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Front & Inside 'COVER Caddy' pix  
'58 owned by Doug Bailey, Peach  
Region, Atlanta - USA

# RONDEZVOUS

F O R E W O R D

Hello all. By time you read this, my lovely wife André and I will have had most of our bags packed as we fly away on our 'Pearl Wedding Anniversary' taking in Hawaii and Pearl Harbour of course, then it's off to Las Vegas where we have a date to see *Cher* in concert! Hence the reason for this early issue and I should be back in time to send out the June copy too! (How about sending me some stories and photos for me to include whilst I am away?)

How do you like this months cover shot? No it's not Ian Lind's super sharp '58 (CLC NZ - New Plymouth) but it looks pretty much like it, even down to the colour! It is in fact Doug Bailey's beautiful example, read about it in this issue.

This month is something a little different and that is coverage of a recent CLC US Directors meeting. It's nice to know that not only are they carrying out a great job on behalf of the main CLC club, but they get some time to enjoy many things Cadillac and old car-related aka 'having fun!' Also this month, an entertaining story from our friend, Jack Brackx in the States. We all have had tales about our Caddies and this is a good one! Keep us posted Jack on your Caddy's further adventures!

And where would your monthly *FINZ* be if it weren't for old pics from San Fran plus plenty of news from our Global Family! Check out Janet's amazing '50 convertible - what a sweetie!

Until next month when I report about our hoped 'extended summer (!)', cruise safely out there here in NZ or around the globe! Ron, Ed.

Now here's a sneak-peak of what this issue is all about...



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**USA - San Francisco** - Fred Bausch again this month spoils us with cool images from the 'good old days!' Thanks Fred - keep 'em coming - Ed

Dog pic = Some people say that things are going to the dogs in Washington. Proof of it in the lead photo of a well-trained bulldog is sitting inside of the spare tires on the back of an enclosed limousine. It has also been said that if you want a friend in Washington get a dog, and this may well be one of those cases!

Stardust pic = an excellent circa 1964 photo of the Stardust Resort and Casino (1958 to 2007) located in Las Vegas, Nevada. After operating for close to fifty years, the Stardust was imploded in 2007 before construction started on a replacement that year which was never completed due to the downturn of the economy in 2008.

Dog trailer pic = 1950s Cadillac sedan with a detailed view of a dog transport trailer!



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**BAY of PLENTY** - Hi Everyone, AmeriCARna 2017 is one of our favourite destination's that we love attending. Our "White Ice" {1960 convertible} had tummy trouble. A call to Caddy Daddy for parts was made but they were still in transit from the USA at the time of departure to AmeriCARna. Graham & Lois Thrupp to the rescue with Carol and Myself hitching a ride in their Green 1959" New York Yankees "Fleetwood. The cruise to Taranaki was delightful. Being a passenger it's amazing what sights you can take in whilst been chauffeured through the country side. Of the most spectacular scenes is Mt Egmont a welcoming beacon into the region along with its West Coast Beach's and Rivers.

AmeriCARna in the city of New Plymouth is a well organised affair with 800 cars this year. New Plymouth man John Ray and his team of loyal helpers and followers put an excellent event on. The food and drinks and get together with bands playing and acts on the street all added to the atmosphere of a great time. It was a breeze to cruise the many towns such as Inglewood, Waitara, Stratford, Hawera, Opunake and many more.

The other thing of interest is the abundance of tunnels in their neck of the woods. The weather was warm and fine. The big thing with a gathering of petrol heads is the camaraderie with the people who we spent our time with at AmeriCARna.

Then all good things must come an end and its home time again till next year. Roll on Grand Nationals in Taranaki. So looking forward to this upcoming event. Until next time Caddy Cruisers keep the pedal to the metal.

And As Always Our Club Is Easily Satisfied With The Very Best.

