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Zane GOODE, CLCNZ drew this cool sketch!

Ron-dezvous



Hi there all. As I write this, the north island of NZ is enduring one of the wettest spring beginnings in many a year. Daylight saving has also begun and if we ever see some sun, the longer days will be ever so enjoyable which means more cruising opportunities in warmer weather!

One family I know that will be taking advantage of the longer days will be the Curry family of Wellington. Long, long time member Jason reports finally having secured their first Caddy - and what a beauty she is. Featuring on our front October cover, this chocolate coloured Caddy is a real time-warp machine from the days when the Bee Gees and Casey Kasem ruled the air-waves! Check out the terrific selection of pix that Jason has sent me - thanks Curry family!

A 'shout out' to my fellow Australian CLC magazine editors, Robyn and Terry Griffith who have decided to hang up their computer mouse after a sterling 13 years editing *La Cad* mag - whoa, that's longer than I have been in this club! Their classy *La Cad* will continue under the new Editor-ship of member Andrew Rees.

There's a few things on the calendar for this month. It's Bathurst time again - always a great spectacle and this year the event commemorates the 10th anniversary of Peter Brock's passing. Then we have our annual NZ Cadillac Nationals & AGM to be held in Whangarei this year. Safe travels to all those venturing north. Next year we gather in Taranaki - sure to be an awesome time given the those 'Naki members can 'out-party' anyone! 2018 is Tauranga and our 45th, and the parent club's 60th (Diamond) Anniversary!



The Caddy world salutes Terry & Robyn!



The car world misses Peter!



The world loves Bridget!

NOTE YOUR DIARIES CADILLAC NATIONALS " THE SWEET MEET "

This will be held on the
weekend of 14, 15 and
16 October 2016 at
Whangarei

Don't forget to send your apologies for AGM

Happy Halloween to all our American friends right at the end of October.

A recent 'ring-around' by me revealed a number of Caddies recently advertised have sold. That's great for the well-being of old cars - to hear they are changing hands. If existing members see a Caddy they have never seen before, please invite them to become a member - your club will thank you for it!

An update on club affairs appears elsewhere but to be brief, a new Secretary and Vice Pres. is still being looked for. All those attending the AGM should consider raising the ongoing issue of future membership to maintain reasonable numbers because we know for a fact there are many Caddies out there that do not belong to our club. If only we had a 'Membership Director' that drove that side of things...?

Want a laugh? Have your better half (or take yourself) to see Bridget Jones! In her latest movie she has a baby and gets married. Loads of fun and laughs in true Bridget Jones tradition. English comedy at its best!

For those that are heading to Whangarei - drive safe and see you there. Please read the all important meeting times for those driving from parts of the north island, namely Taranaki, Taupo and Tauranga (all the 'T's - no less - that's funny!)

Until next month cruise saefly out there and write me with your outings and include pix. Regards - Ron [Ed]



Leafy neighbourhood sprouts Eldo

but as we all know, Cadillacs are hardly ‘wall flowers!’

Longtime and loyal members, Jason and Nirosha Curry (not forgetting their ‘Cadillac children - Ryan and Jessica!’) have at last acquired a lovely Caddy - a 1978 (‘Disco era’) Eldorado Biarritz. Jason reports a good trip down from Auckland, our ‘Kiwi Route 66’ says he and that’s a good label for the old ‘State Highway 1’. The interior sports a nice ‘caramel’ colour and from the great pix Jason sent me it seems to have all its bits. This is one cool looking summer cruiser for the Curry family and as for the colour, the group ‘Hot Chocolate’ would definately say “You sexy thing!” - Ed





Here's what the Curry family had to say!

From Jason and Nirosha Curry, Wellington

Hi all, we have some news: after 24 years in the club, Nirosha and I can finally graduate from 'associate' to 'full' membership... we've just got our first Cadillac!

It's a 1978 Eldorado Biarritz in chocolate/copper/bronze with the 425cu (7 litres in the Queen's English - downsized from the 8.2 of '76... fuel crisis, you know)

It's mechanically sound, and looks great from a distance - close up it's a 40 year old body and showing it (but then I can't talk...) - not a concours car, but a good driver that we don't have to worry about too much.

Now, I just need to find some eight-tracks....

We've been waiting to say these words for so long.... Please update our directory listing accordingly!

Awesome roadtrip home from Auckland to Wellington along the kiwi Route 66...

Now where can I find a long mink coat and a floppy purple hat with a giant feather in it...? #PimpMobile

When I spied this full Mariachi horn section under the bonnet, my money was on either La Cucaracha or Dixie from the General Lee. I can confirm that this is a Confederate car.

