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## **EVs Old & New at the 2019 Connecticut International Auto Show**

**Uncasville, CT (September 23, 2019)** – For one weekend each November, the Connecticut International Auto Show transforms the Mohegan Sun Expo Center into the state’s largest new car showroom. Crowds flock as major manufacturers proudly display their newest models featuring state-of-the-art technological innovations.

Amongst these modern automotive marvels, this year car enthusiasts can also appreciate the craftsmanship of a Connecticut business owner who uses his skills and talents to make the old new again.

Auto Show attendees are familiar with Bill Eggers, if only because he is dressed in 19<sup>th</sup> Century-period garb. Master craftsman “Wild Bill” Eggers of William Eggers Motorcycles in Goshen, CT lovingly creates authentic one-of-a-kind replica vehicles from the Veteran and Brass Eras.

“The Auto Show is a wonderful opportunity to show history to an interested public,” said Eggers.

Eggers will be displaying his static reproduction of the definitive “horseless carriage” – the 1902 Studebaker Electric, the first mass-produced battery-powered electric car in the United States.

Thomas Edison bought No. 2 off the Studebaker Brothers’ South Bend, Indiana assembly line, as his company famously had developed the vehicle’s 24 cell battery.

This four-speed car was equipped with a standard Westinghouse vehicle motor. It had a top speed of 15 miles per hour and could go 50 miles without recharging batteries. A unique feature of the Studebaker Electric is that the motor is suspended from the body frame and power is transmitted to the rear axle by means of a chain. The controller was located under the seat.

Admission to the Auto Show is \$14 for Adults, \$10 for Seniors, \$6 for Children (6-12) and FREE for Children under 6. Free admission for all active and retired military throughout the Show (with appropriate military ID – tickets must be obtained at box office). Military guests receive a \$2 admission discount.

In honor of National Military Appreciation Month, the Connecticut Auto Retailers Association will donate a portion of admission proceeds to the Connecticut National Guard Foundation.

New show hours are Friday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Free parking in covered parking facilities is available, and valet parking is offered as well.

The Connecticut International Auto Show is sponsored by the Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association and produced by Paragon Group. For more information and tickets visit [www.CTAutoShow.com](http://www.CTAutoShow.com) or call 800-251-1563.

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