





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

Happy New Year 2018 and the beginning of a new FINZ magazine year!

You will notice only subtle changes for this year given the over-whelming positive feedback for the 'landscape layout', good size font and thanks to our readers, plenty of terrific Cadillac and LaSalle photo contributions. In this regard, the 2017 series was our best yet (in the Editor's opinion!) One of our members was so complimentary he 'coined' the 2017 edition as 'coffee-table quality!' - so be proud of your Kiwi magazine, leave it on your coffee table for others to read!

Like our past editions there's plenty of colour and variety. Feature article this month is Murray Scott's "AGM Roadie" - love the story lines Murray, a great composition.

'Tail Lights' features that infamous 'Raro-Orange' '65 of our very colourful Neville Carter, great photo courtesy of Brendan!

Thanks to the Carolina CLC for establishing a 'link' with NZ. Always great to hear from another 'Global Family member!

Keep those stories and photos coming folks. You know they are always welcome and it helps us all keep informed about who any new people are like in this issue - Chris, Molly, Hollis, Jon, Jo and Aislinn!

May this issue find all Kiwis basking in record temps, sort-of ok for cruising but hot for cars, drivers and passengers. Our thoughts are with all those residents in California who have lost their homes (and maybe their old cars) through the devastating fires there, mind you lives are more valuable than cars.

Until next issue cruise safe and happy in your Caddy or LaSalle! Ron (Ed)











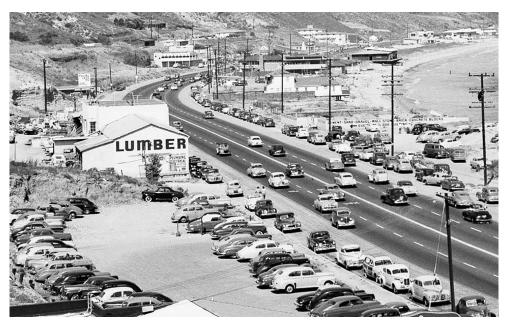






**FRED from San Francisco** is in fine form! Thanks Fred for your contributions from yesteryear. There is no lack of material! ED

The Pacific Coast Highway: Surf Rider Beach Malibu, California Today's postcard image seen in its entirety in the lead image was taken by Los Angeles photographer Bob Plunkett circa 1950. Just to the right of this photo is the location of the Malibu Sport Fishing Pier, a southern California icon and Surf Rider Beach, both located on California State Route 101. The two sectional enlargements below show this scene in detail that includes an open-air Texaco filling station with a lift for oil changes and lubrication services. The many vehicles visible in the parking lots and on Route 101 give us an excellent view of pre and post-war vehicles that tourists and local travelers were driving in this period. Courtesy of the Huntington Library. The next image is of the General Motors Parade of Progress set up in an unknown location in the fall of 1955. In the foreground is a pair of Oldmobile F88 and Buick Wildcat concept cars, followed by two Furturliners and a line up of show cars produced by the various GM divisions.





<< Note in the background a line up of matching red colour Chevs, Pontiac (?) and Caddy at left. Aren't those Futurliners amazing? - Ed.

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**USA** - Hi Ron, Wow this is a banner issue with so much pizzaz. :o)

I hope your club members enjoy reading the brief overview of the founding of the CLC. As I read through the info on using recommended zinc oil additives in our cars, I could not believe the high price you pay for STP Oil Treatment. A 16 oz blue container of STP cost less than \$3 here at Walmart. Wished I could send you a case without incurring the NZ import tariff. I did not realize your petrol price is so high. Just like in Europe. Your octane rating is higher than by us. Regular ethanol blended petrol is 87 octane, premium is 91 octane. Premium octane is just barely enough to keep our classic Cadillac engines from pinging during hot weather when operating under load like on an upgrade hill... I remember the days during the 50's when we could buy Blue Sunoco leaded petrol with 101/103 octane rating. Cadillac ovhd valve engines required and ran their best with high octane leaded petrol. You could advance the timing a couple of extra degrees before TDC and enjoy the increased power.

