

From: John Robinson
To: Kevin R. Eberle; Emmons Karen
Subject: RE: Car identification
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2018 10:49:48 AM
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Cool.

The first PC you posted features some rarities.

The white station wagon in the foreground is a 1959 Chevrolet. The little green car with a white top in front of Orvin Court is a very rare '53-54 Willys Aero Sedan. In the parking lot, the first car on the left closest to the camera is a 1960 Chevrolet Impala. Other cars are blurry, but I can make out the white tailfin of a '56 Chevrolet. So, picture is '60 or later.

Second postcard:

Foreground, a 1949 or 1950 Chevrolet Fleetline Sedan. Background, a 1953 Buick. So, '53 or later for this one.

Third postcard (where we started):

The photo is retouched, but the car closest to the camera is a '64-'66 Chrysler Imperial Coupe. '55 Packard and '58 Chevy in the background. So, 1964-66 or later.

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Here are four different postcard views of the same hotel.

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Kevin, great to hear from you, Karen, nice to meet you.

Yes, send me car stuff anytime.

The car in the foreground is a mid-60's Imperial (Chrysler) coupe. This sounds counter-intuitive, but can you send it to me not-so-blown up?

It looks like there's a '55 Packard Patrician or Packard 400 in there as well.

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From: Kevin R. Eberle [keberle@charlestonlaw.edu]
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John -

This is a zoomed in segment of a postcard image showing a hotel on Calhoun Street. The postcard was never mailed and has no date on it, so the age of the image is unclear.

I told Karen Emmons, the archivist at the Historic Charleston Foundation, that you would not only be able to identify the models of cars, but assign a date to them and identify the engine specs.

Any thoughts?

(I also unilaterally told Karen that she should send you other Mystery Car images. The date of the cars in a lot of old photos is the only guide to ballparking their age.)

Kevin



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