Cheers, Steve - Pres. CLC, NZ

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***Based on a 1939 Cadillac 60 Special, it has been rebodied to more closely resemble a 1935 Cadillac concept drawing and invoke the feeling of the original Madam X concept of the 1920's.***



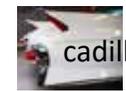
The custom body work is incredible, having taken the 60 Special from an upright, 4 door sedan to a rakish, long hood coupe. As is the way with other Foose builds, the work goes far beyond the body. The paintwork is a stunning blend of mahogany, wine red and deep purple. A custom leather interior was also fitted, along with custom Foose design wheels which appear period correct at first glance. However, if look closely, you'll notice that the wheels and tires are actually quite wide. That wide rubber may be a slight giveaway, but what is hiding underneath this '39 Cadi is just as impressive as the body work. It has a custom built Foose chassis. Bolted to that chassis is the suspension from a C6-generation Corvette (coils up front and transverse leaf in the back). Madam X is powered by a Gen V LT1 V8 engine sourced from a C7 Corvette, and mated to a conventional 8L90E automatic transmission, not a transaxle. The rear end is lifted from a ZL1 Camaro. That is some heavy hitting hardware. [Thanks to Fred Bausch for supplying his information to us - Ed]

**USA** - Fred Bausch has certainly out-done himself this month. Our 'San Francisco Super Snooper' has shared with us the new 'Madam X' and it is an amazing 'hybrid' of old style and modern mechanicals. Have a read and see what you think! Ed

Subject: FW: Chip Foose Madam X Cadillac Shines Brightly - LS1Tech.com

This is nothing short of Fabulous - Great Heritage with modern accents. An educated guess is \$300/\$400K to complete. [http://ls1tech.com/articles/chip-foose-madam-x-cadillac-shines-brightly/?utm\\_source=jan16&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=content](http://ls1tech.com/articles/chip-foose-madam-x-cadillac-shines-brightly/?utm_source=jan16&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=content)

This is the stunning Chip Foose Madam X Cadillac. Chip Foose, customizer extraordinaire, has pulled the wraps off of their latest project. Dubbed "Madam X," this classic Cadillac gets a big injection of LS speed. However, when you look at it, speed is the last thing on your mind. It's drop dead gorgeous. This vehicle was commissioned by Wes and Vivian Rydell, of Rydell Chevrolet fame. The dealership magnate picked an amazing base for an amazing build. Based on a 1939 Cadillac 60 Special, it has been rebodied to more closely resemble a 1935 Cadillac concept drawing and invoke the feeling of the original Madam X concept of the 1920's.



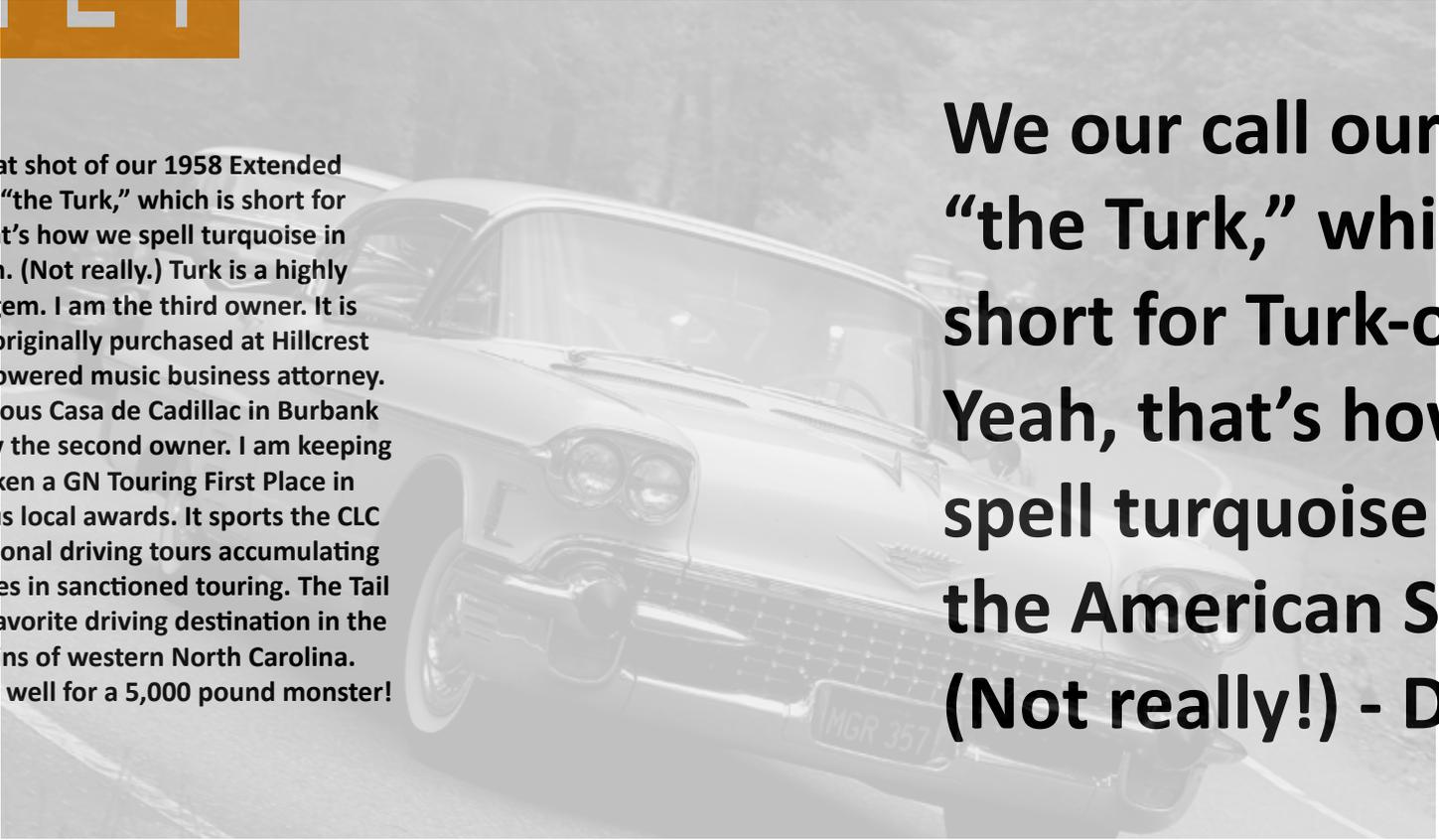
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*A little more about this month's 'cover Caddy!'*

