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## **Studebaker Drivers Club Selects Mansfield, Ohio for 55<sup>th</sup> Annual International Meet**

**MANSFIELD, OHIO** –The **Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. (SDC)** announces the selection of Mansfield, Ohio as the site of the **2019 SDC International Meet**. Studebaker owners from across North America and beyond will bring their Studebakers and families to Mansfield for a week of history, fun, and comradery. Members show their vehicles, share information and memories, and even participate in concours judging. **The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual SDC International Meet** will take place at the Richland County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Rd., in Mansfield from September 11-14, 2019. Prior to the **Studebaker Driver's Club International Meet**, the **Antique Studebaker Club** will hold their international meet from September 9-10, 2019 with many ASC members joining SDC members during their events.

For car enthusiasts who are not members of the club, the **SDC** welcomes the public to the **Studebaker Car Show on Saturday, September 14, 2019** at the fairgrounds. There will be a nominal gate fee for the show, and guests will have access to view the cars as well as all the exhibits and parts vendors at the meet. The club expects to have 300 to 400 cars at the show, including original, restored, and modified cars, and modern Studebakers that were produced prior to the end of production in the US in December 1963. Studebakers were produced in the US until December, 1963 and, subsequent to that, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada until 1966. Larger commercial-style trucks will also be a part of the meet. "The 5 Studebaker brothers who founded Studebaker had a famous quote:

***'Always give more than you promise.'***

It was something they lived by", says SDC International Meet Chairman, Denny Foust, who hopes to bring that energy to this year's Meet. "It'll be a great week in Mansfield. The fairgrounds will be abuzz with activity all week long. The public should watch for Studebakers on city streets and mark their calendars now to see the car show at the **Fairgrounds on September 14.**"

Activities for registered members of the Studebaker Drivers Club include tours of the **Ohio State Reformatory**, a driving tour of **Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course**, tours of the **National First Ladies Museum**, **The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**, and a tour of **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**, home of the founder of Goodyear Tire, tours of smaller museums containing Studebaker vehicles, and more.

"We are honored to welcome the Studebaker Drivers Club Inc. to the Mansfield area," said Lee Tasseff, President, Destination Mansfield – Richland County. "We know they have many choices for locations to hold their conventions and meets across the country. Beyond economic impact to our area, we appreciate the prestige events like this bring to a region. We look forward to showcasing our world-class motorsports facilities and attractions and welcoming the event to our communities. It will be great seeing all these historic cars in town."

Mansfield, Ohio is home to **The Shawshank Trail**, featuring 16 area filming sites from the movie "**The Shawshank Redemption**". The area is also home to **Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course**, one of the nation's premiere road courses for Indy Cars and NASCAR Xfinity events, and a destination for the Studebakers during the meet. Favorite attractions include **Kingwood Center Gardens**, **Malabar Farm State Park**, the wedding site of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall; and **Richland Carrousel Park**. Guests can enjoy the area's **Wine & Ale Trail** which features stops at a historic bank, blueberry plantation, and even a former mortuary. Visit **Destination Mansfield.com** for a free visitor guide.

For more information on the Meet and the car show, visit [sdcmeet.com](http://sdcmeet.com). For information on the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc., visit [studebakerdriversclub.com](http://studebakerdriversclub.com) and [theantiquestudebakerclub.com](http://theantiquestudebakerclub.com).

#### **STUDEBAKER HISTORY:**

In 1835, John Clement Studebaker moved from Pennsylvania with his three sons, Henry, Clement and John Mohler Studebaker to set up a home and blacksmith shop on US 250 in Ashland, Ohio. A historical marker stands at this location. Two additional sons, Peter and Jacob were born here and all would go on to found Studebaker Corporation. The legacy of Studebaker Corporation began in 1848 when the family moved from Ashland, Ohio to South Bend, Indiana and the two oldest Studebaker Brothers, Henry and Clement opened the **H&C Blacksmiths** shop. The Studebaker Brothers Manufacturing Company, as it was known then, was formed in 1868 and produced horse-drawn buggies through the First World War. Studebaker produced its first gas-powered car in 1913. Throughout their history, the Studebaker Company produced cars, vans, buses, large trucks and military vehicles. US production ended with the closing of the South Bend, Indiana factory in December 1963.

The Studebaker Drivers Club (SDC) was founded on August 6, 1962 by the late Harry Barnes, with the purpose of honoring the Studebaker automobile and all Studebaker-related products. Boasting more than 11,500 members worldwide, there are more than 100 chartered SDC local chapters across the US and around the world.

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