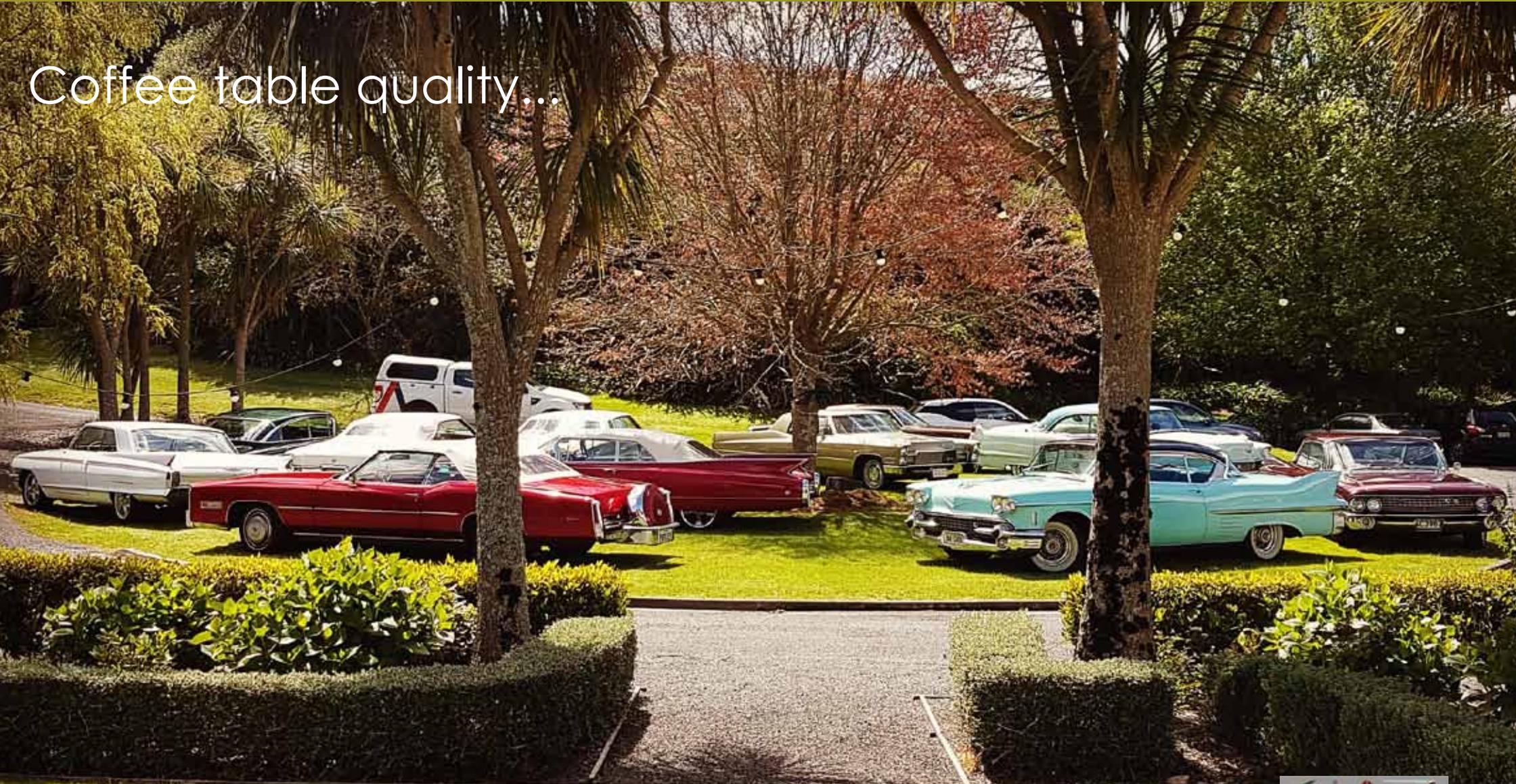


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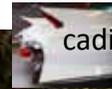
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*Front & Inside 'COVER Caddy' pix
The Boatshed location at Karapiro, NZ. Photo by Jason Curry. Pictured by way of
'Fresco' image courtesy of the Ed*

Rendezvous!

