



Remember When.....

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

Highlights from 1941-1945...

1941 was a milestone year for Chevrolet. It was the first million-car model year which far outpaced Ford's production of 691,500 for the year. Styling refinements marked the war-shortened '42's. By the time the government halted civilian car production on February 1942, Chevy's model-year total was over a quarter-million units, of which less than 50,000 were built in calendar '42. Convertibles and wagons numbered only about 1000 each making them highly collectible today.

Meanwhile Ford only sold 160,500 of the 1942 model year. Henry Ford quickly supported the war effort by turning out a variety of military vehicles including Jeeps (with American Bantam and Willys-Overland), and its new mile-long plant in Willow Run, Michigan, near Detroit, produced a variety of bombers through 1945. (Information adapted from *Encyclopedia of American Cars*.)

In Springfield and around the state....

1942

- O'Reilly military hospital opens to treat WWII wounded in Springfield
- St Louis Cardinals won World Series

1944

- St Louis Cardinals won World Series • The 1944 World Series was the first played entirely west of the Mississippi River. St. Louis, then the westernmost outpost of Major League Baseball, hosted the series between the National League champion St. Louis Cardinals and the American League champion St. Louis Browns. All games were played at Sportsman's Park, home to both teams.

Nationally.....

George Washington Carver National Monument preserves the birthplace and legacy of the famed African American scientist, educator and humanitarian. George Washington Carver reputedly discovered three hundred uses for peanuts and hundreds more for soybeans, pecans and sweet potatoes.

Nationally and around the World....

1941

- Japan attacks Pearl Harbor
- Grand Coulee Dam begins to generate electricity
- Citizen Kane premieres in New York City
- Thanksgiving Day is established as 4th Thursday of November.
- Germany and Italy declare war on the United States. The U.S. responds in kind
- Art Garfunkel and Paul Simon born.

1942

- The Great Depression officially ends in the United States: With unemployment figures falling fast due to WWII-related employment, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt closes the Works Progress Administration.
- Mick Jagger born
- Chevy Chase born

1945

WWII ended with the armistice of 14 August 1945 (V-J Day), followed by the formal surrender of Japan, which was on 2 September 1945 that officially ended the war in Asia.