USA - Here is a great shot of our 1958 Extended Deck sedan we call "the Turk," which is short for Turk-oise. Yeah, that's how we spell turquoise in the American South. (Not really.) Turk is a highly original 130k mile gem. I am the third owner. It is a Beverly Hills car, originally purchased at Hillcrest Motors by a high powered music business attorney. Serviced at the famous Casa de Cadillac in Burbank for over 40 years by the second owner. I am keeping it original. It has taken a GN Touring First Place in 2007, and numerous local awards. It sports the CLC grille badge for regional driving tours accumulating well over 1,000 miles in sanctioned touring. The Tail of the Dragon is a favorite driving destination in the Blue Ridge mountains of western North Carolina. Turk handles pretty well for a 5,000 pound monster!



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Yeah, that's how we  
spell turquoise in  
the American South.  
(Not really!) - Doug**

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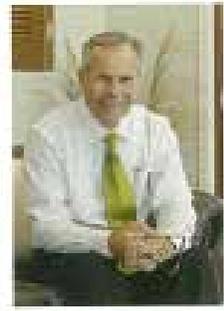


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**USA - DETROIT** - In the CLC Motor City Region The Standard April 2017 Volume 32 No.4 (Newsletter), Tim Pawl, The Editor wrote "Maybe we spoke too soon about the arrival of spring...it has snowed at least three times since. Special thanks to Ed and Michelle Meurer for opening up their collection to our club and many other clubs. If you have never participated in these "Garage" tours it is always amazing to see what others collect" - Check out these pics. [Thanks to CLC Motor City Region for allowing us to reprint their articles here - Ed]



**USA - Detroit** - CONGRATULATIONS to the 'Motor City Region' on celebrating their 60th Anniversary! Ed





*Your favourite pic!*

Janet Hazeldene is a past President of our CLC Victoria, Australia affiliate. Together with her hubby, Gary they own a number of fine automobiles including this wonderful 1950 convertible. I have actually sat in this Caddy when NZ Pres. Steve Gill and I visited our Melbournian friends a few years back enroute to Perth. If you have a fine Caddy or LaSalle and an even better picture, email it to me at [finzmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:finzmagazine@gmail.com) - Ed.

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## 2017 CLC NZ - Cadillac Nationals & AGM

Well a number of us are booked for the 44th AGM to be held this year in the 'Naki.

A few new members are planning on attending (good on you) and given its location I am looking forward to meeting up with our friends from the bottom half of the North Island who found it a challenge to get to Whangarei last year. The Taranaki Region has a goal to beat the number of Caddies ever attending a New Zealand outing, 51 is the target figure. I'll be there with mine, so that means only another 50 and they have a new record! Go the 'Naki!