F O R E W O R D

Hello everyone. I am just back from another successful NZ Cadillac Nationals where we enjoyed the gracious company of our Australian CLC club friends here in The Bay of Plenty.

The cover-shot was at 'The Boatshed' location in Karapiro, about an hour away from our base in Tauranga, very picturesque and nestled alongside the Waikato River where our top rowers practice. It is also a well known wedding venue, so very photo-genic as you can imagine.

The heading '50 Shades of Green' was a standing joke we made up when I drove a number of our Australian friends throughout the Bay of Plenty area during the four plus days they were here. Coming from drought conditions back home they loved the many, many spring shades of our green countryside that is so lush at this time of year - mind you we have had record rainfall in many areas this past winter...!

Inside this issue is the start of coverage of our 45th AGM and annual NZ Caddy Nats with lots of photos from various members - thanks guys, and I'm sure there will be many more come next issue too!

As you can see at right, lot's of people had lots of fun. The 'Marriage' of two CLC's from downunder (just joking), a great ~~Wedding~~ Anniversary cake and as always lot's of Caddy pics from all over the globe!

Next year the 46th AGM and NZ Cadillac Nationals will be in Taupo - Tourist town with (and knowing this spring time of the year) I imagine, against the backdrop of snow on the distant volcanoes!

Enjoy this very colourful issue - there's even a story about a refurbished steering wheel that came from behind the iran curtain!

Until next issue, enjoy the better and warmer weather you Kiwis and think about our friends in the northern Hemisphere with hurricane's, floods and fires. Take care and be safe. Best regards, Ron

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



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2018 AGM REPORT – 50 Shades of Green!

Well, another NZ Caddy Nats over, our 45th this year held in Tauranga with possibly the biggest contingent of Australians for a year or two and thank you so much to each and every one of them for travelling over to see us and joining in the festivities.

From the feedback I have had to date, Kiwi members greatly appreciated their participation and our Ozzie friends especially enjoyed the Kiwi hospitality and camaraderie.

As a result, it sounds as if a few couples will start planning to reciprocate the visit by attending the Australian club's 50th Anniversary in Mudgee in 2020. Given it is such a momentous milestone, I am sure it will be very special and certainly spectacular if past Australian National events are anything to go by (from personal experience by Steve Gill and your Editor).

Like most (past) NZ Caddy Nats/ AGM, the time of the year generally brings a mix of unpredictable weather patterns and this year was no exception. Approaching the first day, the forecast was for snow in parts of NZ and for cooler and rainy, windy weather in Tauranga! However, after heavy rain Thursday and Friday, Saturday morning eventually fined-up and even warmed-up later in the day – so we got cruising under sunnier skies albeit cooler temps and fresh winds!

A couple of our Ozzie friends arrived Wednesday night onwards and so we were able to spend time with many of them on Thursday and Friday before the formal start of the weekend. Some of us enjoyed a very scenic tour of farming countryside taking in the beautiful lush Galatea where there really is '50 Shades of Green!' **Cont. Next pge -->**



Steve Gill, Bev Clay (Mildura, Aust), Steve Glasohm (SA)



Steve Gill, John Mueller (SA)



Ron Melville, Bev Clay (Mildura, Aust), Maz & Steve Glasohm (SA)



John Mueller, Honey Carlyle, Gisela Carrington, Su Chaiclan & John Lucas all of Australia

From top left but in no particular order, The Welcome Party greeted Bev at Tauranga airport in a club Lincoln! Our Galatea Tour took us by some hot mud pools. We had an enjoyable lunch with many Ozzie friends. Some even went shopping at Bayfair! Bottom left, Maz & Steve Clasohm of SA. Maz and Andre Melville, top right - Ed





2018 AGM REPORT – 50 Shades of Green! - Part 2

Our ‘Welcome to Friends – Mix and Mingle’ on the Friday night was enjoyed by all those that were able to make it in time and by then all our overseas guests had arrived.