Those were the good old days when premium Petrol (Gasoline) cost us 33 cents per gallon and no one cared about miles per gallon. I worked part time, while going to college, at a Pure Gasoline Station in Michigan and people would buy \$2.00 worth of regular petrol, about 6.5 gals. which cost 29 cents per gal. Today, \$2 buys about .5 gals:-( Our current average summer blend petrol price per gallon in CA is around \$3.59 for premium. Sorry to read you have to pay such high prices for auto fuel and oil products.

The CLC is celebrating it's 60th year in San Marcos, TX during the 2018 Grand National. We are attending and Julie will take pictures during this GN Event. She'll share them with you. The European affiliates are also celebrating a CLC 60th in France next year. PS - Check out the 'History of Cadillac'. (Short and sweet) https://youtu.be/b46nZtiwiy8

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and good tidings in the coming months. Best wishes, The Brackx Family - Have a happy summer, Jack



Merry Christmas to all.

Dave Ritchie President, Cadi

President, Cadillac LaSalle Club - USA



NZ - BAY of PLENTY, Rotorua - How cool is this plate? New member, Chris Staines can organise these for us: Hi Ron I will supply the base Aliminium Plate for \$5 for our members Printing with reflective backing is \$60 for the pair . I will get a cost on the Emblem Cheers Chris [Chris is also costing a Caddy decal - Ed]. Chris' email details are: nzcamco66@gmail.com = Please liaise with him direct re payment - Ed



>>These are known as 'vanity plates' and are not intended to replace your road-legal plates so wear them as you see fit. Plate layout is split into letters and numbers as Chris' plate above.

### Words of Wisdom?

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

A will is a dead giveaway.

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

A backward poet writes inverse.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.

You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

A calendar's days are numbered.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison: a small medium at large.

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine ...

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture: a jab well done.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass'.



USA - I have established a new contact with the Carolina (USA) CLC. A passionate and close-knit club that travel to many great places and enjoy the camaraderie together. Editor Hollis Rule has permitted me to reprint articles and pics. Their magazine is fintastic! Ed. At left and on the following page is compliments of Hollis Rule, Editor, Carolina CLC and re-printed from their Carolina Chronicles magazine. Thanks Hollis - Ed





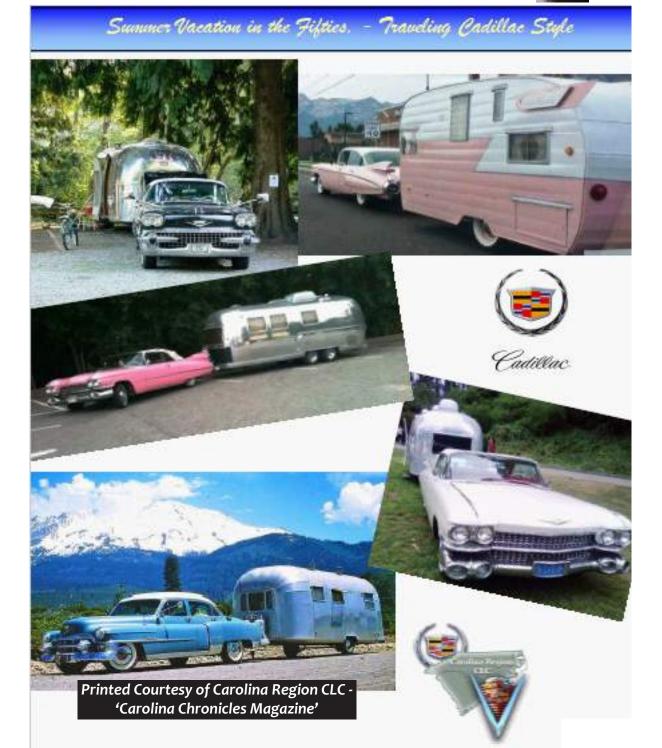






**USA - Carolina -** How did they know? At right the perfect pic for our New Zealand summer! Remember in the 1950s, actual cars pulled the family caravan. Nowadays it needs a 4WD, SUV or Pickup to do the same thing! Love those 'Airstream caravans'- Ed