All I have to do now is sort my 'era outfit!' "Groovy man" is my theme according to my Caddy! - Ed

## THE PLANNING HAS STARTED

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## Editor's choice

Wherever possible I look for interesting articles and pics to share with you!

If you hadn't heard the news, Chuck Berry died recently. The music pioneer was 90 years old and although he didn't invent Rock n Roll all alone, he had quite an influence on every artist from the Beatles and Rolling Stones to Bruce Springsteen during his amazing career. He was the 'whole package' in the 50s rock world because he could write great songs as well as sing and play guitar (just like he was ringing a bell). Chuck sang about cars as a major story element in the majority of his hot songs. Do you remember this one? Ed.



Check out this website  
<http://www.jalopyjournal.com/?p=33932>

Thanks to our friends at the Potomac Region, Washington, USA for allowing re-print of their article - Ed.



Here's the lyrics to 'Maybellene' and the frustrations of a Flathead Ford chasing down a Caddy!

*As I was motivatin' over the hill  
I saw Mabellene in a Coupe de Ville  
A Cadillac a rollin' on the open road  
Nothin' will outrun my V8 Ford  
The Cadillac doin' about ninety-five  
She's bumper to bumper, rollin' side by side  
The Cadillac pulled up ahead of the Ford  
The Ford got hot and wouldn't do no more  
It then got cloudy and started to rain  
I tooted my horn for a passin' lane  
The rainwater blowin' all under my hood  
I know that I was doin' my motor good  
The motor cooled down the heat went down  
And that's when I heard that highway sound  
The Cadillac a sittin' like a ton of lead  
A hundred and ten half a mile ahead The Cadillac lookin' like  
it's sittin' still  
And I caught Mabellene at the top of the hill  
Maybellene, why can't you be true?  
Oh Maybellene, why can't you be true?*

# Our Global FAMILY



We sincerely thank you for the unselfish investment of time, energy and resources to give us pleasure. CLC Museum and Research Center President Paul Ayres convened the MRC Board Meeting at the Hotel Albuquerque welcoming sixteen board members to the table and nine on teleconference. He outlined museum plans and the collection future with the restoration of a Carl Steig estate donation forthcoming. Treasurer Jim Verraster gave a comprehensive report indicating we are in good shape. Richard Dormois outlined plans for the Seventh Annual MRC Benefit Auction August 2, 2017, 8:00PM at the Grand National in McLean, Virginia. General George Washington and wife Martha have expressed interest in hosting at the auction. The United States Air Force Honor Guard from Andrews Air Force Base will post the colors at 8:00 PM and General Washington is expected to lead the membership in the Pledge to our National Colors. Richard expressed appreciation for the donations so far and still needs a nice Cadillac or La Salle to sell in Virginia. The raffle of a 2017 Cadillac ATS August 5, 2017 has been shelved until 2018 because of legal system delays in Michigan. President Dave Ritchie efficiently chaired a CLC Board of Directors Meeting at the Hotel Albuquerque which broke records for brevity lasting a scant four hours. The Internet reports by most directors made things go fast. Treasurer Jack McClou assured us we are in sound financial shape considering Office Managers Mike and Nancy Book's report that the club is suffering significant declining membership. Bob Crimmins gave favorable reports on CLC Chapters and the publications committee while Ron Zahn reported that the International Affiliates are alive and well. Web Master Peter Gariepy gave a lengthy dissertation on advanced information technology.

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**LAND OF ENCHANTMENT > BY RICHARD DORMOIS**  
The 2017 Cadillac La Salle Club Winter Board Meetings may go down in history eclipsing many. New Mexico Region Director Nick Manole and his staff and Activities Vice President Marsha Redman and helpers planned and presented a truly memorable event in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico and environs. The tours, scenery, hospitality, food, collections, lectures and overall quality of service were nothing short of outstanding.

