



CTS Twins

RENDEZVOUS!



Hi there. I hope you don't start geeting bored with yet another 'Kiwi Cover!' And another Taranaki cover, this time it's the recently acquired black CTS of Noeleen and Mark Souber alongside the red CTS of Keith and Christine Steele. Nice!

Thanks to the Wellington and Taranaki Regions for sending in reports on their July 4th USA - Independence Day outings. Jason Curry (Wellington Regional Delegate) pulled out the stops attracting Cadillac 'Face Book' members along with their cool Caddies as well [I loved the bronze one! - Ed] - well done Jace!

Elsewhere, BoP members head to Mangakino and to the Hawkes Bay.

There is a cool story about a Cadillac Barn Find auction in the UK and how our English friends at the Caddy club helped out!

How is your Cadillac Nationals bookings going? Please let Frances know what you are up to especially if you have had to book somewhere other than the Chateau. Please read the Nationals page and the special attachments, one of which is about a proposed Rule change.

Whilst wild weather is hitting NZ in many places, even if you do manage to cruise somewhere please remember to send in a paragraph and a few pics of what you've been up to.

Finally, I am getting a warm reception as I make progress in my 'mission' to contact every NZ member. It's going to take me a while but in doing so I am finding out so much. It makes me proud to be a NZ CLC Member! Look out, I am calling on a phone near you...sometime!

Keep safe if cruising out there, next issue is the Spring edition!
Best regards, Ron [Ed]



FINZ Magazine Editor: Ron Melville
Recipient of (CLC) The Yann Saunders
International Activity Award 2013
The Maurice Hendry Award for Excellence in
Journalistic Contributions - 2015
International Newsletter Excellence Award - 2015
Old Cars Weekly ~ Golden Quill Award 2011,
2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020
Contributions to: finzmagazine@gmail.com
The Editor reserves the right to accept or reject
any contributions.
Deadline is 20th of each month

2

Cadillacclubofnz.org



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.

JULY 4TH - STORY #1!

Yours truly was tickled-pink to receive not one but two stories from Regions about a 4th July outing! It kind of reminded me of the annual 'July 4th weekends' the club held many years ago and that I enjoyed immensley in the first few years of joining the NZ club. They ran Friday thru Sunday and were either frosty cold or miserably wet! No heaters or de-foggers in many a Caddy. I kept warm from a blanket (whilst driving), a 'beanie' and nestling my right lower leg against the warm transmission cover! But they were fun! Ian Bradshaw and former members Nikki and Ken Scott (no relation of Murray and Meredith) were the annual organisers and some of them were wild! Can someone please rekindle these again over a three-day event? Please.....! LOL - Ed



WELLINGTON - Great turnout at Wellington's American Independence Day club run on 4th July, with a meet and greet park-up on Petone beach in the beautiful but chilly sunset, followed by a dusk cruise up to Brewtown in Upper Hutt for an early dinner at Boneface.

Member cars were actually outnumbered by non-member cars on the day, as I put up an open invitation on the "NZ Cadillac Owners" Facebook page (with 810 followers) for local Caddy's to come and join us. This got some genuine interest and brought some previously unseen Caddys out of the woodwork, including the yellow 1973 Sedan de Ville which has quite the controversial heritage.... apparently it not only participated in the infamous Cannonball Run, but actually won the event outright in 2015 with a blistering NY to LA time of 39 hours! The new owner is in touch with the Cannonball organisers and previous owner and is currently gathering documentation and photographic proof of this.

So a successful 'outreach' to the local non-club community – certainly worth gently inviting the group to club events (while being conscious of not spamming the page!), and I sent our new friends away with a club teaser pack of a couple of recent club mags to say thanks for coming.

Regards, Jason Curry - [Good on you Jason, excellent initiative. I couldn't help thinking, NZ Club members = 80+, Facebook = 800+! Ed] - PS - Great photos. Saved one as a screensaver on my laptop and dream of a good outing every day! Time will tell, which one!Ron



JULY 4TH STORY #2!

