

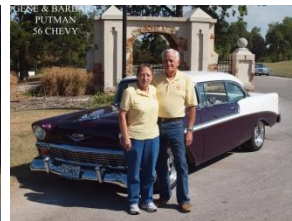
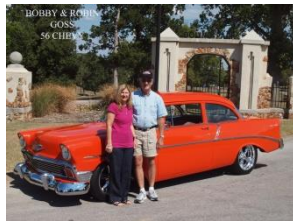


## Remember When.....

*A fun romp through the decades as we approach our clubs 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July 2020.*

### Highlights from 1956...

Chevy called its '55 "The Hot One." Ads said the '56 was even hotter. It was. The old Stovebolt, now offered with manual shift only, was up to 140 bhp, while the V-8 delivered up to 225 bhp with Power-Pak. A \$40-million restyle made all models look more like Cadillacs, and four-door hardtop Sport Sedans joined the Two-Ten and Bel Air lines. Chevy had record market penetration of close to 28 percent – about 1.5 million units compared to Ford at around 1.4 million. Ford's '56 line featured more potent engines and two new models: a Customline Victoria and the division's first four-door hardtop, the Fairlane Town Victoria. Ford also began selling "Lifeguard Design" safety features, equipping all models with dished steering wheels, breakaway rearview mirror, and crash proof door locks, padded dash. Sun visors cost \$16 extra, factory-installed seatbelts \$9. The rush to seatbelts overtaxed Ford's supplier, so only 20 percent of the '56's got them. (Information adapted from *The Encyclopedia of American Cars.*)



Members cars left to right – Eagon, Goss, Kruger, Putman

### Nationally.....

- Federal-Aid Highway Act signed for the construction of 41000 miles of interstate highways.
- Elvis Presley appears on The Ed Sullivan Show and enters the US music charts for the first time with " Heartbreak Hotel. "
- TV shows included "As The World Turns" and "The Price is Right".
- Mothers could now buy disposable diapers and tefal non stick Frying Pans
- The wildly popular epic film "The Ten Commandments" premieres in the United States on October 5.

### Nationally and around the World.....

- Suez Crisis
- Rock and Roll music sweeps the World
- Fidel Castro lands in Cuba at the start of the Cuban Revolution
- The Movie star Grace Kelly marries Prince Rainier of Monaco and becomes Princess Grace of Monaco.