



## Weekly Edition

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## Announcements



## **Ford Mustang Mach-E, Explorer Achieve Top Safety Ratings in New IIHS Test**

Of the 13 midsize SUVs tested, Mustang Mach-E and Explorer were two of four utilities to receive the IIHS top tier good rating.

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## **Ford News**



### **Ford Pro Helps Customers Understand EV Tax Credits**

A new program is designed to help fleets understand Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) EV tax credits.

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### **Alert Ford Credit Employees Stop Attempted Fraud in Canada**

A Canadian man's false financial statement was no match for the Commercial Credit team.

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### **Throwback: Need for Speed Sets Alternative Fuels Pioneer on Career Path**

One of Ford's leaders in alternative fuel research actually got into the field...

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### **Community Partner Spotlight: Full 'STEAM' Ahead**

Motor City STEAM's mission is to create a pipeline of diverse, rigorously trained students to fill jobs.

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## **Global Notes**



## Ford Bronco Heading to European Customers in Limited Numbers

Ford's all-American 4x4 will soon be available to order in selected...

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## Seventh-Gen Ford Mustang GT Wins in Global Racing Debut

It secured a win and pole position in the Australian Supercars Championship over the...

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### **Vietnam Prime Minister Visits Ford Plant**

He met with leaders and employees and visited Ford's newly upgraded and expanded assembly line.

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## **Alumni Connect**

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## **Outside Voices**

## **How Ford's General Manager for Global Trucks Is Helping Other Women Climb the Corporate Ladder**

*(ClickOnDetroit)* Sondra Sutton Phung is a global leader in the automotive industry. The Ford executive is sharing her playbook to help other women climb the corporate ladder.

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## **Born In Detroit: The Lowdown on Jack White and His White-Striped Ford Broncos**

*(Detroit Free Press)* Jack White had always wanted a red Ford truck. Now he's got a pair of them — two Broncos spanning nearly five decades — and the results are eye-popping.

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## **Lincolns and Lattes Leaves Us Longing for the Past**

*(Autoweek)* Last weekend, Lincoln celebrated these rulers of the road with a brief, one-time-only revival of the original Cars and Coffee at what used to be Ford's PAG headquarters in Irvine, California, at an event called Lincolns and Lattes.

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## **89-Year-Old Gets Ride in Ford's Mach-E after Decades of EV Fandom**

*(Car And Driver)* George Chartier remained a Ford clay modeler for 37 years, turning down managerial promotions so he could continue to pursue his love of model making by working on the full-size clays, which were a key part of the vehicle design process, throughout his career.

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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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