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Hello from Cars & Places! Welcome to eNews, our weekly update on the automotive world and area happenings. If you are a new reader, welcome! We hope you enjoy our tidbits of news as we ramp up our new magazine.

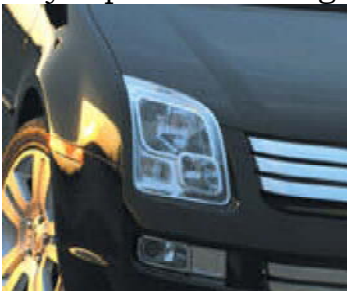


The new **Ford Fusion** will be arriving at dealers any day. Lost in the hype of the employee pricing frenzy, the all new Fusion is slated to replace the Taurus in the very crowded, mid-sized sedan segment. The Fusion is the first car to wear the new "family" look that will soon be seen on other Ford products, the bold three-bar grille. This car is aimed squarely at the Camry and Accord and with a starting price of \$17,995 will be some serious competition. Two engines are available, a 2.3 liter 4 of

160 horsepower and a 221 horsepower, 3 liter V6. Common to both engines is a 150,000 mile tune-up interval. There are three transmissions to choose from, a 5 speed manual or 5 speed automatic with the 4 cylinder and a 6 speed automatic with the V6. Ford is even talking about all-wheel-drive and hybrid versions of the Fusion for the future. Handling should be very good as the basis for the suspension is from the Mazda 6, already known as a great handling car. Great attention has been paid to the interior space and ergonomics, with features such as tilt and telescopic steering wheel and height adjustable driver seat included as standard equipment. Ford engineers have worked to achieve high safety ratings and low emission ratings for the Fusion. The 4 cylinder Fusion meets the SULEV (Super Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle) standard and will emit only 1 pound of smog forming pollution every 15,000 miles. By contrast, vehicles



meeting current Tier 1 standards emit more than 30 pounds over the same distance. The body structure has been designed to meet or exceed all the current and upcoming safety standards, including side impact. Dual deployment front air-bags are standard, with optional side and curtain airbags available. The styling, while reserved, is different and will stand out from the pack of mid-size cars. Ford has coined the term "squiracle" to describe some of the styling elements, most notably, the headlights. As the Ford press release says "partly round-partly square - it's a 'squiracle'". Weird, made-up words aside, we think the Fusion will be an important vehicle for Ford,



and definitely worth a closer look. See [www.fordvehicles.com](http://www.fordvehicles.com) for more.

The introduction of the Fusion gives us the opportunity for a trivia question. Ford wanted to name the car something else but ran into a problem. They were going to use the name of a Ford from the past but could not because another company is using it on tires. This other company refused to let Ford have their name back. What is this name? Bonus points if you can name the company that is currently using the name. The only other hint we'll offer is that the name begins with "F". A great Cars & Places polo shirt is waiting for the one with the first correct answer! Email your answer to [info@carsandplaces.com](mailto:info@carsandplaces.com).

## Places to Be!

The summer is racing by! How can you tell? Well, it's almost time for **Corvette's at Carlisle**, that's how! One of the largest Corvette only events of the year meets at the Carlisle, Pennsylvania Fairgrounds August 26-28. The show field will host Corvette's of all years, from 1953 to present.



A huge gathering of parts, tools and accessory suppliers will be on hand to showcase their wares. Each day of the event will feature different activities, such as technical seminars, auctions, a parade, autocross and many more! This is the time for Corvette owners to get out the detailing tools, clean up that dusty hot rod and get out to Carlisle! Complete details, including a downloadable brochure are available by clicking, <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/schedule/corvette/index.asp>. We will be walking the show field on Saturday, hope to see you there!



This weekend, **Parkersburg, West Virginia** celebrates its annual **Homecoming Festival**. Plenty of activities will be available for all ages. Events begin on Friday the 19th and continue through Sunday. Three separate stages will host various music groups, with something for everyone. Be sure to plan on staying for fireworks on Saturday evening and the car show at the city park on Sunday. Check out their website, <http://www.parkersburg-homecoming.com/carnivale/homecoming.htm> for times and event details.



Rose Hill Manor is celebrating their annual **Rose Hill Day** on Sunday, August 21. They are located in Frederick, Maryland. There will be an antique car show and parts flea market, an ice cream social with early-American style games and crafts for children to make and take. There is a small charge for tours of the manor house and the ice cream but most of the other events are free! See [www.rosehillmuseum.com](http://www.rosehillmuseum.com) for the full schedule.

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