

Visit Scotch Grove and the Studebaker Garage and Showroom



Follow Al and Marlene Meeker to Scotch Grove. For a visit to genuine small-town Iowa, join us for a few hours on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, for lunch and a visit to Scotch Grove, Iowa, population 302. Scotch Grove's ties to Studebaker go back to the 1900s. The unincorporated community is a good example of Iowa's small towns, which continue to support the surrounding residents and farms. There are hundreds of towns like this, each with its own story, history, and current struggle as businesses open and close and younger generations must find work in larger metropolitan cities.

In Scotch Grove, you will visit a Studebaker Garage, now used as a flea market, and have lunch at the Grove restaurant, which was the Studebaker showroom. The Studebaker Garage will open only on Tuesday, June 25, during our International Meet. The Grove Restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.



Scotch Grove was settled in 1837 by Selkirk Settlers from Manitoba who were driven out by fur traders. These descendants of Scottish farmers from Mull, Scotland, came to Hudson Bay in 1812 only to be starved and terrorized until they fled to Iowa, where they settled in the farmland and thrived. The town of Scotch Grove was laid out in 1872. The community developed as an agriculture business center between 1890 and 1920 when the Studebaker garage and dealership were in operation. Scotch Grove's population in 1902 was 28 souls.



The driving tour to Scotch Grove is guided on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, leaving the Dubuque County Fairgrounds at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Please gather at the McDermott building and be ready to leave promptly at 10 a.m. You will be back by 2:30 p.m.