



Studebaker

DRIVERS CLUB INC

May 03, 2020

Notice of Cancellation of the 56th International Meet of The Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc.

SDC and the Chapters of the Southeast Zone have been following the spread of the Covid-19 virus and its implications worldwide since the break-out, and the effect the virus is having on planning for the scheduled 56th International Meet of the club. We could never have suggested this would be happening in our world at the turn of year 2020, and have since come to the hard conclusion that SDC and the 56th International Meet Committee can no longer move forward with planning for the meet.

In light of the Covid-19 virus outbreak, large manufacturers in Chattanooga such as Volkswagen have furloughed all their manufacturing staff in the wake of the virus. Thinking logically about the situation, experts are saying that, once the quarantine is lifted, the virus could return, and we don't want a single member of SDC put at risk.

CDC guidelines state that ***"The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed. COVID-19 spreads from person to person, and can be spread by those who are infected but aren't displaying symptoms. Adults and those with underlying chronic medical conditions should take extra precautions.*** The CDC also recommends use of non-medical, cloth-based face coverings in public settings. In addition, the CDC recommends no one participate in gatherings of 10 or more people.

Further considerations are that, currently, Canadians are not allowed into the U.S. and this ruling will not even be reviewed until the end of May. Further, the U.S. is not allowing anyone from the UK and most of Europe to enter either.

It goes without saying that our membership is aging and many, with chronic conditions, are more susceptible to disease, and the safety of SDC's membership and compliance with state and federal public-health restrictions and guidelines are foremost on our minds. The safety of our members is paramount. We have NO intention of putting our membership at risk.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of SDC on May 3, the decision was made to discontinue planning for and conducting the 56th International Meet. This move is supported by the Executive Committee and the members of the Southeast Chapter of SDC who have been planning for the meet. This decision was not made lightly, but with considerable input from the Chattanooga Meet Planning Committee, the SDC International Meet Committee and the SDC Executive Committee with the full support of the SDC Board of Directors.

For the above stated reasons, planning for the 56th International Meet of the Studebaker Drivers Club, Inc. has been suspended, and the **56th International Meet is hereby cancelled.**

Please follow the below-listed guidelines regarding the meet:

1. **If you are Pre-registered for the meet** before **05/03/2020**, SDC will be handling the cancellation of your registration and a refund, **IN FULL** of your Registration \$\$\$ will be handled by us. Registrations received after **05/03/2020** will be returned to the sender.
2. As a **Registrant** for the meet, you should
 - a. Cancel your hotel/motel room reservation
 - b. Cancel any flight reservation you may have made
 - c. Cancel your rental car reservation
3. As a **Vendor** for the meet, you should:
 - a. Cancel your hotel/motel room reservation
 - b. Cancel your flight reservation if you have made one
 - c. Cancel any rental car reservation
 - d. SDC's Vendor Coordinator, Milt Yoder will be in contact with you to handle cancellation of your vendor space reservation
 - e. Your registration fees will be refunded by check, issued by Allan Dias, Meet Treasurer, and sent to your registration address.
4. As a **SPONSOR** for the meet:
 - a. Meet Chairman Wayne Lee, Meet Treasurer Allan Dias, or a member of the 56th International Meet committee will be in contact with you concerning your sponsorship dollars
5. As a **TROPHY SPONSOR** for the meet:
 - a. You will receive reimbursement for Trophy Sponsorships unused, from SDC's Treasurer, or the return of your check.

SDC President

SDC Vice President, IM Chair

56th International Meet Chair

56th International Meet Treasurer

Pete Bishop

Denny Foust

Wayne Lee

Allan Dias

And the hard-working members of the 56th International Meet - Clyde Furr, Lanny McNabb, Frank Petru and Bill Van Alstyne.

Thank you, everyone, for your hard work!

We look forward to having you and your families join us at the **57th International Meet, Sept 8-11, 2021** in Indianapolis, IN.