TARANAKI Cadillac Club Outing:

Sunday 4th July, American Independence Day the Club clustered together and travelled in convoy to Opunake along Surf Highway 45. A number of people and cars attended and had lunch at a local Hotel, Surf Inn. Then a short stroll across the road, down the main street to the local movie theatre. The theatre was architecturally designed and refurbished in 2015 after being close in 2012 for earthquake strengthening. It is fitted out with an eclectic mix of comfortable old sofas/couches, chairs, crocheted blankets and cushions, looks retro and real neat. Holds maybe 100 people. Jaffas, popcorn, and ice-cream etc were available at the kiosk.

The complex is run by volunteers and is a "Blast from the Past"

Nearly all of our group are old enough you would think to behave properly, but people like Ian Lind kept annoying us trying to sell ice-creams, Frances McCurdy kept throwing cushions at Barbara Davis. After a group photo outside (just like trying to herd cats) all travelled home. A great day out in good Taranaki sunshine. Wayne.

P.S. Wayne McCurdy fell asleep at movies.

[Thanks for yet another 'outing report'. It's likely you will be the most social Region for 2021 if there is such an Award! Ed]

By looks, everybody from the 'Nakli Region' was there!



WELCOME NEW MEMBER GERALD FIETEN

Hi Ron this is our '63 Cadillac which we have owned for 5 years. Ever since a young lad I have admired large American cars especially late 50s to mid 60s with there elegant style I find beautiful. We love rock'n'roll so it suits our image. I have always loved the idea of a convertible and when we found this '63 in Whakatane I fell in love with it. We have had the upholstery replaced by Sticking Steve in Pokeno and a new paint job by Antonivch Restorations in Pukekohe. We often go cruising on sunny days to different places. At one event we met a chap who recognized the car as one he imported some years before and gave us some history. The car was owned by a chap who worked at an air base in Bakersfield and the car was his daily ride. When he died the car sat in his garage for a number of years until this Kiwi found it and sent it to NZ.

Gerald Fieten. [Great story Gerald. It's always nice when new members tell us about their ride (and yours looks especially sharp!). If you are new or recently new to the club, drop me a line with a photo or two. finzmagazine@gmail.com - Ed]



WORLD'S AWAY!



As some of you may know, *FINZ Magazine* networks with many other CLC Magazines and members world-wide. Recently, Kiwi Rex Findlay sent me an interesting article on a big 'Barn auction of Cadillacs' in the UK. I subsequently dropped a line to CLC UK Member (and Editor of their mag) to ask if he had some more info. He tapped into his UK membership and ascertained someone he knows was actually going to attend! Have a read of the below from start to finish. Go on line too and have a look. Some of the info hopefully will still be there (you may also have to do a 'Google search'). As 'crusty' as some of the examples appear, many left under their own steam (so to speak) so you never know what lies beneath the dust. According to local Caddy members, there were some good buys...for the patient and resourceful restorer! Ed [COCGB means Cadillac Owners Club of Great Britain - Pics next page. Ed]

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDgj6mvi_7w

Now to the story: A British collector's estate, up for sale in Attleborough, U.K., contains a trove of Cadillac limousines and hearses dating back to the mid-1950s.

Fourteen Cadillacs from the '50s, '80s, and '90s are listed, including a flower car. A bit more on the barn full of Cadillacs. One of our members Peter Wood (who is restoring a 1903 Cadillac - but that's another story that we'll share when he writes it up) went along to take a look at the cars. He wrote on Facebook: *Just thought I would let club members know that, having looked at a couple of cars at the auction yesterday, contrary to what has been written about them not being registered, this is certainly not the case with at least two of the cars. Lot 6, the Fleetwood 75 limo is in fact registered with DVLA as 6CAD. Lot 15 is also registered with DVLA as 9CAD. I hope this helps some of our members.*

As to finding information, he commented: Access to many of the cars is tight. The auctioneers also don't know where to find the engine and vin numbers. I took a torch and spare change of clothing and happily got down in the dirt. And there they were SOLD: Auction over. The 50s Cadillacs sold, on average, for £10K each - although Lot 15 sold for £28K, but had a nice plate (9CAD). The cars that were identified as having CAD plates sold well. Depending in the work needed, 10 grand for a 50's Cadillac is cheap, in many cases well under half price.