#ThemGoodOlBoys

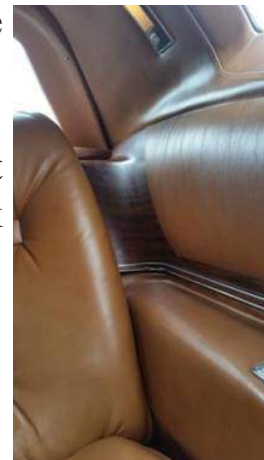
Our 10 year old Jessica: "What if you're angry at someone? They'll just think there's an ice cream truck behind them." #Burn

Umm... Yeah.

Susie: "Mid-life crisis?"

Jason: "No! *hurt*.... it's not a convertible..."

Lots of love from the Curries!



NEW ZEALAND - I thought it important to let you all know that our Secretary is in receipt of nominations for: President (Stephen Gill), Treasurer (Lois Thrupp), BOP delegate (Carol Southcombe) and Wanganui Delegate (Murray Palmer), Editor (Ron Melville). We are still on the look-out for a Secretary. If you can help the club out we'd love to hear from you. There's less involved than what you may think! Ed.

Member Rex Findley sent in this funny article. It's about one 'solid' Caddy! Thanks Rex - Ed.

Link is <https://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2016/09/02/once-missing-concrete-encased-1957-cadillac-to-return-to-public-display/?refer=news>

AUSTRALIA - A 'salute' is in order to long time Editors of the iconic and multi-Award Winning *LaCad* Magazine of our 'cousins' across the ditch in the Australian CLC. You see Terry and Robyn Griffith have decided to 'hang-up their computer mice' and enjoy the activities of good CLC camaraderie! Here is a few notes from Terry.

Hi Ron,
Yeah, we decided we needed to 'hang up our hat (or mouse)'. We've been editors of *LaCad* since the Winter 2003 issue, and feel we have run out of ideas and that it is time for someone else to have the opportunity to put their 'brand' on *LaCad*.

We're hoping we can spend more time working on our Caddies; they have been a little neglected, so we are looking forward to getting them ship shape and we can spend more time cruising.

The previous editor was Quentin Hall, but the longest serving (before us) was Peter Ratcliff, which you know I reckon. He was in the chair for ten years.

There was no specific reason why we decided to hand it on; just that we had run



It's hard to believe it's been 10 years since the ANZAC car hero, Peter Brock left us suddenly. To commemorate Peter, there will be a special acknowledgement at this years Bathurst race. Read the snippet below and reflect on past 'Hero Holdens' of the past.

I read where at this year's Bathurst, the 'Great Race' will pay tribute to the legendary Peter Brock.

The 2016 event pays respect to the 10th anniversary of Brock's death, a nine-time Bathurst winner whose life was cut short when he crashed during a tarmac rally in Western Australia. A number of Brock's famous cars, including his Bathurst winners, will be displayed at Mount Panorama at the Bathurst event as a tribute to Peter. It is said that he was not only a brilliant driver but he changed the sport by opening it up to new audiences and creating a more professional era. Most of all, he cared about the fans.

Bathurst is on the weekend of 8th and 9th October. - Ed.



AUSTRALIA - the race, and decided it was time to move on. The new editor (as of the Autumn 2017 issue) will be Andrew Rees - andrewre@tpg.com.au, we'll be finishing up with the Summer/Christmas 2016 issue.

We'll be supporting Andrew for as long as he needs us, and we'll also be the Queensland *LaCad* coordinators.

Thanks for your support and encouragement; you've done a great job over there, maybe you'll be able to keep it up for many more years. We love getting *FINZ*; it is a very good and refreshing magazine.

Hope to see you in Tasmania next year or South Australia in 2018.

Regards, Terry

> > On behalf of the NZ Club we wish you and Robyn all the best. Good luck to Andrew. Details about Tasmania is featured elsewhere in this mag. Sounds like an opportunity to visit a unique place with people we know! Ed



FURTHER to the Brock article at left do you know the background to Peter's famous '05' race car number? Peter not only stood against smoking (and famously told Marlboro their money wasn't wanted anymore) but he also championed a public campaign to reduce fatalities and casualties as a result of drunk driving by adopting '05' (Zero-five) as his race number, a reference to the Australian legal blood alcohol limit whilst driving.

Interesting huh? How many people/organisations do we know that demonstrate a social conscience and awareness? Ed.

More AUSTRALIA !- Queensland AGM
and cruise out the The Bearded Dragon.

It was bucketing down in parts of Brisbane on the Saturday but we woke to a lovely dawn on Sunday and a sunny 'just the right temperature' day for the AGM.

We all gathered at the Presidents home. He and Karan host very well. There is a lot of room for a line up of cars. Karan made a spread of nibbles and her famous scones. Note the hub caps for platters.