Saturday morning was our AGM. NZ Financial Members = Things you need to know are:

- New President, Ian Lind took over the reins from Steve Gill who was acknowledged for his years in the chair and Steve accepted a nomination from the floor to be the Unofficial International Liaison Officer for the NZ Club due to his ongoing global travelling!
- New Vice President, Mike Thompson of Taupo has taken over from Ian Bradshaw who was also acknowledged for his many years of dedicated service
- Secretary, Frances remains as does Treasurer, Lois and Magazine Editor, Ron
- Subs remain unchanged (Phew said Lois given she is still chasing unpaid and fully paid subs! Have you updated your Auto Payment and paid the difference?)
- The Club’s Constitution will be updated this coming financial year. Details will be sent out over the coming months for all NZ Financial Members to read and have an opportunity to comment on before planned voting on and acceptance at the 2019 AGM
- The 2019 NZ Cadillac Nationals and AGM will be held in Taupo around the same mid-October date next year, more details to follow in due course

After the AGM, members loaded up their Caddies with our Australian friends and headed to the marvellous Thrupp shed for morning tea. As you can see by the photos, all enjoyed the colour and Caddies (ok, there is the red ’60 Chev and a blue ’66 T-Bird as well) plus all the memorabilia and their American Diner that simply sparkled under neon and Fluro lights. **Continued next page --->**



The fabulous Thrupp shed! Complete with American Diner, American Iron, Neon lights, signs, plates - you name it!

Thrupps driveway was grid-locked with Caddies and we all loved it!





2018 AGM REPORT – 50 Shades of Green! - Part 3

Following more or less in ‘wagon-train file’, we headed off from Tauranga to the Waikato for lunch at the ‘Boatshed’ which is an upmarket eating and wedding venue nestled amongst private plantings alongside the Waikato River at Karapiro. Here is where our Olympian and Commonwealth Games rowing champs practice – not that they were out at the time we were there but you get the idea of a very picturesque backdrop with many Caddies parked amongst the spring gardens – see photos. The lunch was great and then afterwards we headed to a ‘shed’ for a look at an old car or two!

Merely a ten minute’s-drive way and we arrived at the Ross Brothers Muscle Car Collection. The writer hadn’t been to (or heard of) this venue either so it was great to view the Shelby Mustangs, other great Ford products (read, lovely Ford Torino), Corvette, Mopar, restored HT Monaro with newish ‘hounds-tooth’ upholstery. There was much more Holden and Australian Mopar products, a Cobra, T-bird and lots of memorabilia and a great red kitchen set up in ‘diner-like style’ (see pics). In the adjoining building was another big shed featuring the Ross Brothers earth-moving collection and some of the biggest bulldozers and trucks I have seen up this close (and was able to climb!). Such attention to details in these sheds was amazing. Even the toilets were created with a car theme in mind! Note the photos of the ‘transmission hand-basins; sump-urinals and head-light, lighting! Creative indeed.

Later we headed back to Tauranga to get ready for the Saturday night party, a formal affair with bow-ties, and black and white themes encouraged. Our special guest, Bev Clay (aka, Marilyn Monroe) was in attendance and several members requested a photo with her! **Continued next page --->**



Fine photographs from our Jason Curry, CLC NZ - Wellington from ‘The Boatshed’ lunch at Karapiro



2018 AGM REPORT – 50 Shades of Green! - Part 4

We enjoyed a live band, diamond-encrusted and shaped cake (acknowledging the American clubs 60th Diamond Anniversary), a silent auction, raffle and trophy awards. A fun-filled and happy time was had, and members were encouraged to take a few 'souvenir diamonds' (that were scattered on the tables) home as a memento!

