



Don't Cadillacs look great in blue?

Rendezvous!

Well here we are. By time you read this Halloween, our 49th Cadillac Nationals and the Annual Melbourne Cup will be just around the corner!

This year's event organisers, Kay and Dave have sent me more great material for you to digest and the menu looks fab. Let's hope for lots of fine weather and few pot holes to navigate!

I have gassed-up the Calais, it has a fresh WOF, a wash and all I need do is check the tyres, pack and the Tauranga attendees (six of us) will depart from Papamoa on Thursday 3rd. I understand there is approx. 30+ members heading to Gizzy and approx. 16 or so Caddies. Sounds like a great time to be had. Last minute participation still possible, read inside this issue for all the details. Drive safe and see you in Napier! Oh, by the way, if you cannot come along, please email your 'apology' to Frances. The AGM 'dress theme' this year is 'Red, White & Blue'. Please bring along some Cadillac/ Old car/ Elvis items for the annual 'Fun Auction'.

This months cover Caddy is Alan Sargisson's immaculate looking '57 done in a beautiful blue. Believe it or not, Alan is willing to sell this beauty together with his Eldorado. Read elsewhere for details.

There's an update on Kiwi racing driver Earl Bamber who will be at the wheel of a Cadillac racer in 2023.

Pic at right is of 'Honest John Foost' who passed away recently. He travelled the globe, chasing his love of Cadillacs and Cadillac shows. A tribute to him in this edition.

Just before I finish, there is a special attachment regarding our Gizzy Train trip. Definately worth a read. Drive safe out there and see you in Gizzy - Ron, Ed!



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We formed our New Zealand club in 1973 and celebrated our 40th Anniversary in 2013 making us one of the oldest Cadillac clubs in the world. We are proud to be an International Affiliate of the world-wide Cadillac LaSalle Club of the USA - itself formed in 1958.

Our Global Family



WELLINGTON, NZ - The Curry family have gone all-out with their Cadillac-Halloween tribute when they celebrated the '21 event (of course the photos arrived after Halloween) and Jason and I thought it'd be fun to publish them this year! See how many Halloween tributes you can find. They are a colourful family and always participate 101%. I wonder what they will get up to at the 49th Caddy Nationals? ED



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CRUISIN' TO THE CADILLAC CONFERENCE !



FROM DAVE & KAY

2022 CADILLAC NATIONALS 3RD NOV – 7TH NOV

FIRSTLY - Thank you to Wayne and Frances McCurdy taking the time to help put together this year's event and travelling to Gisborne & Napier with us.

SECONDLY – We decided to split the Event into 2 Stages so travelling will be not just one big journey and we will create a lot more fun by travelling in convoy from Napier to Gisborne.

- ★ Each month going forward to November Nationals we will outline one or more of the fun things that are planned.
- ★ It's great to get so many calls from interested members who have already booked their accommodation.
- ★ If any members would like to Sponsor an Event during the National's please contact Dave.
- ★ We are committed to making the 49th Nationals at Gisborne a real buzz so make sure you get your Registrations in and book your accommodation now.
- ★ It is good we are now in the Orange Traffic Light and by November we may be in Green!!
- ★ The club has generously given a contribution towards all activities to thank Members for their participation and attendance.
- ★ REGISTRATION FEE -\$40 PER PERSON. Please pay now to Cadillac Club bank Account No. 06-0689-0055887-00

Mini Golf Tournament – Napier 4th November Friday

PRIZES SPONSORED BY – McCurdy Trucks

Just one of the events planned for Napier

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2022 CADILLAC NATIONALS 3RD NOV – 7TH NOV

STAGE 1 - ARRIVE NAPIER THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER



Book into Quality Inn Napier.



Pre organised Dinner at 5pm. (No driving!)



FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - DAYS ACTIVITIES.



Mini Golf – prizes for the Champions!



Travel to Car collection. Approx. 130 cars never seen before!!

If Club members have something special they want to do in Napier please let us know and we will see if we can Shopping, sightseeing, or some thing you know of interest.