Terry and Robin who have been the editors for the magazine, La Cad for the past 13½ years were acknowledged with lifetime membership and an engraved mirror.

Then the cruise to one of my favourite places, The Bearded Dragon for lunch. We had a member from the SA club meet us there. A social and enjoyable day.

Caddie Anne - Queensland. Thanks Anne and for the pix too - Ed.



TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NORTH ISLANDERS

to Caddy Nats/ AGM in
Whangarei

- > Meet & Leave at Ruahihi Power Station (on Kaimais) 8am, Friday 14th October
- > Meet & Leave at Pokeno Ice Cream & Cafe at 11.29am SHARP (!) for Auck City
- > Next 'meet up' Orewa because we are likely to get split up along the way

Lost or late ring Steve Gill,
Pres. 027-289-8849



Terry & Robyn middle photo. Above scones in hub-caps. Are they Caddy caps? Ed

More AUSTRALIA ! Tasmanian Trip

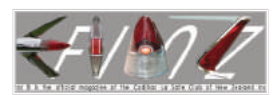
Extravaganza 24th March — 3 April 2017

Dear Member, As you will be aware CLC Victoria, in association with its Tasmanian members have organised a long requested trip for CLC to Tasmania. Given that a visit to Tasmania requires a large amount of planning (Similar to the Wangaratta Nationals), we need to move swiftly. The trip has been organised to basically be a relaxed, road trip 'Holiday' with planned activities and events at fantastic Tasmanian venues.

Unlike, say the Wangaratta Nationals that, at times, required early starts to the days' activities we have structured this trip to match 'Tassi Time'. There will also be many opportunities for 'Free Time' plus you can decide to 'Opt in' or 'Opt out' of some of the organised activities on the trip. While we have organised hotel rooms and other activities it will be a requirement for each family that plans to attend the trip to book their own car shipment on the "Spirit" and the level of accommodation they select for the overnight trip on the Spirit.

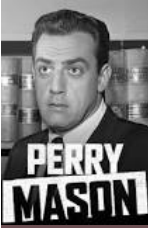
We will be providing Live booking 'Links' and a booking 'code'; or full detail of the selected hotel to organise your direct booking. Important Note No 1. The trip is open to those who wish to take their Cadillac or their modern car, on the "Spirit", or to fly in and be a passenger with a Cadillac buddy while in Tasmania. Important Note No 2. We need to ensure that all those members who plan to attend secure their bookings for their accommodation before the end of September 2016. Important Note No 3. As March is the busy season it is vital that those members requiring car space and accommodation on the "Sprit" do so ASAP to ensue car space and accommodation. [Supplied by Paul Dixon, Pres. CLC Vic. NOTE, there are some 10 pages of details. Email me: finzmagazine@gmail.com for full copy. Some of the above details have been edited to accomodate gist of trip. Ed

Editor's choice!



As many of you know I like to follow the odd TV programme, some people may say some the TV I watch is indeed odd!

But if you are one of the many that enjoy the 'Jones' channel here in NZ, then you may closely observe that some shows are a source of some real cool cars from the '50s to the '80s.



Firstly, 'Perry Mason'. This iconic series started in 1957 and by observing the cars, one can tell what year we are up to. Currently it is around 1966. Perry's current 'drive' is a 4-door Lincoln Continental convertible, whilst Private Eye, Paul Drake drives a '65 or '66 T-bird convertible - this is California and I think I've only seen a couple of episodes with rain in them!



Next is 'Hart to Hart'. Whilst the Harts drive a beautiful pale yellow 1980s Mercedes 450SL (?) convertible, there are plenty of other '80s cars out there with many '70s and a few '60s in view.



Talking about 1980s, you will enjoy the spy drama, 'Scarecrow & Mrs. King'. Lee (the male) drives a lovely silver Corvette - when the colour silver really stood out as an amazing colour amongst the palate of many other colours! Mrs. King drives a Buick Station wagon with faux wood-panelling.

Then there is Barnaby Jones. This is 'Jed Clampett' from the Beverly Hillbillies. Private eye Barnaby sounds exactly like Jed did with his slow drawl!



Hes a pretty clever sleuth in this series that features 1970s Fords.

His is a metallic chocolate brown, LTD and the black and white Police cars are all Ford LTDs with plenty of chrome trim and so shiny!

Apart from Perry Mason whose series is still 'black and white' all the rest is in colour and there are plenty of cool greens, oranges/ bronze, yellows, blues and a few reds (but not many) to be enthused about and many are the latest model at the time and new or newish! So what old TV shows do you like watching?