To wrap up the event, Sunday morning muffins and 'special coffees' (the Flat-white kind) were had under sunny skies (yes, the weather always come right on the closing day!) at the locally famous 'Classic Flyers' old plane museum and café. This also included a view of all the old restored static displays and a tour of projects underway as you will see here in pictures to come.

As always plenty of hugs as we fare-welled all those that attended and whom we look forward to meeting up with again either in Taupo next year or in Mudgee in 2020.

There will be a few more photos coming in from members over the next few issues, so enjoy!

Ron, Ed.

>>> Thanks Ron , you ,Steve , Carol, Graham , Lois did a great job , and really made the A G M a great weekend , cheers Kevin and Christine [Thanks Kevin and Christine who helped too and Christine was responsible for those yummy shortbread cookies with the 'Diamond pattern' on! - Ed]

Many more photos follow --->



Great party photos here: From top, The Curry family are indeed ready to par-tay! Our 'Diamond Anniversary cake'. Honey Carlye (SA Pres) and Ian Lind (NZ Pres) do an Anzac cutting of the cake - one could be mistaken for thinking it was a wedding of the clubs! The Ozzie contingent - Robo; Alma; John M; Maz; Steve; Su; Gisela; John L and Honey. The Tony Wellington band



All the ladies posed for a photo. Yes that's Barb at the back yelling 'yahoo!' Plenty to see here in this shed...

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Plenty of great trucks, big and small. A great collection and Carol seems to agree... "Don't you just love these shed tours?"



More from the Muscle Car shed. Yes that is the cab of a truck coming out the wall! The toilets were so creative. Look at those 'Jerry cans!' Trans basin is cool.



Our Global FAMILY

TARANAKI - Hi Ron. As promised a short report and some photos of some Cadillacs up for auction recently in Reno Nevada USA. Boys trip to the states:

We planned and travel to the 49th National hot rod celebrations in Louisville for the first 4 days a great venue 12000 cars of all description and fantastic venue to buy new parts with 350 retailers there with whatever you need for a repower or a new build coupled with 13 acres of swap meet was a great display however the Yankee prices have risen and with the NZ dollar most things were too expensive.

3 years ago, one paid \$1500US for Petrol pump today they are asking \$4000US.

Coupled with 39 degrees outside we didn't spend a lot of time visiting the swap meet other than the first mornings just too hot by lunch time. The retailers were of great interest and it's those little things like rubber grommets and clips and small brackets that start filling the suitcase. We then flew into Reno for the Hot August night festival similar to Americana in New Plymouth but 11000 cars and truly spread out, most functions were as they say in the states just down the road which turns out to be 50 miles.

What was great about Reno was the people and the scenery.

We went to the full day car auction exactly the same as you would see on Barrett Jackson Saturday Night sky channel 75.

Picture shows several Cadillac's up for grabs in all sorts of condition the 59 Cadillac sold for \$27000US which on conversation to NZ dollars wasn't a bad buy.

The older looking soft top Caddy with great patina was a hit with the crowd and as we left was still climbing over \$40k

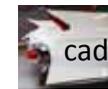
As you will all know Reno is the venue for gambling and not a truer word, I noted at 7-00am in the morning going to breakfast as you have to walk through the casino the same people still sitting on the one arm bandits on our return at 10-30pm what a way to spent a day not for me to much to see.

In general terms I would not revisit Hot August night again you need transport there to attend the functions which is so spread out, however I would recommend anyone to visit Louisville Kentucky and as we there for the 49th I would suggest the 50th will be something special next year.

Did we buy anything maybe as I haven't told the wife yet!!!!!!!!!!!!

