



Remember When.....

A fun romp through the decades as we approach our club's 45th anniversary in July 2020.

Highlights from 1951-1954...

C.L. and Mollie Carter are the members with a car during these years. They have a 1953 Chevy Pickup. The 1950-52 models were the last of the traditional low cost, low-suds Chevys, though DeLuxes accounted for 80-85 percent of production. The old 216.5 Stovebolt was coaxed up to 92-bhp in 1950 when a new 195-bhp 235.5-cid version arrived for cars equipped with optional two-speed Powerglide. Powerglide was Chevy's new fully automatic transmission, thus beating Ford, whose Ford-O-Matic was still a year off, and Plymouth, which wouldn't have a true self-shifter until '55. Chevy took a breather the next two years, with no mechanical developments and only bulkier sheet metal for '51, followed by detail trim revisions for '52. The big news for Chevy during this time frame was the introduction of the Corvette sports car in 1953. The Corvette debuted in January 1953 and made 315 units that year with most reserved for promotion and favored VIP's. (Information adapted from *The Encyclopedia of American Cars.*)

In Springfield and around the state....

Harry Truman was in Springfield in 1952; he marched in a parade downtown that also included a special guest- an actor named Ronald Reagan.

KYTV goes on air for the first time in 1953.

Nationally.....

In 1951-

22nd Amendment is ratified (Presidential Term Limits)

New Jersey Turnpike Opens

First Color TV Pictures broadcast from Empire State Building

Disc Jockey Alan Freed coins the term Rock N Roll

In 1953-

First color television sets go on sale

First Corvette car goes on sale

First James Bond novel published

In 1954-

Mass vaccination of children against polio begins

Elvis Presley begins his music career

Nationally and around the World....

In 1951-

Nelson Mandella arrested

Mother Teresa opens the home for dying and destitute in Calcutta

Puerto Rico becomes a Self-Governing Commonwealth of the United States

In 1953-

Queen Elizabeth II crowned Queen

Korean War Ends

FBI rounds up communist leaders

First Polio Vaccine Developed