Many ARE far better than the reality trash we see today or should that read, 'we avoid' today! Ed



Our Fred Bausch in San Fran is a continual source of cool old pix. Thanks Fred and best wishes from the NZ CLC on your broken limb recovery - Ed. Pix from 'Top left' = Detroit Auto Show 1960. Top right = Forties and fifties cars in Boston parking lot.

Bottom left = Hollywood & Vine circa 1948, note very cool Caddy.

Bottom right = Hollywood & Vine, circa 2016 (Eds own pic taken April '16 is this the same building depicted in photo on left???)

AUSTRALIA - Paul Dixon sent this: Hiyah there everyone - - - here are a batch of fotos from the 2016 Pebble Beach driving tour that lets you savor the delectable's in the unloading and staging area, sans the crowds, and on the tour that precedes the actual Concours. Participating in the tour around the Monterey Peninsula shows that your car is indeed roadworthy and gains you a few extra points in the class judging in case of a tie score between two cars in the same class.

John Sobrero is up to his normal hi-jinks in this foto-essay with dog and dinner fotos included!! Enjoy please, coz as many of you are aware, Pebble Beach is the epitome of all car shows, bar none! Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance 2016 Photos

More photos at <http://goo.gl/9XlhJh>

UK - From Peter Griffith

Once again Ron great publication, did you know our editor Rob Maidment died the beginning of this month suddenly. I and the rest shall miss him. He was very upper crust and controversial at times, but always interesting and helpful to anyone that asked ,I shall miss him very much ,regards to you all and Maurice.

Peter Griffith

USA - Thanks Ron. Great read! Doug Bailey - Atlanta

Hi Ron, Thank you for the great write up about our barn find of the Cadillac cars in Birmingham, Alabama. Truly a once in a life time experience if one is lucky enough to find it. My 59 truly is a great find with so much restoration to original condition already completed. Upon our return to FL this Fall I will take the car to have new carpet and head liner installed as well as the trunk lining replaced. There is a quality Trim Shop in Pensacola that has a good reputation for doing show quality work.

USA - Lastly, I did locate a license plate light lens on E bay and have it already installed. Just another check in the box of the "To Do List."

Best regards, Julie's Dad (Jack!)

PS - All is well with our home in FL. The storm passed about 100 miles east of our area. According to neighbors there was a small amount of rain that fell in the neighbor hood. Thereafter a beautiful sunshine day.

Busy searching ebay for items for my 59 brochues, small parts etc. The big ticket item is new period correct WSW tires Other to do is carpet and headliner installation. Regards - Jack.

TARANAKI - From Noeleen Souber. Good for mag. Untold American Diners! I had a look, unbelievable - Ed.

<https://goo.gl/images/GyncwX>

BAY of PLENTY - Came across this.

Worth a visit on the web! Ed

Waimak Classic Cars was established with the aim to preserve classic and vintage vehicles. We are not a car yard dealership but enthusiasts catering for other enthusiasts within our industry. Our key interest is to ensure the preservation of these very special cars, which is why we go the extra mile to ensure they are sold to good homes for a respectable value. We believe classic cars should be considered an alternative investment to stocks and property – tangible assets you can see, admire and enjoy – assets you have control over.



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Put this date in your diary, Bay of Plenty members and come support Santa as he rides in a 1960 Caddy convertible! Contact Ron if you intend to come along and join the parade in your Caddy!

27 Nov 2016

The theme for this years parade is.... SUPERHERO



PAKñSAVE

Papamoa



USA - For many issues I have enjoyed the writings of CLC Texas Region member, Richard Dormois' stories that appeared in the NTXCLC newsletters, "The Standard Of The World" under the title 'That's my story and I am stickin' to it!' Richard writes a fascinating account of his younger years which invariably stars Cadillacs in his past! Here is the first read. Thanks also to Bill Levy, Editor (whom I met in Las Vegas (Hi Bill) who has made Richard's writings possible for global sharing - Ed.

That's My Story And I'm Stickin' To It

Story 5

Story and photo by Richard Dormois

In this next chapter of the series on how Cadillacs have impacted our family we get a bit far afield but the "Forty nines" seem to take center stage as they were the primary platform for two very important periods.

Upon rotation from Dhahran Air Force Base in Saudi Arabia, I had no recollection of ever hearing of my next permanent duty station, Beale Air Force Base, California, but my NCOIC assured me it was the largest SAC (Strategic Air Command) base in the world with a fully operational long range bomb wing and support units. Upon arrival, I found an 86,000 acre, decommissioned, U. S. ARMY Camp Beale, upon which the U.S. Air Force was to construct a viable Strategic Air Command installation, integral in the defense of our Country. It was our mission as the 4126th Combat Support Group, to build the infrastructure for a Boeing B-52 Stratofortress, Long Range Bomb Wing, a Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker Refueling Wing, and the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird 9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing.