**USA** - From Joe Gildea (Mr. Cadman Joe!') Background music by NZ's Peter Posa! Just got this yesterday from Dave Becker, head of the 58 Cadillac Owners Assoc: My 1958 Cadillac Fleetwood Sedan, Model 7523 is FOR SALE for \$20,000 firm. The owner of the house where the car was garaged for the past 15 years passed away and the property has been sold. The original jump seats in the rear compartment were changed to permanent seating, a champagne bar was installed as was the interior upholstery. The car has a stainless steel exhaust system. There is a fan in front of the radiator to keep the engine cool while the bride is in the church. The generator was replaced with an alternator. The car has 6 speakers in the rear compartment. The clock behind the front seat was replaced with an AM FM Radio with a cassette player and the retractable antenna is in the right rear quarter panel. There is no factory radio, that space is covered with a factory chrome plate, however there is an Alpine AM FM CD Player with a remote control and 2 Blaupunkt speakers in the front compartment. The engine was rebuilt just prior to my purchase of the car on August 18, 2001 with 35,981 original miles on the odometer. The latest Massachusetts Vehicle inspection was on

September 28,2017 with 37800 miles on the odometer, so you can see the car hasn't been driven that much in 15 years. I am the 3rd owner. Here is a YouTube Photo Story of the 58 Fleetwood Sedan which will show a lot of the interior: Sound on: <a href="https://youtu.be/RplBfzP\_D3E">https://youtu.be/RplBfzP\_D3E</a>
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**AUSTRALIA - Victoria -** From Paul Dixon: <a href="http://www.baskoetenracing.nl/bas-koeten-racing-naar-abu-dhabi-live-restauratie-oldtimer-sjeik/">http://www.baskoetenracing.nl/bas-koeten-racing-naar-abu-dhabi-live-restauratie-oldtimer-sjeik/</a> [Paul received the following addressed to CLC members] Hello Cadillac club member, Here from Holland a special request:

We are one of the biggest Racing Teams from Holland by running around 35 Race and Rally cars in several series all around the world but now we have received a special request from Sheikh Mansour from Abu Dhabi to restore one of his cars Live on Stage in 2 weeks time (see press release down here) on the crowdy Sheikh Zayed Heritage Festival in Abu Dhabi this December which is a big honour off course. **Our request to you is:** 

We need as much information about this car/these kind of cars as we can before we start the project. As we have less time to fix everything before we leave, I hope you can help us out with some (or a lot) of informations. It would be great if we make this prestigious project to a high level in the short time we have with the help of experts of the Cadillacs. We haven't worked on a car like this before so it's a challenge. But we are always in for this!



Hey Paul - keep us posted on the result. Will be interesting to see what sort of transformation takes place - Ed

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EUROPE - Hello from Europe. Wow! an article from Ron Zahn, AND Lars Kneller .... thats like winning the lottery! Ron (Melville), after your visit to the CLC GN, you must have made a good impression and i hope you will travel to France next year for the celebration of sixty years CLC. I attached a document for publication about the coming up 2018 event and organization - Boy, Ron and Lars in one magazine in NZ! All the best, Dirk



#### A EUROPEAN CADILLAC LA SALLE CELEBRATION Is Coming In 2018

<u>Some Background:</u> In 2006 the first CLC\* approved Grand European Meet (GE's) took place on the Belgian coast, in Zeebrugge. Since the first European Cadillac Club Affiliated with the CLC in 1997, the growth has been very fast throughout Europe, and today there are 12 CLC Affiliates in 11 European countries. Continued growth is expected as more Cadillac Clubs become Affiliates in the coming years.

Grand European Meets followed the Belgian meet; in Germany - 2008, France - 2010, The Netherlands - 2013, and in Switzerland - 2015. Sadly the 2017 meet ended with a "non-GE," although the "stranded" participants were taken care of in the best possible way. This situation alerted us to the need of some guidelines/structure to insure the success of our future GE's.