Regards
Ian Lind





Our Global FAMILY

AUCKLAND, NZ - Hello Ron, A quick note of many thanks for your entry in the FINZ re the totalling of my beloved 1995 SLS! I am thankful for wheels, but my Mazda Plastic Bubble (so called on a Bad Day - and - Maserati on a Good Day) is very inhibiting to say the least! Every good wish to you and the Club, Ola Burt. [Thanks for your kind words Ola - Ed]

WAIRARAPA/ WELLINGTON REGION - Hi Ron, At a local Vintage car show. Regards Alan G Stewart, Masterton [Thanks Alan. Looks as if there were some very cool old vintage cars there including that Caddy. Wonder who owns the '25?' Ed]



AUSTRALIA - Paul Dixon sent me the following cool colour assembly line photo from 1972. [Thanks Paul - Ed]



CANADA - "I am wondering when your GN is being held in October? I have a 1960 Cadillac convertible and live in Vancouver, Canada but will be in NZ in October. Not sure if I sent you a picture of my 1960 Cadillac convertible that I just purchased last April. It has only 50,000 miles. I initially joined the Cadillac lasalle club in 1989 when I purchased a 1974 Cadillac convertible". Cheers Brent Wright [I received this email from Brent and he was attending a Dog-judging show in nearby Katikati - about 20 mins north of Tauranga. Unfortunately his dates did not coincide with our Caddy Nationals. Pic of his Caddy below - Ed]



USA - FLORIDA & CUBA! Saw this that I thought was worth sharing - recent Hurricane Michael and old Caddy - Ed.



Our Global FAMILY

Originating from SAN FRANCISCO - In the absence of contributions from our dear Fred Bausch who has been unwell, I will keep these fabulous snippets from yesteryear continuing! Ed (Ron)

Heavy Traffic on the Lodge Expressway Detroit, Michigan The image is a 1955 Detroit News photo that contains a section of the John C. Lodge Expressway (M10) taken on opening day. The picture was taken from the Glendale Avenue bridge looking south at the northbound evening rush hour traffic. This bridge is located 6.2-miles north of the beginning of the highway in downtown Detroit and is located between the north and southbound 7A exits. In the background of the full-sized image (2nd photo below) is the Elmhurst Avenue Exit 6B (only southbound) and bridge. An individual is visible riding a bicycle north on the edge of the left-hand lane opposite of the Packard sedan in the southbound lane. The photograph is courtesy of the Wayne State University Libraries.

Car park from '57! Circa late-1950s parking lot photo taken in a southern California of a young woman and a two-seat Thunderbird with an optional hardtop.

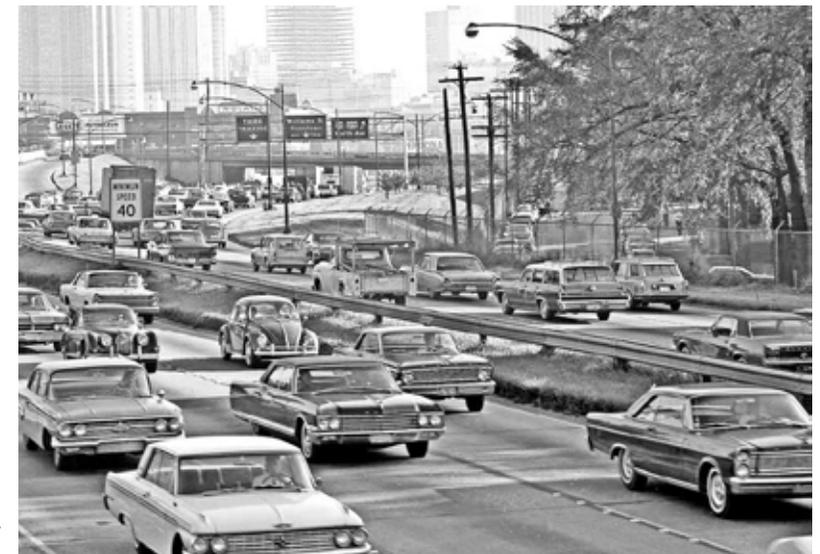


AT RIGHT ---> Atlanta Georgia: Rush Hour Interstate Highway Traffic Congestion. Today's feature photo contains a view looking north to the center of Atlanta, Georgia that includes rush hour traffic on I-75, which is known as the Downtown Connector. The majority of the vehicles in this circa 1967 image are made by domestic auto automakers, and only about half a dozen imported cars are visible on the highway. View a second circa 1967 picture shot in the same area and learn

A Standard Oil Company filling station across the street from the Corn Palace located in Mitchell, South Dakota. (Note the fancy 'Crown-like' domes on top of the petrol bowsers)



[from below left] more about Atlanta's traffic problems in an earlier post. Excuse the eerie picture quality, the original was taken in the shadowed area of the foreground while the background was sunlit; it has been photoshopped to show the vehicles in better detail. The press photograph is via the Georgia State University Library.