Many are fetching around the £28k that the 9CAD car (a '54 Factory Limo) reached, but as Pete says, part of that was for the plate..... there is an ever increasing obsession with personalised plates which 'personally' I've never understood to the extent of the prices they command.

Not sure what the later model went for but I'm guessing prices for those were pretty low.

Pete Wood went to say (and he helped with the removal of the cars from the barn) contrary to what was reported originally (which may have put some people off) most are UK registered. He quotes:

"I went up to help with the removal, from the barn, of all these cars. All but one started with a jump start and, using a compressor to pump air into the tyres, all but one drove out onto the waiting trailers and low loaders. There were a lot of very happy owners who commented on the 'bargains' they had secured. I took the details of each new owner (one chap bought six of the Cadillacs) and did my best to convince them to join the COCGB. Hopefully this will result in some new members. One car is off to the Shetland Islands and, by a bizarre coincidence, he is a friend of a friend. One owner is planning on converting a 59 into a Ghostbusters

special. I was able to show the new owners that most of the cars are UK registered - and I was doing VIN (HPI style) checks for those that needed them as the cars were being loaded. Just one person did not pay, but the auctioneers were able to do a deal, today, with the underbidder. So the barn is now empty. I have a feeling, talking to the new owners, that a lot of the XXCAD number plates will be taken off the current cars, and will be up for sale in the near future".

Phil my Editor CLC friend tells me 'Interesting story there, the venue is 80 miles from where they live. Car made it with no problems until it got onto the show field and the fuel pump packed up. Graham caught the train home, repaired the fuel pump and got the train back to the show and fitted it in time for the opening on the following morning. Couldn't have done that with a modern car, even my '92 deVille has the pump in the tank and you have to remove it to get to the pump - I know I have the tee shirt on that one. Take care, Phil' [Thanks Phil for great reporting - Ron, Ed]

OUR GLOBAL FAMILY



UK - Following on from the 'Worlds Away' story, here are a few photos - Ed.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDgi6mvi_7w

UK - More from the 'Motherland!' Hi Ron, A couple of photos of Graham and Melanie Howard Wall's '49 Coupe deVille as seen at the London Classic Car Show 25 - 27 June. As you'll see it was a socially distanced event held at Syon Park. The '49 Coupe deVille is in original condition and as far as we know one of only two in the UK. Total production that model year was 2150, so rare anywhere. It was the first year where Coupe deVille was a model name rather than trim level and the first year of the OHV V8. Best wishes, Phil COCGB



AUCTION OF BARN FIND CADILLACS NOT TOUCHED IN YEARS

AUSTRALIA - Hi Ron, Thank you for the magazine Link and I hope you are keeping well. Always good to read. George Akele, Sydney

Hi Ron, Another amazing issue, love the cover photo of the 61!

Thanks for such a quality mag, all the hard work definitely pays off.

Kind Regards - Mark Bean Photography e: mrbean@tpg.com.au

p: 04 1958 1958 ig: @markbeanphoto

[Remember, our Mag is on the Newsletters area at www.cadillacclubofnz.org for all the world to see and read!]

NEWSFLASH - Australian CLC 'La Cad' Magazine can now be read online. Click on this link - Ed. <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jbuu0aeisupfh6a/AACpyn2F9dCW8hJGEvr26HO1a?dl=0>

NZ CLUB HOUSE-KEEPING

As reported in the media, Cheques are no longer accepted by any of the Banks.

Hence we are no longer able to accept your cheque for sub renewals. YOU NEED to either Internet-bank your subs or set-up an Auto Payment on the form attached.

Members who have previously paid by cheque should set-up an auto payment NOW (to commence 1st September this year and Annually thereafter) to pay your annual subs. This will alleviate you forgetting to make your internet payment.