I was the twenty-sixth permanent party on the base. Upon arrival, I observed a Beechcraft C-45 Expeditor moving on a taxiway and my driver said, "I think that's te Colonel's plane. That's all we got so far." I signed in with the CQ (Charge of Quarters) at the BOQ (Bachelor Officer Quarters) Q and reported to the OD (Officer Of The Day) who pointed out the chow hall next door which served as the Officer's Club, The NCO Club and the Airman's Club. We just called it the "Service Club" and primitive as it was, it was what we had and we made the best of it. It was not unheard of, to sit down at an empty table, in civilian clothes for supper and be joined by a visiting Airman in civilian clothes and visit for several minutes, never using the word "sir", to learn he was a commissioned officer, maybe with rank as high as General... no apology necessary!

Your initial graveyard shift patrol duty was likely to turn up an anomaly not usually seen on a military base. It was a most unsettling observation to drive into a dormant World War II German Prisoner of War Internment Camp where hundreds had been detained dec-ades before, now quiet and kind of eerie at three in the morning. That German Internment Camp, extant today, is a significant part of Beale Air Force Base history and of our country. Not far away, a large herd of Hereford cattle graze quietly as part of a deal with cat-tlemen who owned the land before World War II. During my deployment at Beale Air Force Base, we held an auction, where those cattlemen and their decedents bought their grazing land back.

About three a.m., nestled in my comfortable bunk in the BOQ on my second night at my new base, I was shaken awake by the CQ, who shouted that we had a highly violent psychopath who had to go to the Travis Air Force Base Hospital and I was the only one on base licensed to drive an ambulance. I jumped into my fatigues and found a 1949 faded blue Cadillac ambulance outside rocking and emitting sounds of an altercation. A rather large Airman Third Class, just assigned to us, apparently under the influence of something had flipped out. Although he was attended by a corpsman and strapped to a gurney inside the Cadillac, things did not appear secure.

I took off on my eighty-three mile emergency trek to Fairfield, California and Travis Air Force Base, quickly learning that the Cadillac had very little power and later learned that it had not been run since being inherited from another Air Force Base which had retired it. Gauges did not work, but I felt the coach would not attain fifty miles an hour. It bogged down when the red light was turned on and the siren was actuated by mashing a button on the floor... however, the "emergency equipment" wasn't really needed because while moving "Code Three" south on what is now Interstate 80, civilian cars were passing our Cadillac "emergency vehicle." I think I can say, without equivocation, that this trip was the most harrowing experience of my twenty years on Earth or since. The gurney "holding" my patient had broken away from its moorings, my Cadillac ambulance was rocking and sometimes I would not hear from the corpsman for several minutes, only the sick one screaming, he was going to kill us both when he got loose. I did not doubt him, only hoping we got to Travis before he managed to get loose.

Upon arrival at Travis Air Force Base, two MP (Air Force Military Police) vehicles escorted us "Code Three" to the psych unit of the base hospital, where two additional Air Policemen and two medical personnel were waiting to assist us with the violent one we had brought from Beale Air Force Base in our 1949 Cadillac Ambulance. After a gang of six got our patient fitted into a secure jacket, I asked our new found friends if there might be a chow hall or motor pool open at this hour. It was almost day shift by that time and we were well fed and a motor pool staff sergeant said, "Where did you get this thing?" There was more wrong with it than he could fix in a day, but he said he would depend on it

This article is a series of stories penned by Richard Dormois and appeared monthly in the North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club's award-winning newsletter, "The Standard Of The World." Permission is granted for reprinting and should include the attribute above.

Thanks to Editor, Bill Levy for sharing this great series and to author Richard Dormois for penning them! Ed

That's My Story And I'm Stickin' To It

Story and photo by Richard Dormois

Continued from page 9 - for transportation back to Beale Air Force Base. "Oh... and you were out of gas" The sergeant put a Band-Aid on our Cadillac and we drove it back to our base. It never came to mind then, but the Cadillac would be a pretty neat thing to have in a collection now, simply because it was a significant piece of history, back in the day. All our rolling stock at that time was hand-me-downs from other Air Force bases where the machines had been retired. We had no motor pool at Beale to maintain them - not fun.

