



Remember When.....

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

Highlights from 1936-1940...

Members with cars from these years are Jim and Donna Meyer with a 1936 Ford Humpback Sedan. The 1936 Ford style differed only slightly from the 1935 model with a longer, more pointed hood and a more sharply vee'd grill to match. 1937 brought crisp new bodies with the headlamps nestled in the fenders.

In 1936 Chevy adopted the "Turret Top" construction that eliminated old-fashioned fabric roof inserts. Chevy also offered hydraulic brakes for the first year which Ford wouldn't offer until 1939.

The strength of Ford and General Motors grew during these years. The late 1930's saw a consolidation of car manufacturers with only four major independents remaining by 1940. They were Nash, Hudson, Packard and Studebaker. (Information adapted from *Encyclopedia of American Cars*)



Jim and Donna Meyer's car.

In Springfield and around the state....

- In 1938 the Rail Haven Motor Court opened in Springfield and became a Route 66 icon.

Nationally.....

- The dirigible airship Hindenburg explodes in the sky above Lakehurst, New Jersey in 1937.
- Amelia Earhart disappears
- Hughes Sets New "Around the World" Record - Howard Hughes set a new around-the-world record; at 3 days, 19 hours and 8 minutes in 1938.
- After the advent of talking pictures ("talkies") in 1927 and full color films in 1930: more than 50 classic films were made in the 1930s: most notable were *Gone with The Wind* and *The Wizard of Oz* .

Nationally and around the World.....

- Spanish Civil War Breaks Out in 1936.
- In 1937 the US Army gets 1st B-17, the US Army Air Corps received the first of its order of 13 B-17 bombers. These four-engine bombers could cruise at 256 mph, at an altitude of 30,000 feet. The B-17 was to be the main US strategic bomber in Europe during World War II.
- Germany Seizes Austria in 1937.
- Germany invades Poland
- Great Britain and France declared war on Germany