

FORD WINS NA CAR AND TRUCK OF THE YEAR

Greetings from the North American International Auto Show.

As I explained last week, I'm going to have a number of discussions about your taxpayer owned car company—GM—today.

But the big news of the morning is that Ford won both the North American car and truck of the year, with the Fusion Hybrid and the Transit Connect, respectively. I expect the sweep of the awards (it is just the third time one manufacturer has won both awards) will continue Ford's success at changing its brand image.

The other big buzz this morning is the presence of a sizable congressional delegation, led by Nancy Pelosi, here to figure out what is going on with our auto industry. There's a fair amount of discussion about that among both the car people and other journalists.