



Remember When.....

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

Highlights from ...1961-1965

In the early '60's Chevy moved from over styled outrageousness to clean, crisp elegance, though increasing bulk was evident after 1962. A taut new package bereft of fins and wrapped windshields bowed for '61. For '63 came a bulkier, more sculptured look. Another complete redesign brought more flowing lines for '65. The decades prettiest big Chevy might well be the '62, with its straight, "correct" lines and, for Impala hardtop coupes, a rear roof sculptured to resemble a raised convertible top. By far the most collectible Impala is the performance bred Super Sport, an option package for mid-1961. 1962 also saw Chevy enlarge the 283 small-block V8 to 327 cid for an initial 250 or 300 bhp in full size models. (Information adapted from *The Encyclopedia of American Cars.*)



Mahaffey '62 Impala, '63 Corvette, '64 Impala, Meyer '65 Malibu, Richart '63 Impala, Taube '65 Mustang

In Springfield and around the state....

1964 - St Louis Cardinals won World Series

1965 - The Gateway Arch (Jefferson National Expansion Memorial) was completed in St. Louis. At 630 feet high, it is the tallest monument in the U.S.

Nationally.....

1961 -Alan Shepard makes first US Space Flight. Peace Corps is established by John F. Kennedy.

1962 -First Beatles single "Love Me Do" released. Oral Polio Vaccine used to combat Polio. Marilyn Monroe is found dead. First Wal-Mart discount store is opened .

1963 -Zip codes implemented. President John F Kennedy assassinated.

1964 -The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is signed into law. The Beatles hold the top five positions in the Billboard Top 40 singles in America.

1965 -Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. leads civil rights march in Alabama from Selma to Montgomery. The Voting Rights Act guaranteeing African Americans the right to vote becomes law.

National and around the World....

1961 - Construction of the Berlin Wall begins.

1962 - Telstar first live trans-Atlantic television signal.

1965 - Mini Skirt appears in London.