We were isolated on Beale Air Force Base with no shuttle service to the surrounding towns of Rough and Ready, Wheatland and Marysville and so we had virtually no social life. There was one girl assigned to the nurse corps, and she was quickly swept up by my newly assigned Admin Officer, Second Lieutenant Larry Runge. My partner Tom Ross and I conspired with a few others to have a "dance." Not much to offer, but we did have "The Service Club" with a kitchen, and tables could be pushed against the wall for a dance floor, and a trusty Wurlitzer juke box, with some pretty good stuff



on it. Including some ELVIS numbers released while I was in Saudi Arabia. Several said this was a crazy idea and would never work. Our Commander, Colonel Robert Hurley and Provost Marshal Captain Carson Crabtree gave their blessing to our scheme. We placed an ad in the Appeal Democrat and promised to have the ladies back to Marysville by midnight. Our detractors were still somewhat skeptical. We sent a tired Blue Bird school bus in to Marysville to pick up the girls... if there were any. Our driver radioed back, "Ya all better send another bus. Mine's plumb full." We did.

About forty airmen waited patiently at the bus stop in front of the chow hall. Kind of like livestock at a trough. The first girl off the bus was an attractive eighteen-year old blond lady named Marilyn. She became the mother of Tom Ross' two chil-dren. The second girl off the bus was a pretty seventeen-year old brunette called Carole who became the mother of my three children. The children of those two cou-ples raised their children right there in the Marysville area and are still there to-day. In retrospect, I guess you could say "the dance" was a pretty good idea. Things transpired pretty fast after that. Colonel Paul K. Carlton, commanding the B52G Long Range Bomb Wing, arrived and shortly thereafter commanded the KC 135 Refueling Wing. Being "The New Kid on the Block," we routinely received a host of ranking air-men. It was not uncommon to be given a "heads up" to the likes of generals Archie J. Old, Jr. and Curtis Lemay and the 12th Air Divi-sion brass dropping by to see how we were doing.



Serious dating for the first time on a military base far from town, required wheels of some sort. I bought a grey four cylinder Henry J Corsair two door for a hundred dollars and found it adequate to call on my girl in Marysville. Quite by chance, while downtown, I think shopping for rings, we saw a French Grey over Lu-cerne 1949 Cadillac Sixty-Two four door sedan on the front line of a used car lot just off D Street. We agreed that if we could get enough for the Henry J on trade, maybe we could afford the payments. We loved the test drive around town in the absolutely immaculate forty-nine

Cadillac and the salesman offered us two-hundred dollars for the Henry J if we would keep it. We bought the Cadillac and kept the Henry J. I took a lot of chiding and teasing at the base. It seemed some questioned an Airman Second Class driving a luxury sedan.



>>> *More next month - Thanks Richard - Ed.*

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO ALL NZ CLC'ers

Hi all.

As your Editor I thought I would write something that may stimulate some conversation within and about our club and the upcoming AGM, to be held this year in Whangarei, in the 'winterless North' and by time we get to October maybe temps will be nicer than now. Daylight saving certainly will be with us then and that's always a plus!

Governance – is required in every club, small and big. It's the 'official side of things' that when you are a 'registered charity/ non-profit organisation' like ours we have to abide by what needs to be done.

The CLC of NZ has always been a pretty 'low-key club'. We believe we do the things we need to do and do them well. We are financially stable and over time have revamped our branding, profile, magazine and have been streamlining our membership systems so we become more tech-savvy all in an effort to reduce 'maintenance' for those that manage them.

Currently we are without a Vice President and our longstanding Secretary is not intending to stand again. Some have asked 'what do these two positions involve? In addition, our Auckland and now Wanganui regions are without 'delegates'. Whilst we do not have formal 'Job Descriptions' (and we don't want to be 'that' formal or 'Corporate' to have that) I will do my best to explain them:

Vice President (VP): Sometimes a 'future President' in waiting! Like the President, the VP will be out there 'flying the flag' for the club and being a good 'PR' person. He or she supports the President and together they are there to keep the club 'alive and kicking!' Any enthusiastic member could be a VP!

Secretary: This person works closely with the club Treasurer. Our past Secretary had co-signing authority on the club's accounts so it's a role with a high degree of trust. The Secretary processes new (and renewal of expired) memberships, keeps track of membership tenures (length of time members have been with club), maintains club archives and prepares/ records the annual AGM minutes. As much as we would like, we don't have new members signing up each week so maintenance is 'as required' but it is important to keep all our club records orderly. If you are a person that has a background in record keeping or office admin, this role maybe just for you!

Regional Delegates: Like the President and VP's role, this position is all about keeping in touch with the members 'in your patch'. Members out there look for a leader, someone who regularly organises a cruise or co-ordinates others to take turns in arranging outings (that always works well and in some cases a member only has to think of somewhere new to explore perhaps once or twice a year plus it can help get everyone to meet up with each other a few times a year!). Any enthusiastic member could be a 'Delegate'. Look around you or even in your mirror! Who could be the new delegate in either Auckland or Wanganui?

