



## Remember When.....

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

### Highlights from ...1981-1990

Around 1982 horsepower began making a comeback. One of the first signs that the slump was over appeared in that year's Mustang GT. GM's offerings likewise began building more muscle; The Z28 Camaro's top engine went from 165bhp in 1982 to 215 by '85. And these were not exceptions to the rule; most every manufacturer boosted power outputs throughout the decade. 1982 also was the rebirth of the ragtop which had been discontinued in 1976. By mid decade GM had added several foreign made models to it's line up accounting for nearly 40 percent of sales. There were a few Detroit made standouts however. The Monte Carlo SS and Camaro continued strong sales by offering new packages and power options throughout the decade.



Johnny Cox 1985 Monte Carlo

(Information adapted from *The Encyclopedia of American Cars.*)

### In Springfield and around the state....

1982 - St Louis Cardinals won World Series

1985 - Kansas City Royals win the World Series over St Louis

1987 - Springfield's morning and afternoon papers are rolled into one. The new seven-day daily is renamed the Springfield News-Leader. The Antler Bar at 319 E. Walnut is designated a Local Historic Site

1988 - Ronald. Reagan returned to Springfield. His visits entailed campaigning on behalf of Republican candidates

- St Louis Cardinals football move to Arizona
- A group of Kansas City men calling themselves River Salvage, Inc., find the remains of the Arabia buried 45 feet beneath Kansas farm fields, almost half a mile from the water of the Missouri River. The first artifact recovered is a rubber overshoe made by the Goodyear Rubber Company.

### Nationally.....

1981 - First Flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia. First year that the Word Internet was mentioned

1982 - Times man of The Year is THE COMPUTER

- Disney Futuristic Park EPCOT opens
- Recession starts in the United States

1985 - Coca-Cola Company introduces New Coke

1987 - The Simpsons first episode airs

### National and around the World....

1984 - Following the boycott by the US of the Moscow Olympics the soviet bloc boycotts the Los Angeles Olympic games.

1986 - Following a number of trouble-free years in Space Exploration the Space Shuttle Challenger explodes shortly after take-off watched by people live on TV around the world.

1988 - Some of the great movies that year included o Rain Man o Die Hard o A Fish Called Wanda

1990 - First in car GPS Satellite Navigation System goes on sale from Pioneer.