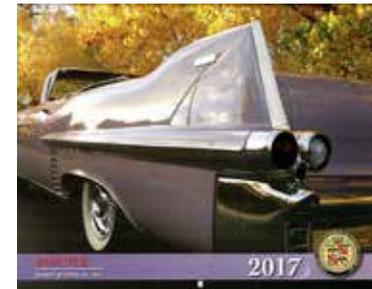
Activities Vice President Marsha Redman narrated a comprehensive proposal for the Missouri Valley Region to host the 2020 Cadillac LaSalle Club Grand National Meet in the Kansas City area. Richard Dormois motioned and Art Riley seconded that the Missouri Valley Region be given the Board's blessing to host the 2020 meet. Approved by all. Both boys are Kansas City natives. National Meets and Tours Committee Chair Marsha Redman hosted two informal meetings discussing future CLC gatherings and reported these findings. The 2017 National Driving Tour is through Illinois from Chicago to Saint Louis. The 2017 Grand National Meet is in McLean, Virginia. The 2018 Winter Board Meetings are in Tampa, Florida. The 2018 National Driving Tour is on the California Coast. The 2018 Grand National is in San Marcos, Texas. The 2019 Grand National is proposed for Louisville, Kentucky. The 2020 Grand National is in the Kansas City area. Jim Shane Hayes and George A. Pelletier opened their Casa del Monte Sol estate in Santa Fe, New Mexico to the group showcasing their collection of German Classics and concours worthy Cadillacs and a design lecture by collector car guru Dennis Little. A sumptuous southwestern feast was prepared on site by their staff with every entre imaginable as well as bison beef burgers. The outsized Southwest residence itself is worthy of national acclaim. Thank you so much gentlemen. High Fidelity Mastering Engineer Andy Rogulich of Albuquerque hosted the group at his incredible sound studio where the old masters come to life. Most just wanted to spend the rest of the day there. A bonus to Andy's presentation was his pristine collection of XLR, CTS, ELR and SRX Cadillacs and the two complete HO Gauge communities depicting early transportation by Lionel electric trains. It might be noted here that Andy was also a shuttle driver for the group from venue to venue. Great individual dedication to the winter board activities. Western Regions Vice President Phil Terry sheperded thirty eight brave Cadillac souls on the Sandia Peak Tram ascending to over ten thousand feet, while Marsha Redman hosted those less inclined for libations on the tram patio. 2017 Winter Board chairman Nick Manole and three generations of his family brought the festivities to a conclusion Saturday evening at his beautiful home overlooking Albuquerque. Asimina Manole met each guest at the door while preparing a Greek feast none will forget ending with a birthday party for Director Tim Coy turning fifty nine. I think Asminia said she cooked for seventy five, but I counted seventy seven at peak. Nick narrated a twilight tour of his eclectic collection of German sedans, AMC, Chrysler and General Motors classics.

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The Unser Racing Museum and the International Balloon Museum were also on the four day menu as well as a relaxing hospitality suite at the Hotel Albuquerque. Thank you to shuttle drivers Jeff Montgomery, Phil Terry and Andy Rogulich and all who dedicated so much to this 2017 Winter Board gathering in THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT.



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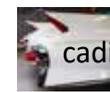
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Pic 1 = Hosts George A. Pellatier, Jim Shane Hailey, Nick Manole  
PATIO...Glenn Brown, Marsha Redman, Dave Rubin, Richard Dormois, Art Riley, Janet Riley, Johnny McCauley  
Pic 2 = SANDIA PEAK TRAM  
Pic 3 = 1933 Cadillac of Hoyt Sullivan at Hotel Albuquerque Entrance



# Our Global FAMILY

**USA** - Last year, CLC San Diego member, Jack Brackx acquired a '59. Here's a story about getting it home! Thanks Jack, keep us posted on its restoration - Ed.

## '59 Cadillac Trip Home From the Trim Shop

Herewith an update on the progress of completing the restoration of my 59 Cadillac Flat Top Four Window Sedan.

The car was driven, early January to the trim shop in Pensacola, FL to install a new headliner, new carpet, door panels, package tray, trunk liner panels, and repair the seats. I would be remiss, if I did not thank Lois Thrupp from NZ, for emailing me headliner pictures of their 1959 Cadillac cars. Those pictures clearly showed what the headliner should look like, and the pics were used by the trim shop to make and install the liner properly in my car. Due to the heavy work load at the shop, my car was there for nearly six weeks. I told the shop owner that I did not mind since I was in no rush because I'm in CA, and did not need it done right away. Fortunately, my car was inside the entire time while the technicians worked on it, as their work load allowed them to. When the job was nearly finished, the shop owner saw some pink fluid underneath the engine, below the radiator.