For those members affected, an Auto Payment form is attached so you can set it up and take it to your bank NOW to process.

URGENT - Please Read

I have attached a separate page for you to read regarding a proposed change to the Club Rules as a result of a Banking issue.

Hence, formal notice is hereby given to Amend the Club's Constitution in terms of Rule 13 (Amendment of Rules).

The Amendment will be voted on at the 2021 AGM. Please make yourself familiar with what is proposed.

Ron Melville - Editor



Dear Ron,

It has come to our attention that members are receiving emails purporting to come from CLC officers, requesting assistance with the purchase of gift cards and similar items. These are just scammers trying to trick you. The giveaway is that the sender's email address is NOT the officers' actual email address, although it may be very similar or have some legitimate cachet. Please review any email requesting any kind of payment carefully. In general you should contact the person who allegedly sent the email by the address known to you, NOT by replying to the email.

As far as we know, no email systems have been hacked, instead the scammers use publicly available information to harvest names and email addresses. The names of our officers are on the publicly accessible part of our site. They then look for the emails of people associated with the club or Cadillacs. Members' emails in their profiles are protected, but there are still many places where email addresses can be found, for example contact details for a region or chapter, etc. Also, if you participate in the Cadillac Forums and put your email address in a post, that can also be harvested as non-registered guests can view the Forums.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the CLC Office or the webmaster. You can send either an email or use the Contact Us link at the top of every page on the CLC website (not on the Forums).

Regards - CLC, USA

COUNTING DOWN TO CLC NZ'S 50TH & THE 2021 CADILLAC NATIONALS!

Hey folks - did you know there is just over 2 years to go to our 'Half-Century Club Celebration?'

Wellington Regional Delegate 'Jason Curry' has been busy behind the scenes for the last couple of years 'pencilling' ideas and checking out venues and places to go.

Whilst we are some way off from seeing the booking details, Jason and his team are inviting any suggestions that maybe out 'in the club domain' (so to speak) knowing that some of the best suggestions come from the members themselves at the 'coal-face!'

So if you have a sterling idea, drop Jason an email and tell him about it. You can email him at: curried@hotmail.com



Noeleen's Fourth Cadillac Nats promotional flyer of the 2021 Cadillac Nationals is attached. The Nats run 1st to 3rd October to be held at Chateau, Ruapaheu. Also view the attachment. From Frances' desk is the following -

Thanks to Noeleen for brochure information.

Booking accommodation information: Ph 0800 242 832 or 07 892 3809

Access Code G-CadillacClub21
Rate Code ED15
Room Rate 15% of BAR.

Programme etc. below to be confirmed at a later date.

Registration: \$70 (this is for the Saturday night 3 course dinner.)

Friday night dinner, and breakfast (\$25) are extras, pay your own way. Some will eat dinner on way over, others there on arrival.

Saturday drive to Ohakune, Horopito motors, railway museum, Tangiwai memorial or free to look around. Saturday night dinner and Auction.

Sunday, up gondola to café, (optional time, can do at a time to suit them after sleep in) . Or club can organise tickets etc.

I will supply later information on how to buy tickets for this. Check out the link below. This has all info on mountain

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=416098626167843>

Frances.

It is importance to book your accommodation NOW! Availability is getting shorter and PRICES GOING UP! Limited supply. (school holidays and booking fast) Mention Cadillac Club for 15% discount off room rate. Please let me know when you have booked to help with numbers for catering. Email to frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz or text. 027 688 0677. You are also welcome to pay the \$70 per person for Saturday night dinner now as well to 060689 0055887 00, "Chateau dinner" for reference. LET ME KNOW if you have booked accomodation somewhere else.

Thanks in advance. - Regards Frances.

FREDS OLD CAR MEMORIES!



