



Remember When.....

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

Highlights from 1955...

1955 started the “coveted collectibles” of the tri-five era. Designers, working under Harley Earl, crafted an entirely new look. When paired with the new 265 V-8 motor this new model became known as “the hot one” through marketing. Available in the 150, 210 and Bel Air with each offering numerous options such as two door, four door and wagon versions. Another newcomer was the Bel Air Nomad, America’s first “hardtop wagon” with a first year production of 8386. (Information adapted from *The Encyclopedia of American Cars.*)



In order left to right, top to bottom: Herndon, James, McKenzie, Royster, Sunderland, Walters, Partlo.

In Springfield and around the state....

The first national country music show on television was broadcast by ABC from Springfield from 1955 until 1960. The show is credited with popularizing country music and featured well-known performers, including Red Foley, Speedy Haworth, Brenda Lee, Porter Wagoner and Slim Wilson.

Nationally.....

James Dean stars in the movie East of Eden.

Rosa Parks is arrested.

The St. Lawrence Seaway opens.

Disneyland opens July 7th 1955.

Rock and Roll music popularity increases featuring Elvis Presley, Bill Haley and the Comets, Chuck Berry, and The Platters

Nationally and around the World.....

US military intervention in Iran

The Geneva Summit, held on July 18, 1955, was a Cold War-era meeting in Geneva, Switzerland.