



Remember When.....

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

Highlights from 1946-1950...

Members with cars from these years are Donnie and Judy Strickland with a 1948 Chevy Sedan. One of the engineering highlights of the 1940's was the automatic transmission which was dominated by GM. Cadillac began offering the Hydra-Matic in 1948 and Buick debuted its Dynaflo Drive the same year. Though smooth in operation, Dyna-flow was not in the same league as the Hydra-Matic.

One of the oddity's of this time frame was the Tucker automobile. There were only 50 Tucker cars built in 1948 before the company became mired in scandal and ceased to exist. (Information adapted from *The Encyclopedia of American Cars.*)



Donnie and Judy Strickland's car

In Springfield and around the state....

- St Louis Cardinals won World Series in 1946
- In 1948 fire destroys Springfield Newspapers, Inc.'s mechanical plant, along with business records, the circulation list and the photo library.
- President Harry S. Truman and President Romulo Gallegos of Venezuela, and other dignitaries were in attendance in Bolivar, Missouri. President Truman dedicated a statue of Simon Bolivar.
- The state legislature adopts The Missouri Waltz as the official state song

Nationally.....

- AT&T announce first car phones - 1946
- Technology includes
 - First "instant camera"
 - "Tubeless Tire"
 - Transistor is invented
 - Sound Barrier Broken
 - First Mobile Phone

Nationally and around the World....

- Bikinis go on sale in Paris
- Mao Tse Tung Proclaims the Communist People's Republic of China: Geneva Convention agreed - 1949
- First Volkswagen Beetle the Peoples Car sold in US - 1949
- RCA Perfects a system for broadcasting color television