Friday Evening -Pre organised Dinner (No driving)

As the rooms on hold at the Quality Inn are almost fully booked we have been able to secure another 6 rooms after 1st October. We also require Registrations in by then too as we need the numbers for Catering.

Our Cadillac Club is making a substantial donation towards this 49th National Conference

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STAGE 2 - NAPIER TO WAIROA SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



Well we leave Napier early on Saturday with a real bang as it is Guy Fawkes Day!



Heading to Gisborne via Wairoa for a Morning Tea Break & Pit Stop. Morning tea will be at the East End Café (Club Shout)



Then were off to Gisborne for lunch at the Matawhero Winery – an amazing stop! On the way see the all the cropping plus Kiwifruit – Gold & Green, Citrus & Avocado and the Winery and Vineyards. This was a massive area for Watties a few years back. Our Club will pay for lunch at the Winery.

Lunch over and we head to Gisborne to the Pacific Harbour Motor Inn on the river front and book into your accommodation for Saturday & Sunday nights.

Cadillac Nationals & AGM Dinner in the evening.



Gisborne is the first area to see the sun rise so a very special place to have our Nationals.

STAGE 3 – GISBORNE – SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Out of bed and get your Cadillacs to the Gas Guzzlers Breakfast and Car Show that we have been invited to by Rick the Organiser!

Then Penny has invited us to ride the Gisborne Vintage Steam Train. Not many of these old beasts still running! MAGIC! The Cadillac Club will pay for all Members and lunch is also includedbut to qualify we need numbers. Please record on Registration form to go back to Frances.



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DAY 3 – SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER -GISBORNE

Make sure you have your accommodation booked at the Pacific Harbour Motor Inn for Sat. 5th & Sun 6th Your host there is Karen.

AGM Conference Dinner Saturday Night at The Works Restaurant. Good People, Good Food Good Fun. Our club are generously paying.

DRESS THEME – RED..WHITE..BLUE

AUCTION - Please bring what ever you can spare!!!

DAY 4 – SUNDAY MORNING – GAS GUZZLERS BREAKFAST AND CAR SHOW

All Cadillacs entered . This is run by Rick.



AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT - Steam Train Ride – WOW not many of these Beasts left now.

Lunch provided by the Club.

Dinner at The Rivers Restaurant under the Emerald Hotel.



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FROM DAVE & KAY

2022 CADILLAC NATIONALS 3RD NOV – 7TH NOV

WOW! This is a special report from Dave & Kay

Not many more sleeps to go now!

START :

Thursday 3rd November - Arrive Napier - Quality Inn Accommodation – Shopping --Dinner

Friday 4th November - Mini golf -- Shed raid...(130 Cars)-- Cheese Factory –Dinner

Saturday 5th November - Wairoa – East End Café -- Matawhero Winery – Lunch

Gisborne Pacific Harbour Motor Inn Accommodation

Nationals Dinner & AGM at The “Works” Restaurant

Sunday 6th November – Gas Guzzlers Breakfast and Car Show (Around 100 -130 Cars)

Steam Train Ride into the ‘Outback’

Then to round off the day Dinner at the “Rivers” Restaurant. Includes the Gisborne Entertainers Showmen.

Monday 7th November – for those wanting something extra maybe a cruise North to Tolaga Bay?

This will be a full on exciting Nationals as never before. If you haven't registered and would like to - then contact Secretary Frances now and she may be able to fit you in!

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REGISTRATION FOR THE 49TH GISBORNE NATIONALS

Please complete and scan back to frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz

NAMES:

Thursday 3rd Nov Quality Inn Napier

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Other accommodation?

Dinner Thursday night

Dinner Friday night

Mini Golf Friday – (no cost)

Saturday 5th Nov Pacific Harbour Motor Inn Gisborne

Other accommodation?

Morning Tea at Wairoa (no cost)

Lunch on way to Gisborne at a Winery-(no cost)

AGM meeting and Dinner (no cost)

Sunday 6th Nov

Steam Train Excursion/Lunch (No cost) Number Req.