A look see by Nick Oosterbaan, our friend from Australia that we met at the GN in St. Augustine, happens to have a Harley Davidson motorcycle shop nearby, and he went and checked it out for me. Nick determined it was transmission fluid and it appeared to be dripping from the transmission cooling lines to the radiator. He recommended checking the fluid level before driving the car back home when the work was done. When the restoration work was done, my friend Jack Kiker, went to pick the car up for me. He checked the tranny fluid level, and it was on the full mark. He also decided it was prudent to start the car, and check the fluid level again. As soon as the engine was running, and pressure built up, the transmission fluid spurted out all over the floor in the shop. Now, it became obvious, the car could not be driven without destroying the rebuilt transmission. Lucky for me, Jack's uncle owns a car recycling and salvage yard in Pensacola. So, he called the yard and asked that they

dispatch the roll back truck. That way they could load the Caddy onto it, and transport it about 30 miles away to Robinson's Automotive in Gulf Breeze, FL. About an hour later, the truck arrived, and the car was winched onto the flat bed truck. Things all seemed o.k. at this point. Not too long after they were underway, the truck was heading toward the 110 Freeway bound for Gulf Breeze. However, instead of going left, the driver turned right and exited the freeway. Jack says, "Hey! We need to go left." The driver says, "I know, but I see movement at the back of the truck, and a stream of liquid flowing from the back of the truck. We need to see what is wrong back there." They stop along side of the road and check it out... The problem is severe.



The gas tank straps had come loose, and thereby causing the tank with about 20 gallons of gasoline to fall down. Gasoline was pouring all over the back of the truck and running onto the pavement. Had Jack or anyone else been driving the car at the time, the sparks from the tank scraping the pavement, along with the heat of the exhaust pipes would immediately have caused an inferno, or as we say in the States, a Car BBQ! That much gasoline would have destroyed my car before anyone could do anything about it. Jack and the truck driver, used the spare, big, steel hooks which are used to secure cars on the truck, to prop up the gas tank and stop the rest of the fuel from running on the ground. Finally, they were able to get back onto the road, and delivered the car without any further mishaps to my mechanic's shop. Thanks to the driver paying extra close attention, good friends and some big help from up above, my 59 was saved from the second potential disaster of the day. What a fiasco this trip turned out to be! I owe my friends more than a pint of ale when I arrive back in FL this April. That's my story, and I am sticking to it! Julie's Dad aka SDCLC Tour Director



# Miss Lane

## Miss Lane's Pin Board

A family in Taupo has emailed me (sourced details from our website) asking whether we can help in two ways: 1) Suggest a value for a 1976 Seville they wish to dispose of. 2) This Caddy is For Sale. It appears in reasonable order but I am told "Seats need stitching but upholstery in good nick. One wheel needs rechroming. Rear stone tray rubber needs replacing. Small dent at right rear lower. Needs a new computer chip or magic box. Won't fire, have diagnostics. Have turned motor over every now and then. \$Offers. Will be on Trade Me in due course. Email address: [meowmeow1948@gmail.com](mailto:meowmeow1948@gmail.com)> [Can any club member suggest a value? Bill/ Myrie? Email me if you like. I see in photos showing 43k miles on the clock. Good colour - Ed]



## GRAB your diary!

13th-15th October 2017 is your highlight event of the year, the 44th AGM & Cadillac Nationals to be held in Taranaki. Start saving for gas and accomodation now. More details to come from the organising committee!



## HERE'S looking at ya!

One of the stand-out photo shoots in New Plymouth will be the 'Len Lye building!'

Hi Ron. Could you please advertise as follows:

Anyone out there who has a 1959 Cadillac ignition barrel for sale? Please email Phil at [enquiries@classic-cadillac-hb.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@classic-cadillac-hb.co.nz) or [phil.t.warner@gmail.com](mailto:phil.t.warner@gmail.com)

PS - At the last AGM in Whanganui one of the Taranaki club members said they had one.

Many thanks, Phil

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**Ron Zahn owns a superb stable of Cadillacs. Ron's photos are always rich and scenic, this one with the Golden Gate Bridge in the background. Thanks Ron - Ed.**



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# Tail lights



South Island members, Barry & Pip Brosnahan own and drive a 'muscle-looking' '62 that looks the part in silver with red hubs!