You know we have approx. 90 members, there is 3 of us who are currently holding office positions (and 7 out of the 9 regions have delegates) so out of the other 80 or so members we are looking for just two more officers and two delegates.

No position is a hard position and your fellow officers will provide support and mentoring where required. For the VP and Secretary's position you could be living anywhere in NZ.

Please give consideration to stepping up to help fill these positions – it could even be a wife and husband joint role where you can both undertake the role. Or if you know of a fellow member in your region you feel would be simply 'ideal', please 'tap them on the shoulder' and ask them if they would accept your nomination...the form is enclosed in this issue.

Thank you folks and we look forward to a successful AGM and welcoming two new officers and two new delegates.

Ron Melville, Editor, FINZ Magazine CLC - New Zealand



**ALL MEMBERS - Please nominate
someone you know for any the
positions below and read instructions**

**[NOTE - Current Secretary
not seeking re-nomination]**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION FORM

The Cadillac La Salle Club of New Zealand (Inc)

Postal and Email nominations FORM for 1 Sept thru 31 Aug Financial Year

Please return to The Secretary, The Cadillac La Salle Club of NZ (Inc)

19 Gold Street, WAITARA 4320 Or email: g.davis0@xtra.co.nz

All nomination papers must be in the hands of the Secretary by 1st October in the current financial year. All nominees must have given consent to stand for the position for which he/she has been nominated. All signatories must be financial members of The Cadillac La Salle Club of New Zealand (Inc). Nominator and Seconder must sign; otherwise this form will be invalid. If nominating more than one position please photocopy this form

Executive POSITIONS FOR NOMINATION

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURER

SECRETARY

MAGAZINE EDITOR

Further (Non-Executive) POSITIONS FOR NOMINATION

REGIONAL DELEGATES (indicate Region)

NOMINATION FORM

Position for nomination _____

Name of Nominee (please print clearly) _____

Proposed by (Name and Signature) _____

Seconded by (Name and Signature) _____

Accepted (Signature) _____

CADILLAC NATIONALS AND AGM 14 – 16 OCTOBER 2016

“THE SWEET MEET”

AT LAST !!!

Registration form attached.

Print out, fill it in and return.

Do it on line if you want to – it will be printed in the next magazine also.

Please return forms by end of September.

TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NORTH

ISLANDERS

- > Meet & Leave at Ruahihi Power Station (on Kaimais) 8am, Friday 14th October
- > Meet & Leave at Pokeno Ice Cream & Cafe at 11.29am SHARP (!) for Auck City
- > Next 'meet up' Orewa because we are likely to get split up along the way

Lost or late phone Steve Gill, Pres.

027-289-8849

DO IT NOW

SEE YOU THERE

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CADILLAC NATIONALS – WHANGAREI

14 – 16 OCTOBER 2016

"THE SWEET MEET"

REGISTRATION FORM

LAST NAME:

FIRST NAME:

PARTNERS NAME:

CHILDREN'S NAMES:

PHONE NUMBER:

CAR (YEAR, MODEL ETC)

COST

Registration Fee (per head) \$20.00 \$

Museum Entry Fees (per head) \$20.00 \$

Total \$

(All meals are extra)

Make cheques payable to Cadillac La Salle Club and post together with registration form C/- 368 Pahi Road, R D 1 Paparoa 0571.

Payments may also be made by on line banking to the Cadillac La Salle club account 06-0689-0055887-00 and emailing the registration form to elaineandbob@outlook.com

Activities start Saturday morning but, are you interested in going out as a group for a meal on Friday night? Yes No (circle one)

Accommodation bookings to be made direct to Discovery Settlers Hotel. 0800 666 662 Email: reservations@discoverysettlers.co.nz

SEE YOU THERE

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FINAL Notice

Grab your diaries!

- CADILLAC NATIONALS 2016 - " THE SWEET MEET "

This will be held on the weekend of 14, 15 and 16 October 2016 at Whangarei
Great venue, great sights and great tours. We will keep you informed as more
details are available. SEE YOU THERE - N N (Northland Nutters!)

P S: Pencil it in your diary now!

" THE SWEET MEET " ACCOMODATION CONFIRMED

Have we got a deal for you!!!! We will be staying at the Discovery Settlers Hotel
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facility there for getting the special deal

Your credit card will not be charged until you arrive and you can cancel anytime
up to one month before the event. **DO IT NOW**

Phone number : 0800 666 662

Email address: reservations@discoverysettlers.co.nz SEE YOU THERE



SPECIAL ANOUNCEMENT

Confirmed, we will be visiting the Packard Museum, holding 52 Packards, reputedly
the world's largest private collection of these cars, where you will also see 63 vintage
motorcycles, steam engines, stationary engines, earthmovers, military equipment and
heaps of domestic items. We are working on more visits and exciting things to do, so we
will keep you informed as we finalise things. SEE YOU THERE - NN

Grab your diaries!