#### The Future:

It is not an easy task to set up a GE with so many people attending from all over the world. Members have expectations of enjoying a great Cadillac & LaSalle family event, at a reasonable cost, to network and meet likeminded hobbyists.

To accomplish this, your CLC Director of European Affiliates, Dirk Van Dorst, CLC Assistant Director Western Europe, Sigrid Hofmann, and CLC Assistant Director For Northern Europe, Anders S Wald, with the help of the CLC Vice President for International Affiliates, Ron Zahn, decided to create an independent non-profit European office, and it has been established in France, Richelieu. This new association, called Vintage Wheel Events (VWE) is recognized by the CLC Inc. USA, and will support the creation and success of future GE's, but also be available for other vehicle related events in Europe.

#### A Celebration:

VWE, is organizing a special party celebrating CLC's 60th anniversary. This party and Cadillac meet will be held in France, Loire valley, on Thursday 30 August through Sunday 2 September 2018. The starting point will be the same place as the 2010 GE, in Richelieu, France which is easy reachable by car and various means of transportation.

This will be a great get together of CLC members and Cadillac owners from all over Europe and the rest of the world to celebrate CLC's 60 years. A summer party under the French sun, cruising on the wide open roads, making use of the lawns of Chateau's and the park of Richelieu. During this celebration we also will discuss the future of the CLC Grand European. Detailed program and registration will follow soon.

Don't miss this opportunity! Mark your calendars for the celebration of sixty years CLC Dirk, Sigrid and Anders are welcoming you.

\* CLC refers to the Cadillac and LaSalle Club, Inc. a worldwide non-profit organization based in the USA. It's purpose is: to develop, publish and exchange information pertaining to Cadillacs and LaSalles; to encourage the maintenance, preservation and restoration of Cadillacs and LaSalles; to maintain reference materials and other historical information relating to Cadillacs and LaSalles; and to promote social fellowship among the Club members.







### Murray & Meredith's Awesome AGM Roadie to the 2017 Cadillac Nationals in New Plymouth, October 2017 by Murray Scott

Take a photo they said as I walked out of the office. I'll email one from the road I replied.

Yes the roadie to the AGM had been eagerly looked forward to for some time. Not the least because the car had been in the shop for a while getting many of those round-to-it jobs sorted. New CV joint, manifolds, frost plugs, entire new front end, quite a list but good to get them all sorted. Even had the rear shocks replaced. More on that later.

Away we went with the 56 humming along. Humming, apart from the wind noise which seems to accompany old cars. We turned the radio up.

All the jobs done seemed to be working until we hit the new Kapiti expressway. This thing is built on a sandy base and heavy freight seems to have done it no favours.

Newspapers have reports of leaking and deterioration of the road surface. The back end of the old Caddie is bobbing up and down like one of those nodding dogs you once could get for the back parcel shelf.

Hoping this was just my new suspension settling down, we carried on. Surprisingly once clear of state highway one, things seemed a little smoother.

I remembered the office request for a photo somewhere near Waverley. That's the town, not that chick from Shortland Street. This coincided with another pressing need. In the interests of efficiency we covered off both requirements at once.

There's little architectural merit in the Waverley dunnies however here's enough green bits to show the office we were not in a shopping mall somewhere.

Onwards in comfort we were met by torrential rain just north of Stratford. Welcome to Taranaki! This time it was the car's turn for a leak with rain forcing its way in through an aged windscreen seal.

By the time we reached our accommodation however the rain had let up a bit.

It was great to roll into the car park and see all the beautiful machines awaiting the weekend. I realised then how much I missed this annual event which has been part of our annual calendar for 20 odd years.

A bus trip to a couple of stunning garages certainly took the worry out of finding your way around an unfamiliar city.