Editor's choice

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

Wellington member Jason Curry sent me this cool find of Dean Martin. Have a read of this (nowadays) non-PC advertisement. Love it. Also, some Caddy company news and a cool 'Broadmore' wagon. Enjoy - Ed

Why Dean Martin Loves his 1973 Cadillac Eldorado

I'd hate to be a teetotaler. Imagine getting up in the morning and knowing that's as good as you're going to feel all day. I once shook hands with Pat Boone and my whole right side sobered up. You're not drunk if you can lie on the flat floor of this new Eldorado without holding on.*

* If you drink don't drive. Don't even putt.

Cadillac "IN THE NEWS"

Cadillac announced that they will be moving their headquarters back to Detroit from New York City. The marketing and inspiration people will be located at the Tech Center in Warren so that they can be close to the development and engineering action. The "Cadillac House" in New York will remain open as a show room (read that as "we have a long term lease we can't get out of"). The three plus year experiment to put marketing people where they could be inspired by the buyers of luxury items, was doomed by the fact that subways and Taxi cabs are used by these folks in NYC.

President's Message

Once again, we had great weather for the Annual Cadillac Fall Festival at Gilmore Campus. Among the Cadillacs on special display was Bob Waldock's 1959 Broadmore Hotel Skyview limousine. Bob left this spectacular car with us for display in the Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum showroom for the next several months. Our next Motor City Region meeting will be back at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex on October 4. Bring out the Cadillacs and LaSalles, and I will see you there. Paul Ayres www.motorcityregionclc.com



Our Global FAMILY



UNITED STATES - Greetings All,

For years I've sent friends and family a link to my travel photos along with brief descriptions, and after every trip I usually make a hard cover photo-book for myself and perhaps my travel companion. At this time, I've decided to try something new... I've made a pdf of my new photo-book 'Europe 2018' and have it available for download through Dropbox (see the link below.) I'd appreciate your feedback on this new format and whether or not you are still interested in receiving my travel photos.

Best wishes to all. Happy Cadillac'ing!

Ron Zahn - VP, CLC International Affiliates

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8m3j3jwcm04btam/Europe%202018%20by%20R%20Zahn.pdf?dl=0>

>PS - Great photos Ron. Ed



'Dreamy' photos of empty roads and countryside cruising. If you look closely, the bumper sticker says 'Kennedy For President'. Great use of authenticating the era of this model - Ed

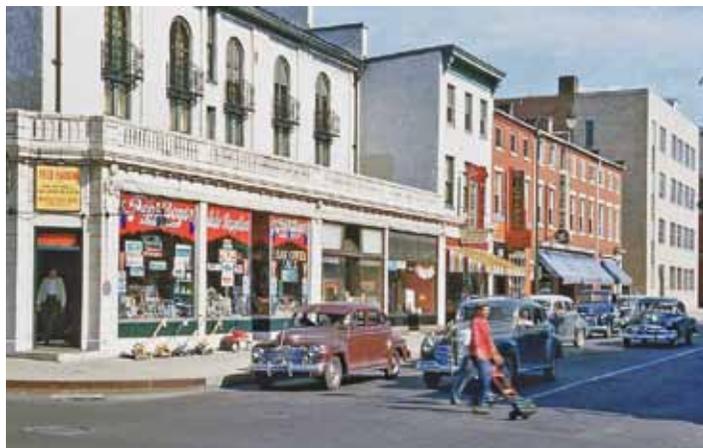
You may recall that Ron sold his old Caddy (known as 'Pinkie') to his great road-trip friend Chris. Here it is here, well pampered from the gleam! Ed