Registration is \$40 PER PERSON for members. Please pay now to Cadillac Club bank account
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Non members welcome but registration will be full price for Saturday dinner \$80.00

Thanks to those who have paid this fee already, I will acknowledge payment.

Accommodation, drinks and meals are your costs, unless specified.

Thanks in advance, please support Dave and Kaye and make it a weekend to remember.

Frances McCurdy. 027 688 0677

Our Global Family

ANOTHER GREAT TARANAKI RUN.

2nd October 2022

Weather let us down, but we had 15 cars turn up for our luncheon. Then a cruise to Te Kukumara, The Dove Garden.

This place has a big car collection and beautiful gardens to wander around. Mike Wolf, who is employed to maintain all the vehicles, all have to have Rego, warrants and ready to drive at any time.

Next into Bell Block to a Swiss Home with several train sets running around the house, large model car collections and toys. To top it all off, coffee and cake. 29 people braved the weather, but well worth the effort. Have a great AGM but guess what we will be cruising the USA. See you all for the Christmas Run.



SATISFACTION
By Brett Cooper

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USA - Hi Ron, enjoyed your latest edition of the newsletter. Always interesting to read articles of Cadillac car owner experiences. By the way high octane gasoline makes a difference in the older vintage Cadillac's before computer controlled ignition. Starting with the '49 OHDV -8 the higher the octane the better the engine performance, I had a 1947 Cadillac convertible with a 1955 engine during the 1950's. Gasoline prices then were 29.9 cents a gallon and 33.9 cents for premium! Blue Sunoco Brand Gasoline had gas pumps the blended 5 grades of octane gasoline: 190; 200; 210; 220; & 230. The 230 grade was 100 octane and the Cadillac engines thrived on it. I currently use 100 % 93 octane non ethanol blend gas in my vintage cars. Performance is noticeable during acceleration and mileage is slightly better as well with timing set@ 10-11 degrees BTDC. Best, Jack Bracxx [Many thanks Jack for those solid words of wisdom. Every club have members who can remember many facts from the past which should be shared. From what I read, ethanol mix in our old engines should be totally avoided. Let's hope the NZ 'Powers that be' can provide a source of 'juice' for our Caddies next year! I will try out the 100 Octane when our new gas station opens locally. Best regards to all your family - Ed/ Ron]

It is with great sadness to report that John Foust, CLC #3277, from Justin, TX recently passed away at the age of 68, after a brief illness. John was the owner of "Honest John's Caddy Corner," which provided vintage Cadillac parts to collectors and restorers since 1982. In addition to selling parts, "Honest John" offered friendly advice to any hobbyist who contacted him. [Steve Gill and I met John at one of the Australian 'Musters' in years

gone by. He was a popular personality and very generous with his sponsorship. He would have been the type that may have even come to our 50th next year? He attended many overseas Cadillac events including those in Europe. A young man at 68 too. Our condolences to the Foust Family on behalf of all our members of the NZ CLC. God bless. Ed]



At LEFT, Honest John Foust

AUSTRALIA - Paul Dixon, our Kiwi in Melbourne sent me this interesting article about a Kiwi! Next year, the solo Cadillac V-LMDh to be run by Chip Ganassi Racing, whose position as the marque's WEC entrant was finally confirmed, will be raced in the seven-round series in 2023 by (New Zealander) Earl Bamber, Alex Lynn and Richard Westbrook. Two-time Le Mans 24 Hours winner Bamber and Lynn, a class winner at the French enduro, are moving across from Ganassi's IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship line-up, which they joined at the start of this year on long-term contracts. Cadillac is expected to be represented by more than one V-LMDh at the double-points WEC round at Le Mans next June. Laura Klauser, who heads up the LMDh project in her role as Cadillac parent General Motors' sportscar programme manager, has stated an intent for the American marque to make additional entries for the French enduro and a hope that there will be multiple Cadillacs on the grid. Bamber described the chance to go for a third Le Mans victory as "really exciting". "The WEC gives us the opportunity to race at the world's biggest race, which is Le Mans, the crown jewel of sports car racing," said Bamber. "I've been lucky enough to win it before and it's obviously a huge goal for Cadillac and everyone at Chip Ganassi Racing. [Good luck Earl and Cadillac! Ed]