The fabulous man cave of Mr Americarna, John Rae was a sight indeed. A 1955 Chev that went all the way to the States for its upholstery! Most enjoyable seeing the memorabilia collected over the years of racing. Thanks to John for allowing us to look over his collection. Prize winning Chev being was enjoyed by all. Then onto the lovely home of members Wayne and Frances McCurdy. Thank you for your hospitality. A good old chin wag with familiar friends here as we caught up with people we hadn't seen for a wee while. At an earlier than expected hour we headed back to base as the days travel started to catch up with a few. I'm afraid the Friday late nights are well behind those of us who've been members for a while!

Saturday's weather was the complete opposite. A tour of the district, led by locals Steven and Veronica Oliver in their 1905 showed us visitors the sights of the province. Starting with spectacular Len Lye Centre and the magnificent Rewa Rewa Bridge. Popular with local walkers and grumpy cyclists in lycra!



AGM Roadie by Murray Scott - Someone commented that many of them appeared to be carrying what appeared to be small truncheons on their person. I can only speculate that this was for clearing those pesky pedestrians out of the way.

From lycra city it was off to Tariki and the country barn of Noeleen and Mark Souber. What a lovely set up. And handily there was a 56 parked in there. Handy because after assuring our host I was only taking photographs, I was able to get a good idea where a couple of suspension bump stops were supposed to go.

A delicious morning tea refuelled all and then we were off to Inglewood station carpark for a show and shine. Whilst it's not AmeriCARna, there's no doubt 25 or so big Caddies certainly create a bit of a scene, stopping traffic on the way into the town.

For townies visiting from the urban sprawl, these rural gatherings are very enjoyable for the open road touring and country sights and sounds, not to mention smells. There's not a lot of cows grazing in Lower Hutt. A very enjoyable reason for owning one of these beasties.

The weather continued to be fine and warm as we explored Brian and Marie Gillet's home on the hill top. Lovely gardens, rural views and a spotless man cave. Must find out how to do that. (Keep it spotless). I have several resident spiders in mine and a seemingly endless supply of stuff that's no longer required in the house but seems appropriate to be stored in the garage.

Then onto one man's passion, the soon to be opened Hillsborough Holden Museum. I can see this becoming a must see for petrol heads as the site develops. Great collection of old and new models. I reckon most Kiwis would have had some kind of association with Holden over the years, either owning one or having someone in the family owning one. (My uncle had a 1974 LS Monaro).

A gloriously sunny afternoon encouraged top down motoring about town as we made our way back to the city. My 56 is what is known as a pillar less hardtop. So with all the windows down it almost has the convertible feel. This made for a great end to the afternoon, drifting through town on the way back to base. Great that is, until it came time to put the windows up. 61 year old wiring in a back door showed the Kiwiana influence by doing the yeahnah thing and the window refused to rise to the occasion. Door panel off, can't see anything wrong and wouldn't you know it the one thing not in the tool box was the test light. The magical appearance of some 100-mile-an-hour tape and a motel plastic bag sealed the window for the night. Thank you Sonia.

Our AGM went very smoothly and what a surprise to get the Maurice Hendry Award for club contributions. Very grateful for this, it's been a lot of fun over the years. The Saturday night dine and dance used to be all the rage back in the day. Almost forgotten how much fun these were, although it's fair to say our Taranaki hosts really know how to throw a party. Christmas Grinch giveaways, great band and a splendid feed had the night shaping up to be like old times until.....old times. Yes we were mostly tucked away at a reasonable hour.

Sunday and we were out peering at the weather fairly early. Disappointingly, the window hadn't fixed itself overnight. Still stuck in the down. We decided to hit the road rather than hang around. Yes it'll be fine all the way home! Turns out all the way to Hawera where a short downpour had us we wee bit worried. The Caddie though, was fair rocketing along at 60 miles per hour and most of the water kept going rather than coming inside. Other than that, no rain at all. What a great weekend.

Postscript >> Took a couple of hours the following Saturday with a test lamp to finally locate the separation of tired old wires in the passenger door.

Also checked the part number on the new rear shocks and turns out the shocks were for a 1999 Toyota Landcruiser, the front no less. So, rated for full engine weight and off road. No wonder she bobbed up and down like the bronco machine at the Dew Drop Inn! [Murray's photos next page]



MURRAY's Roadie to the NZ Cadillac Nationals/ AGM > memorable photos by Murray >>

IRELAND - Hi Ron!