>>>LATEST NEWS<<<

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☞ **THE SWEET MEET** ☞

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

As over 50% of you asked for the Friday night dinner we have arranged with the Northland Club Whangarei to host us. They will pick us up from the Hotel and deliver us back afterwards for \$2 pp each way, in their minivan. There is a variety of great food available to a maximum of approx. \$25. There will be entertainment provided along with games, an art auction, raffles, shuffleboard, snooker, poker machines etc.

Proceeds from the Art Auction go to MS Northland.

Should be a great night out. We don't have to give numbers so anyone can come.

Remember too, New Zealand doesn't finish at Auckland, there is heaps to see in Northland. Take some time before or after the AGM. Visit Bay of Islands, Cape Reinga, Ahipara, Rawene,, Kai Iwi Lakes, Matakoho Kauri Museum. There is heaps to see and enjoy in Northland.

Keep those registrations coming in. Hotel reservations 0800 666662
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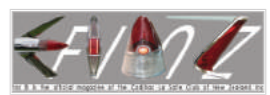
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<< **FOR SALE** 1955 Cadillac Coupe De Ville. Asking price with personal number plate 55CADY is \$38,000 or \$40,000 without. Purchased in 1955 at that time by [redacted] (name) Gold. Had all manuals and kept a record of all parts missing and purchased parts that needed replacing plus work done privately. Marie Forsyth therockabillyrebels@hotmail.com [Dec 14]

SOLD!

^^ **FOR SALE** '69 Coupe DeVille. Shalimar gold paint, white vinyl roof. 472cu. 39k miles. 2 NZ owners; 1 Canadian. Body exc. cond. Full documented history. Photos avail. Pho Clara or Ian. 027-647-0 [redacted] (name) deville@outlook.com

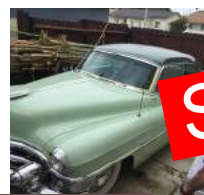
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SOLD!

Claire Coleman claire7mail.com Selling 1955 Cadillac Coupe De Ville for sale. Very pretty much perfect. Original engine goes with it just has one bested piston sleeve. Great paint. Flawless underneath. No rust apart from one tiny spot at rear bumper apron. Comes complete with a roll of Cadillac embossed fabric for interior restoration. US \$40k. Can you please send this out to your contacts?



NOTE! PHOTO IS AN EXAMPLE. PLATE CAN BE RE - PRINTED WITH JUST "55CADY" - THEY CAN BE USED ON ALL 1955 CADILLAC MODELS. COUPE DE VILLE, CONVERTIBLE ELDORADO, SEDAN, FLEETWOOD, BIARRITA ETC? GREAT BIRTHDAY, FATHERS DAY, MOTHERS DAY, XMAS GIFT. It costs over \$1000 for new standard personalized plates now days so asking \$560.00 and free post is well below what I paid for them. Cheers Marie Forsyth
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BAY of PLENTY - Local Tauranga members met in Greerton at the 39th Street Machines & Custom Car Show that coincided with the annual Greerton Village 'Cherry Blossom Festival'. Despite the overcast day, it remained fine and only started raining as the last cars were departing! This would be a great event to attend in 2017 given it will be the 40th! - Ed



From far LEFT - Rod in the making? Running chassis
'Orange Roughie' (NZ fish species) was a very tidy Chevelle
'38 Ford V8 was 'all there'
Lovely Red over white Packard was shiny. Interior was matching red and white
CLC Members, Graham & Lois' Thrupps
amazing Fleetwood always turns heads!





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Above - Editors ride, "flying the Club flag"
RIGHT top - nice Mustang and '63 Studebaker Lark
RIGHT - very nice T-Bird
BELOW - Mopar and Monaro both nice rides
Bottom left - Edsel was tidy too
Bottom right - sharp Mustang



Tail lights on Edsel were from a '59
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UPCOMING Events in 2016 -

October - 14th, 15th and 16th - NZ Cadillac Nats Whangarei - "The Sweet Meet!"

October - 22nd - Wheels on Mainstreet, Mt. Maunganui

November 6th - Picnic Day - Taranaki Region

November 20th - All USA Day - New Venue at Classic Flyers, Mt. Maunganui

November 27th - Santa Parade, Papamoa

2017 - 24 Mar-3 Apr Aust CLC Tasmania Tour

July 1st, CLC USA Nat Driving Tour Route66

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Tail Lights



A great shot of background noise and colours with the sun falling perfectly
on the Curry's 1978 Eldo Biarritz, taken in Wellington, NZ