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A circa late-1940s to early-1950s image of a Pep Boys store in an unknown location. The first two vehicles in this scene date back to the pre-World War II days and the pickup truck and dark-colored sedan in the background were manufactured in the postwar days. The photo originates from the Dave Gelinas collection. [Notice the lawn mowers outside the windows - Ed]

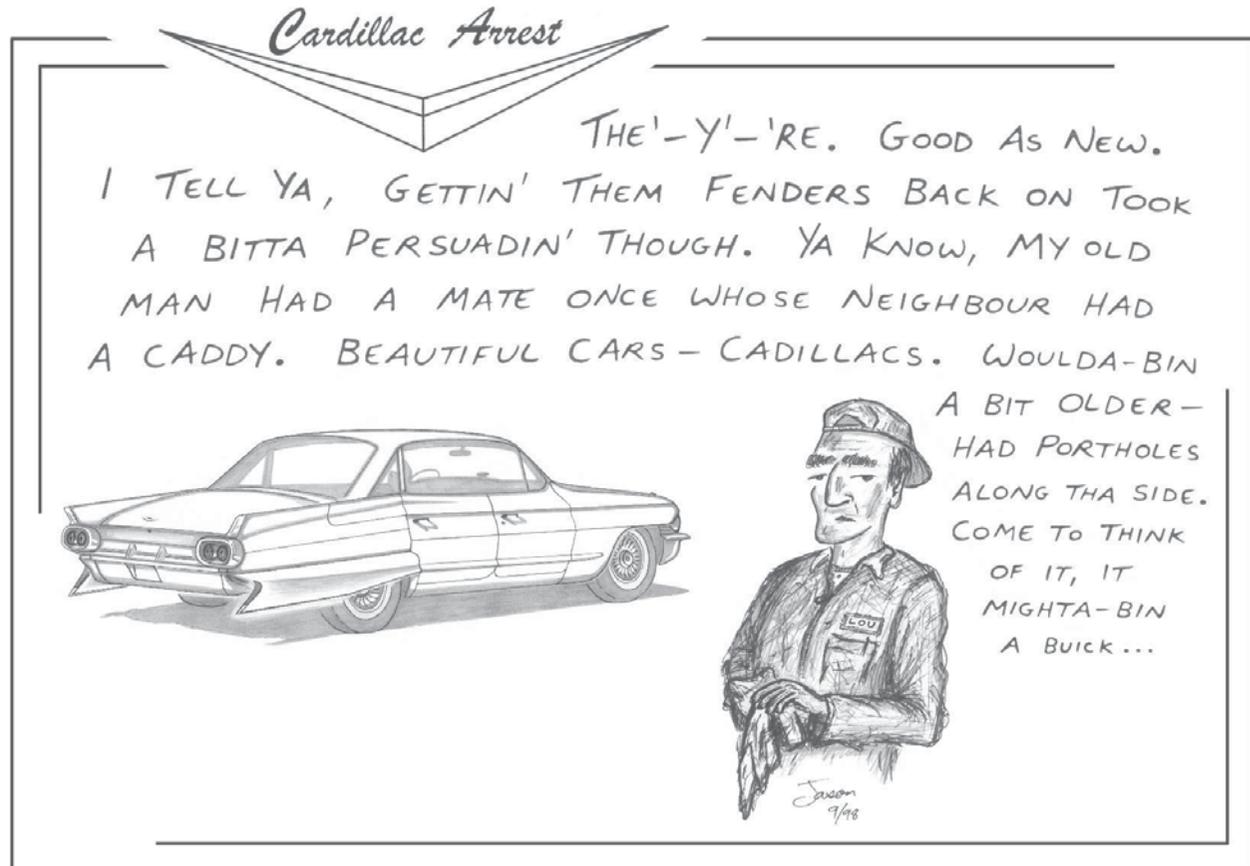


Cadillac Baseball Team and "IR16" a 1930 V-16 with Custom Coachwork Image is an interesting view of a 1930 Cadillac V-16 with custom or semi-custom coachwork wearing Pennsylvania license plate IR16. No information is with the photograph and a google search for the picture online resulted in not learning more about it. Using the clues available in the shot it is possible that a successful Cadillac agency located in one of Pennsylvania's larger cities was offering this V-16 sedan from stock and also sponsored the baseball team. Another Cadillac is visible in the image on the far-right above a team member's shoulder. It is also feasible that the coachwork was constructed by the Fleetwood Body Company that was located in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania until 1929. The Coachbuilder became a part of General Motors when the Fisher Body Corporation, a part of GM since 1916 purchased it in 1925. Fleetwood was moved by Fischer to a new plant in Detroit in 1929 where the coachwork on this V-16 may have been built? The photograph is courtesy of the Free Library of Philadelphia.



Throughout the late nineties, the CLC(NZ) Magazine published a monthly cartoon created by member Jason Curry.

Twenty years on, we look back on some of the highlights of the series with the very best of *Cardillac Arrest* □



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The Mansourmovi page on Instagram features many of Mansour's beautiful restoration projects



WELLINGTON, NZ - Jason's tale of a craftsman behind 'iron curtain'- read 'Iran curtain!'

I bought Bitcoin and sent it to a prohibited country to buy a restored steering wheel...

by Jason Curry

Yes, it really was that dodgy, and the risk we took shows just what a rare jewel the steering wheel for our 1978 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz is.