Many thanks once again. Hope you had a good Thanksgiving. Great Finz as usual - i had a quick skim and looking forward to a good read. Love the '59 Series 75 limo with the Christmas tree on the roof. Would make a great Christmas card subject! And love the taillight photo of the '62 on the back - great fisheye lens. Yes it's a '62 - the '61 lights were 2 round ones set horizontally but i'm sure you've been made aware of that by now .... LoL - us '62 owners ......[slip of the fingers! Ed] Take care & give my best wishes to Neville for his 'birthday' even though I don't know him! Regards, Nick, Ireland

AUSTRALIA - Melbourne - Hi Ron well another year of your fab magazine it is an excellent job and a bloody good read. Merry Christmas to you and yours. Fantastic.....Janet Hazeldene [Thanks Janet, you're a sweetie! See you and Gary in March - Ed]







NZ - WELLINGTON - Welcome to the Doak family from our Capital city. Jon dropped me a line together with a photo of their very sharp '97 'Concours' - the ideal family (and modern) classic cruise! Jon says "We purchased this car so that we could enjoy weekend drives to different places. After Jon drove the car down from Auckland, we have been to Masterton, Carterton, Foxton and Whiteman's Valley. Sometimes, we take out friends or other times it is just the three of us – Dad (Jon), Mum (Joanne) and Aislinn."

[Thanks Jon, Jo and Aislinn. Great to have you in our club. I hope you get our and about with your fellow Wellingtonian members. Your adventures with photos and a short accompanied few words are welcomed anytime - Ed]

NZ - BAY of PLENTY - Shane Iremonger from Whakatane writes: Hello everyone.
The next EBOP Classic Car Breakfast is JANUARY 6TH 2018 BUT WE ARE MOVING THIS ONE EVENT to Julians Berry Farm & Café, 12 Huna Road RD1, Whakatane. Ph. 07 308 4253 https://www.juliansberryfarm.co.nz/
Same time as normal 8.00am. Please pass this around as we are moving this January event ONLY. But March we will be back at the RED BARN.



Welcome to the Doak family!







NZ - BAY of PLENTY - More from Shane in Whakatane: Hi Ron A few images attached from the TV3 CRC Motorsport show footage (All American Day item). The Opotiki rodeo on the 28th December is always worth a look, the cruise along the coast under the pohutukawas is always impressive at this time of the year and the bull horns will fit right in. Shane







NZ - BAY of PLENTY, Mt. Maunganui & Papamoa Chris Staines sent in a few more photos of our 'lineup' before we checked into the 'All USA Day' event. Then there is a shot of Chris and his loyal companion, 'Molly' who comes complete with own seat and 'travelling goggles!' at the 'Annual Papamoa Santa Parade'. Molly (and Chris) were crowd favourites amongst the several thousand yelling and cheering on-lookers. And finally, every (early) December is the 'Annual Toy Run' where any old car (except - NO Jappas!) can go for a cruise from The Mount down to Papamoa, back to The Mount and across the harbour bridge to the Fraser Cove Shopping Centre in Gate Pa. Part of the entry fee is a 'toy donation' to the Childrens Ward at Tauranga Hospital or cash donation to the Waipuna Hospice in Tauranga. A BIG turn-out this year (encouraged by the early hotsummery weather no doubt) with an estimated 200+ vehicles. Here is a selection of them.