10

Cadillacclubofnz.org

Ford Dealer's Model "AA" Transporter "Moving the Metal" - "Moving the Metal" was a term used in the car sales business decades ago to describe the car-selling process, although a part of it was also transporting the vehicles. This press photo taken by a photographer for "The Oregon Journal" newspaper (1902-'81) located in Portland, OR, contains a 1930 Model "AA" Ford truck and a car-hauling trailer with a load of Model "A" cars, and a "AA" truck cab and chassis. It is possible this PR photo was used to show off the handsome new 1930 Ford Model "A" coachwork that had just arrived in the City.

Both the truck and the trailer have Oregon dealer plates, so it is assumed that a Ford Agency owned this rig and used it for transporting cars from a distributor or a Portland area rail yard. The trailer is clean and shiny and hasn't even had a spare tire mounted on it so it maybe be new as well. The Truck is a 1929 Ford "AA" with a three-car trailer and a load of new 1930 Fords.

Thanks to Ace Zenek we now know the name and location of this Ford dealership. The C. L. Dunn Motor Company was located at 971 Oak Street, Eugene, Oregon in 1930. He learned the details by tracing the license plate on the Ford truck tow vehicle! This information leaves us to wonder if the the building on the right was the Ford agency, note the Ford Model "T" visible under and behind the canopy.

PS - BoP Member, Kevin Conder co-incidentally sent me this cool Car Transporter pic also Fords! Thanks Kev - Ed



OUR GLOBAL FAMILY



FROM - NZ - BAY of PLENTY - Tauranga - Graham and I went to Mangakino on Saturday 10th July to the "Mangakino Hop". It was a lovely day, thousands of people there, 700 cars registered. There were Vintage markets and food stalls, barefoot water skiing on display, wakeboard on water display, GP Hydro plane boats on water demonstration, live band, rock'n'roll display, Miss/Little Miss Lake Hop competition, Jet spring boat on water display, Door slammer drag car start up display, aerobatics display. It was very well run and most enjoyable day out. Cheers - Lois and Graham [Wow sounds amazing. Everyone seems to be doing 'Hops' now. I wonder what the Brewers think? Thanks for the pics below - Ed]

BAY of PLENTY - Meantime, on the opposite coast, Steve Gill and Carol Southcombe headed to Gisborne and on the way stopped a 'Art Deco' get together in NZ's Deco Capital - Napier! Thanks for the pics guys. Very vintage - Ed





'Around the Regions of NZ' is a new series brought to you by your Editor. I have commenced contacting members in the NZ CLC to chat to them about their well-being; what they are doing with their Caddy and invite feedback on whether we as a club (E.g. Magazine and Communications) are living up to their expectations. Have a think about what you would like to talk to me about when you hear from me in the near future. Ron, Editor.

This is #2 in this special feature. From my latest calls I have learned:

- > Ken Haddock would love hear from someone sometime
- > Peter Jenkin's Caddy has been off the road a couple of years now because of issue with NZTA over his RHD conversion
- > Nathan Stronge has a number of roof items from his '71 Eldo convertible that are free to a good home. Simply contact him. He also tells me that NZ 4WD Parts/ Accessories have a pile of Caddy parts 'out back' of their 146 Hobill Ave, Wiri store. Hey Auckland members, pay to go check them out - Ed
- > Elsie and Bill Taylor finally found a part for their Caddy in Canada.
- > I enjoyed a great talk with Daniel Perich who with his mum, Mary own their beloved '78 DeVille. Read below

- > I received a marvellous video from Ian Hendry, son of the club's Patron, Maurice Hendry who also spoke on the vid. Gosh he is looking well and in fine form! He too would love to receive a visitor. Simply contact me (Ron) and I will co-ordinate in conjunction with his son.
- > Past NZ Club President, Ed Jensen is another who is on the road to recovery and sounding very 'chippa' following some major health issues over the last 18 or so months. He is also another member who would like to hear from someone up in Auckland. You can always speak to his lovely partner Fay.

CAN YOU HELP OUT WITH ADVICE OR SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR FOLLOWING NZ MEMBERS?

