



Remember When.....

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

Highlights from ...1971-1980

While the decade would prove challenging for all automakers due to the oil crisis Chevrolet would remain "USA-1" throughout the '70's. The newly restyled Camaro remained strong with a long list of extras and options such as the rally sport trim and Z-28 packages. Full size models in the Impala and Caprice lines helped offset the poor sales from the Vega line, which was a disappointment for GM, as did the Chevelle and Monte Carlo in the intermediate class. The compact Nova continued its strong sales history accounting for 15% of Chevy's overall sales in 1975. The second half of the decade brought smaller, more fuel efficient vehicles. While this was needed to answer the demands brought on by the fuel embargo/oil crisis, it produced models like the Monza, Chevette and Citation which have not fared well historically with collectors.

(Information adapted from *The Encyclopedia of American Cars.*)



Jones '72 El Camino, Jones'71PU, Veith '79 PU

In Springfield and around the state....

1975 - Classic Chevy Club of Springfield formed in July.

1976- Presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan and President Gerald Ford visited Springfield

1977- North Town Mall opens with two department stores, a grocery store, theaters and multiple retail stores.

1978-Longest operating county jail in the State of Missouri was built in 1846 and operated until 1978. Famous prisoners have been held here, including Frank James, brother to infamous Missouri outlaw Jesse James.

Included in the tour is the Cooper County Hanging Barn, where men were put to death by hanging.

1980- President Carter came through Springfield in 1980. KC Royals lose the World Series to Philadelphia.

Nationally.....

Mark Spitz 7 gold medals in 1972. Secretariat Wins Triple Crown in 1973.

1974 - More and smaller digital based consumer products appear in the shops and the earliest forms of Word Processors appear which resemble a typewriter more than a computer. After the findings of the Watergate Scandal Richard Nixon becomes the first US president forced to resign from office.

1975- One of the true success stories of modern times when Bill Gates and Paul Allen create the company Microsoft. This is also the year the Vietnam war finally ends.

1978 - A great year for movies with Grease summer opening and Saturday Night Fever and Close Encounters of the Third Kind all showing in Movie Theatres around the nation.

1979 -As technology becomes smaller Sony released the Walkman a worldwide success costing \$200 which at that time was a significant amount of money.

1980 - Post-It Notes go on sale.

National and around the World....

1974 - The famous skeleton "Lucy" is discovered in Ethiopia which lived between 3.9 to 3 million years ago.

1976 - Concorde enters service and cuts transatlantic flying time to 3 1/2 hours.

1979 - For the first time in history a woman, Margaret Thatcher, is elected Prime minister in the UK.