'63 Chrysler Newport owned by Mr. Jessie James (yes that is his name!) Original thru and thru. Aqua inside and out. Beautiful Mopar









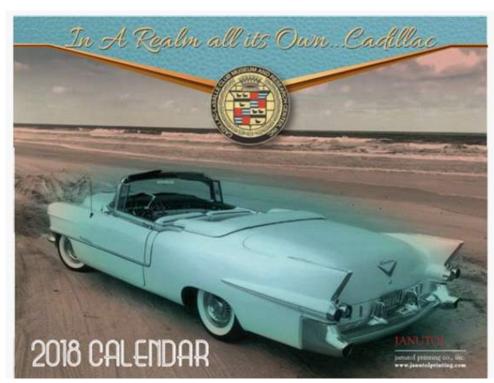


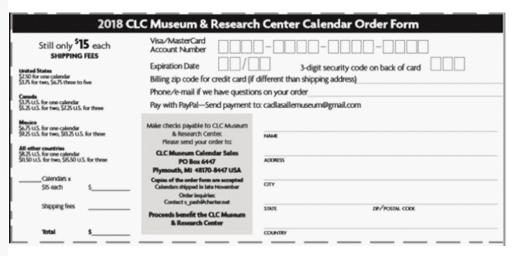
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### Editor's choice

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

Hello all and Happy New Year. One of the highlights here in NZ last year was meeting up with new member Brendan Osment from New Plymouth. Not only is he our youngest NZ member but he is also a keen photographer. He has a "good" camera and is a photography 'buff'. If you haven't already, check out his Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/hotmixphotography">www.facebook.com/hotmixphotography</a> you will be impressed. Talking about impressed, If you'd like to enjoy pictures of cool Cadillacs and LaSalles (year-round) get yourself one of these magnificent CLC Museum calendars. Proceeds to our CLC Museum and Research Center in the US. Have a great year and send me stuff! Ron (Ed)



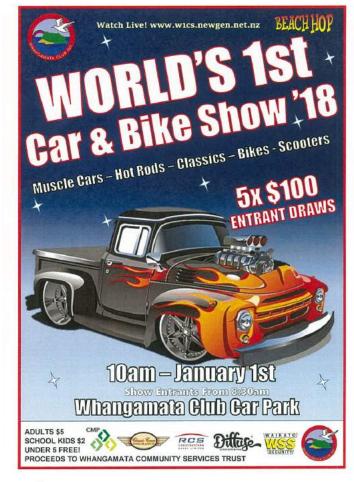






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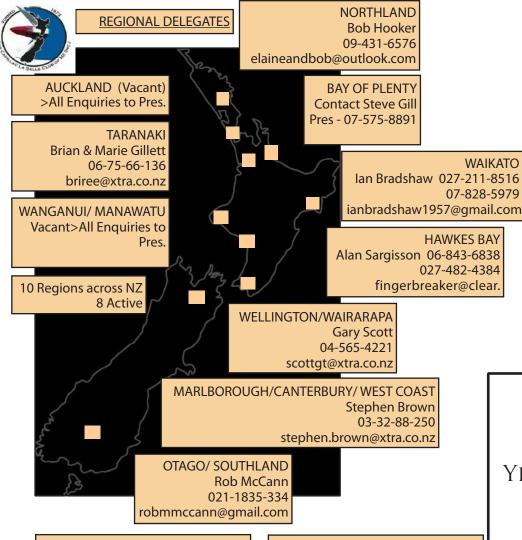
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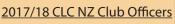




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> 29-31 December 2017 Southland Rodders Inc 50th Anniversary > 1st January 2018 - World's 1st Car & Bike Show for 2018 - Whangamata > 6th January 2018 - EBOP Classic Car Breakfast, Whakatane > 20th January - Neville Carters 'Bi-Annual' 60th - Taranaki > 20-21 January 2018 Kumeu Classic Car & Hot Rod Festival Kumeu A&P Showgrounds > 25-28 January 2018 Muscle Car Madness - Rangiora > 27th January - Thames 'Wings & Wheels' - Thames Airfield > 2-4 February 2018 Buller Rodders Inc. 40th Anniversary Run > 21-24 February 2018 Mainstream AmeriCARna, New Plymouth > 21-25 March 2018 Repco Beach Hop - Whangamata > 21 - 26 March 2018 CLC Australia Grand National, Renmark, South Aust > 30 March-2 April 2018 (Easter Weekend) Americars Rod & Custom Club 50th Anniversary Rod Run





