



Remember When.....

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

Highlights from 1958-1960...

1958 reflected a softer, more luxurious Chevy. They were longer, lower, wider, and heavier, but not really slower than the lighter '57's. Underscoring all this change was the new line-leading 1958 Impala, a lush Bel Air subseries offering convertible and Sport Coupe hardtop with six or V-8 in the \$2600-\$2800 range. Impala sale in 1958 accounted for 15% of the 1.1 million cars sold by Chevy that year. While Chevy showed restraint in bucking tailfins for '58, it made up for that the following year with another all-new body bearing huge "cat's-eye" taillamps and a "batwing" rear deck. (Information adapted from *The Encyclopedia of American Cars.*)



Gary Leach's 1958 Apache PU

In Springfield and around the state....

- The Baby Tooth Survey was formed in 1958 by the Committee of Nuclear Information, a grassroots organization that included prominent scientists and citizens in St. Louis. Under the direction of Louise Zibold Reiss, a physician, the Tooth Survey collected hundreds of thousands of baby teeth from children born in the 1950s and 1960s in the St. Louis metropolitan area, using them to measure exposure to radiation from above-ground nuclear weapons tests conducted during the early years of the Cold War. St. Louis's Baby Tooth Survey became a marvel of environmental activism, and its findings led to significant policy changes regarding nuclear weapons testing.
- Chicago Cardinals move to St Louis in 1960
- The Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site is dedicated in June 1960

Nationally.....

- The Microchip Invented in 1958
- US Military predicts satellites orbiting the earth to make detailed maps from space in 1958
- Barbie Doll Launched in 1959
- 1959-Alaska becomes the 49th State and Hawaii becomes the 50th state St. Lawrence Seaway is completed
- NASA introduces America's first astronauts to the world including John H. Glenn Jr and Alan Shepard Jr
- US Enters Vietnam War in 1960
- John F Kennedy wins presidential Election
- Chubby Checker and the twist start a new dance craze
- Soviet missile shoots down the US U2 spy plane
- Aluminum Cans used for the first time
- Xerox introduces the first photocopier

National and around the World....

- Great Chinese Famine
- Munich air disaster
- Fidel Castro comes to power in Cuba after Revolution