now retired and living in central Minnesota.

## Outside Voices

## **I Tested 2022 Lincoln Navigator's Hands-Free Driving on a 2,200-mile Trip: How it Went**

*(Detroit Free Press)* Hands-free highway driving takes a major step forward with Lincoln's ActiveGlide hands-free highway driving assistant. I just used the feature to drive hands-free for about 900 miles of an 1,100-mile drive from New Orleans to Detroit. I was the first outsider to test Lincoln's hands-free highway driving in long, multiday drives. I was at — but only occasionally touching — the wheel of a 2022 Lincoln Navigator.

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## **How Ford's Electric Program Aims to Change Your Truck, Electric Bill and Generator**

*(The Detroit News)* A little over four years later and with 200,000 pre-orders, Ford's F-150 Lightning EV pickup truck headlines a new Ford Motor Company business model offering electric vehicles as well as battery-powered energy solutions for the home, not unlike Elon Musk's startup.

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## **Tom Brady Taught Ford CEO Jim Farley How to Be a Better Leader**

*(Newsweek)* Ford president and CEO Jim Farley is spending his free time talking to celebrities. On weekends for the last six months, Farley has booked time for conversation with one of the stars of *El Camino Christmas*, a late-night talk show host, a woman changing the vehicle service game and a man generally regarded as one of the greatest NFL players of all time.

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## **Ford And VW-Backed Argo AI Launches Fully Driverless Car Service in Miami and Austin**

*(Fox Business)* Argo AI is giving some of its autonomous car backup drivers a break. The Ford and VW-backed self-driving car technology company has launched fully driverless ride-hailing services in Austin and Miami. Argo AI has been testing the service with human safety drivers behind the wheel and offers it through Lyft in parts of Miami.

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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).

## Directory

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For benefit questions, please contact the NESC at [1-800-248-4444](tel:1-800-248-4444) or visit [www.myfordbenefits.com](http://www.myfordbenefits.com).

## 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](#)**.

[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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