Ours was cracked and broken when we got the car, and I had been looking for a second hand one for over two years. I knew we were in trouble when I was calling sprawling Cadillac yards in the States that claimed to have everything, and being laughed off the phone when I mentioned the model and year...

Then a chance meeting online - a Cadillac restorer in Iran started following our car's Instagram page (**78Eldo**) and I noticed he did beautiful better-than-new restorations of the particular wheel I was after. (Check out his page at **Mansourmovi**)

We discussed what he could do and I decided it was worth the gamble, but just one problem.... how do I get the funds to him? You see, as I soon found out, Iran is one of a handful of prohibited countries that NZ banks, Western Union, etc. are not allowed to send money to. D'Oh!

After scratching our heads, he suggested a solution: **Bitcoin**. (Could this get any dodgier?!)

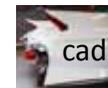


Cracked, broken, **BUSTED!**

So there I was researching crypto-currency wallets and how to buy Bitcoin and how to transfer Bitcoin to someone else's wallet. We waved the wand, with fingers crossed.... And then we started to receive progress photos...



More pictures and story next page --->



Our Global FAMILY

Master craftsman and restoration artist, Mansour Movi has been restoring classic car interiors and roofs with his two brothers in Tehran for about a decade. He owns a 1979 Seville, and he says his favourite Cadillac to work on is the iconic 1959 Eldorado, which is “a masterpiece of Cadillac design, and I think it’s the most beautiful model.”

Mansour was very friendly and easy to communicate with, and we received our new wheel within a month of making payment – very fast! I cannot recommend Mansour enough for any interior restoration pieces that you may need - he is amazing!



And then earlier this month we received a small crate from Tehran.....

Our beautiful new wheel is so smooth to handle after our sharp and jagged old wheel - it’s like driving a brand new car!

Well done Jason. Your steering wheel is marvelous and I noticed Mansour’s shirt, the big ‘GM’ on the pocket! I wonder how many other Caddies are in Tehran? Ron - Ed.

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This is not Honey or Ian, but a great static die-cast model display courtesy of Bay of Plenty member, Kerry Williamson. Every model a Cadillac. More pics next issue. Thanks Kerry, a great set-up for the evening - Ed



Tail lights



Thanks to Ron Zahn - from his awesome collection. Ed

