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Connect

## April 14, 2023 Edition

Thank you for registering to be a part of Ford Motor Company's bi-weekly Blue Oval Connect alumni outreach initiative.

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## Announcements



As a reminder, we're hosting a special cars and coffee event at World Headquarters from 6:45 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, April 17 to celebrate Mustang's 59th anniversary. We encourage you to bring your Mustang and share your memories. You'll also have a chance to see the all-new 2024 Ford Mustang! We'll be gathering in the south parking lot (facing Michigan Ave.). If you haven't already done so, click [here](#) to reserve a spot for your Mustang. Don't have a Mustang? Join us for complimentary coffee and donuts. We'll see you there!

**Note:** Registration is only needed if you plan to bring a Mustang to the event.

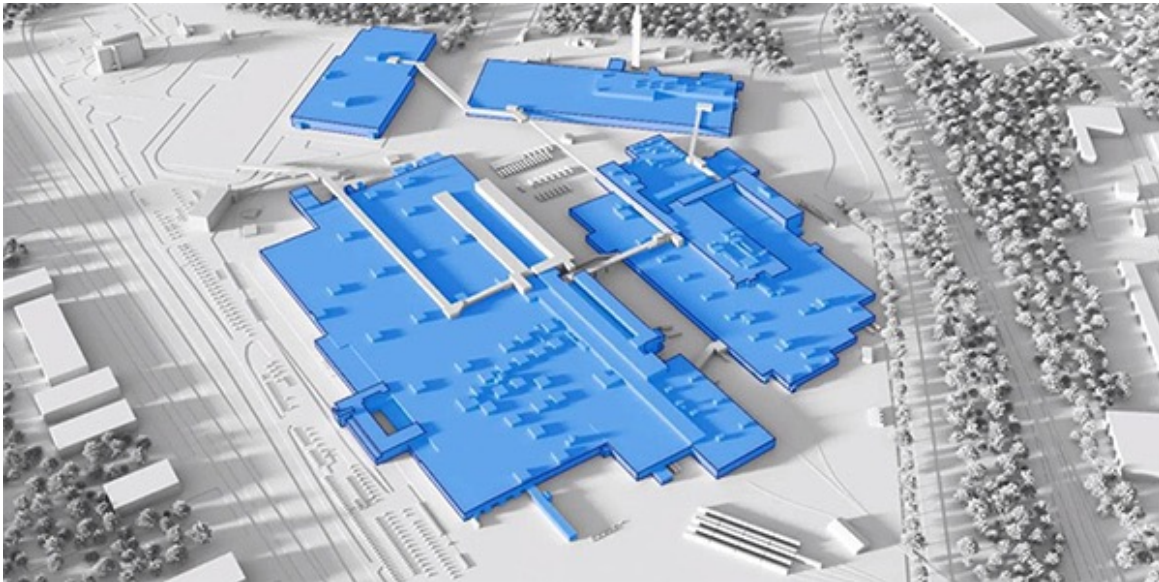
**WHAT:** Mustang Day Cars and Coffee

**WHEN:** Monday, April 17, 6:45-11 a.m.

**WHERE:** WHQ South Parking Lot (#1)

**This event will be held rain or shine.**





### **Ford Prepares Oakville, Ontario Site to Build Next-Gen EVs**

As our EV ramp up takes shape across the globe, we will begin to retool and transform the Oakville, Ont. complex in 2Q of 2024 to prepare for production of next-generation EVs, helping make electric vehicles more accessible to millions of customers.

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### **Electric Mustang Super Cobra Jet 1800 Prototype Targets New World Records**

It is targeted to best the Cobra Jet 1400's record for full-bodied EVs in the quarter-mile.

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### **Lincoln to Debut All-New Lincoln Nautilus**

On Monday, April 17 at 7 p.m. EDT, Lincoln will debut its newest SUV – the all-new 2024 Nautilus.

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## **Ford News**



## **Ford Otosan Search and Rescue Team Saves 11 People Following Deadly Quake**

The team was called to action in Hatay, a small Turkish province that borders Syria.

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**RELATED: [Throwback: 1999 - Ford Supports Longtime Partner After Turkiye Earthquake](#)**



### **Ford Heritage Vault Adds Thousands of Global Images and Brochures**

The new release adds more than 2,400 high-quality assets and images from more than 15 countries.

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### **Dearborn Truck Employee Steps in To Help Save Teammate's Life**

Last December, Dwayne Reese went above and beyond to help a teammate in need.

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### **Ford Confirms Must-Have EV Lineup Eligible for Consumer Incentives**

Ford has confirmed its current EVs and its PHEVs are eligible for Inflation Reduction Act tax credits.

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# Global Notes



## **Jim Farley Meets Ford Pro & PD teams in Dunton Ahead of New CV Reveal**

He dropped into Dunton Campus to meet the Ford Pro and PD teams ahead of the reveal.

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## **Ford Brings Hands-Free Driving Technology to Motorways in Great Britain**

Drivers of enabled Mustang Mach-Es can use Ford BlueCruise on 2,300 miles of pre-mapped motorways.

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## Why Ford Cars Could Soon Drive Themselves Off the Assembly Line

Ford is testing AI-powered automated driving technology designed to make the process more efficient.

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## Alumni Connect

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## Outside Voices

### **Study: Ford Led the Industry in U.S.-Assembled Vehicles In 2022**

*(Detroit Free Press)* Ford Motor Company is the industry leader in U.S. production volume, exports and U.S. hourly autoworker employment for the fifth straight year, according to 2022 data from the independent analytics firm S&P Global Mobility.

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### **Auto Industry Has ‘All Kinds of Opportunities’ for Women, Ford's Chief Engineer Says**

*(yahoo! finance)* Women have long been underrepresented in engineering positions. And in the male-dominated car business, the odds seem especially stacked against them. But that didn't stop Laurie Transou, chief engineer for the Ford Mustang Dark Horse, the company's latest muscle car.

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### **Ford F-150 Lightning Can Hitch a Trailer Automatically**

*(U.S. News & World Report)* Ford used artificial intelligence to develop a way to automatically hitch up a trailer to its F-Series vehicles, which include the all-electric F-150 Lightning pickup, with minimal human involvement.

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### **A 2024 Ford Mustang GT in Grabber Blue Is NASCAR’s Sweet New Pace Car**

*(The Drive)* NASCAR has never been short on cool pace cars. ... The latest is a 2024 Ford Mustang GT in Grabber Blue, which puts the S650 generation car front and center for America to see. It debuts this weekend at Martinsville where it'll lead the Truck Series, Xfinity Series, and Cup Series fields around the half-mile track.

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### **Consumer Reports Reveals Its Most Satisfying Truck Of 2023**

*(Top Speed)* If you've been searching for a compact truck that captures the essence of a true pickup—look no further, as the Ford Maverick has arrived!

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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** 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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