- > Auckland Members, Mary Perich (and son) Daniel are looking for a front passenger guard (fender) for their '78 DeVille. If anyone can help out give Mary a ring on 09-846-8135.
- > Auckland Members, Richard and Judy Glasson are selling their '57 Eldorado Brougham and looking for approx. NZ\$150k and are inviting offers on their '61 Coupe DeVille. Ring Richard on 021-275-8421

Remember folks if you are wanting to sell or buy Parts or a Caddy, email me the details. Check out the NZ Cadillac FaceBook page too. There is interesting stuff on there. Some 800+ users! Thanks to all those that tell me they love being a member and enjoy receiving *FINZ* which is their main club contact.



Sample pics only of , from left:

'78 DeVille (Mary/ Daniel - send me a pic); '57 Eldo Brougham; '61 Coupe DeVille (unsure whether colour correct) and Ian & Maurice Hendry.



REGIONAL DELEGATES

NORTHLAND
Vacant
>All Enquiries to Pres.

AUCKLAND
Phil Shaw
029-412-8953
phil@shawsjams.co.nz

BAY OF PLENTY
Contact Steve Gill
07-575-8891

TARANAKI
Brian & Marie Gillett
06-75-66-136
briree@xtra.co.nz

WAIKATO
Ian Bradshaw 027-211-8516
07-828-5979
ianbradshaw1957@gmail.com

WANGANUI/ MANAWATU
Vacant
>All Enquiries to Pres.

HAWKES BAY
Alan Sargisson 06-843-6838
027-482-4384
fingerbreaker44@gmail.com

10 Regions across NZ
8 Active

WELLINGTON/WAIRARAPA
Jason Curry
021-0221-5373
curried@hotmail.com

MARLBOROUGH/CANTERBURY/ WEST COAST
Stephen Brown
03-32-88-250
stephen.brown@xtra.co.nz

OTAGO/ SOUTHLAND
Rob McCann
021-1835-334
robmmccann@gmail.com

2020/21 CLC NZ Club Officers

President
Ian Lind 021-863-260
ian.lind@outlook.com

Vice President
Mike Thompson 021-749-179
mobilewelder@xtra.co.nz

Treasurer
Grant Davis 06-754-6003
grantdavis37@gmail.com

Secretary
Frances McCurdy 027-444-9824
frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz

Club magazine (FINZ) Editor
Ron Melville 07-557-8090
finzmagazine@gmail.com

Patron - Maurice Hendry
(Founding member)
Any Contact to Ron Melville

[Corrections to: finzmagazine@gmail.com]

FRIDGE Magnets!

AUG 7th - Palmy Nth Swap Meet Feilding
22nd - VCC Daffodil Rally for Cancer -
Nationwide Events www.vcc.org.nz
SEPT 11th & 12th Autofest Feilding
12th - Henry Ford Day, Hamilton
OCT - 1st - 3rd, NZ Cadillac Nats,
Ruapaheu, Central North Island!
16th - 2021 NZHRA National Hot Rod Show -
Hawera, Taranaki
22nd to 25th - National Mustang Conven.
Tauranga
NOV 7th - Canterbury USA Day
Woodend, North Canterbury
18-21 NZHRA Street Rod Nats
Rotorua

FOR SALE/ WANTED

WANTED - No luck yet in finding my dream Cadillac.
I think we should open up the field now. Can you
place an ad for me? Cadillac Wanted, a good Sunday
driver, 1949 to 1962.

ALSO - Wanted 1960 Cadillac parts, rear bumper,
rear side trim, chrome trim for the fins. Anything
repairable. Ph 022 625.6370. Ian Currie 333iancurrie@gmail.com

AND - Wanted wiper motor for 1968 Caddy. Can
anyone help Gus Carmont? Ph 021-964-840 or email:
suengus@ol.net

>>MEMBERS CHECKING
IN EARLY MAKE SURE YOU
DO THE SAME!



13

Cadillacclubofnz.org

TAIL LIGHTS FOREVER



14

Cadillacclubofnz.org

THE WELLINGTON 4TH JULY OUTING WITH FACEBOOK MEMBERS ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
GREAT DUSK PHOTO COURTESY JASON CURRY