At RIGHT, Kiwi Earl Bamber during Cadillac testing



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The racing Cadillac V-LMDh in testing

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NZ - TAURANGA - CLC Member and biggest Holden Commodore fan I know, Carol Southcombe was over the moon to share with me the utmost exciting news that Kiwi Shane van Gisbergen had won the 2022 Bathurst race (not forgetting co-driver, Aussie, Garth Tander). It was a nail-biting finish as the race leaders all bunched up with less than 10 laps to go due to a safety car out on the track but Shane held it together. For GM and Holden fans around the world it was indeed a perfect end to the last race featuring Holden racing. Next year, GM will be peddling Chev Camaros. It will be interesting to see how they fair given the speed and agility of the Mustangs. [Holden forever says Carol! Thanks Carol, Ed]



HAWKES BAY - NAPIER - Long time member and Regional Delegate, Alan Sargisson (and 'caretaker' of eight amazing old cars, pick up truck and a Jeep (!), is wishing to sell a couple of his very collectible, collectibles! And since many of us are down in Napier in a few weeks time, if you are interested why not have a look? Alans details are: 027-482-4384 and fingerbreaker44@gmail.com Details are:

1957 Series 62 Coupe, fully restored and in mint condition. Asking \$90.000.

1994 Eldorado Convertible, very rare low miles and in excellent condition. Asking \$40.000 More photos available on request. Cheers Alan



Stuck for a Xmas gift or 'stocking filler?' For the avid Cadillac enthusiast, get them a NZ CLC 2023 Calendar. Simply contact Noeleen Souber. PS - 50th Anniversary Fund-raising Calendars are still available (as above). NZ\$20 per copy plus postage if applicable. Simply contact noeleensouber@outlook.com to get yours. - Ed]

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Fridge Magnets!



NOV - 3rd - 6th. 49th NZ Cadillac Nats , Gisborne. Book now and mark your diary. Should be a beauty. Start saving for gas money!
13th - All USA Day - Mt. Maunganui

Repco it starts with the parts

ALL USA DAY

Car Show

CLASSIC FLYERS
Jean Batten Dr. Mt Maunganui
SUN 13th NOV
10am - 2pm

All US origin cars welcome

Amazing Cars. Great Food
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\$10 PER FAMILY
Dogs not permitted

Trophies awarded for best Ford
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Vintages. Sports & more
Cars from Barn. Public from 10am
Prize giving 2pm

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For Sale/Wanted

Members Ads are FREE. Please let me know if you sell or find what you want. Thanks, Ed.

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FOR SALE - Brand new Addco heavy duty sway bar part number K2-042-0U-74 Will really improve the handling of your Cad. Pick up in Puketaha Hamilton or can ship on your dime. \$500.00 Cheers Daryl 021717489

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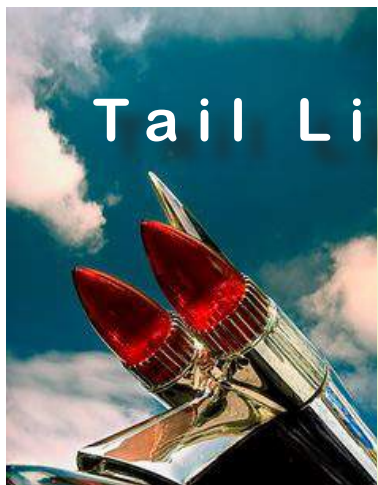
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BLOOD FROM THE TAIL LIGHT
AND MAYBE A PAST RAM RAIDERS
HAND FROM THE BOOT (TRUNK TO
OUR AMERICAN FREINDS)! - ED