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Santa's putting on the Ritz!

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Well this issue heralds the end of another busy year, personally; in business and club - wise. My family has been very busy this year. My youngest son, Reece who is wheel chair bound, enjoyed his first year at Papamoa College and has had a great time. He is so happy and positive and despite his mobility issues, he tries to immerse himself in as many 'normal' activities he can. Our middle son, Ridge has just completed his NCEA3 exams and hopes he has achieved enough credits to achieve a 'pass'. Golf is his passion and he will be swinging the club hard over the summer for sure! Our eldest son will be based in Wellington for another 12 months having secured a contract with 'Weta workshop' and has been working on the 'tracking and editing' of the Hobbit movie. Sheá has been responsible for creating the artwork for this mag whilst I have been editor and all those that said he should get a job at Weta, well he has! And my dear wife, André has been the real backbone of our family putting up with my hugely busy real estate work these last few months as things pick up in the area. No I haven't earned enough yet to retire, but hopefully the good activity will continue. Club-wise, I have been so busy at work I have been unable to attend many a good cruise but the BOP region (of which I belong) is under good stewardship of "Uncle Sam - Steve Gill" supported by Carol. The BOP Region is organising next years NZ Club 40th in Rotorua in November 2013. Steve tells me another update will follow shortly as more things are organised.



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Want a laugh, hear some great music, recall some old times? Check out "Rock of Ages" movie now out on DVD. A real hoot to see the clothes and 'boofy' hair styles we used to enjoy back in the 80s. Mmmm... the 80s and no I can't tell you just yet whether next years FINZ will have a theme!

Housekeeping matters. Late membership renewals this year has meant that the directory is not included here but hopefully you will get it next issue.

Lastly - from my family to yours - MERRY CHRISTMAS and enjoy a super New Year! Drive safely, enjoy our summer. For me - I will be trying to get the Calais out on the road! Until next year ~ Ron.

Event Director, Steve is back and has been busy as a bee, working on accomodation arrangements for the big '4-0'. He should be able to provide an update next issue. Until then, we need your details to register please. Please email me your details ASAP to: ron.melville@eves.co.nz

Rotorua - The place to be in 'Twenty, One-three!' ~ Ron.

In this December issue, our Christmas Cadillac cover is Lois and Graham Thrupp's newly acquired Biarritz '59 convertible. I am so glad they got a red one for me - Santa looks so 'at home' in red! There's a nice Christmas story on page 3, courtesy of our parent club in the US. We complete part Two of the 'shed discovery' in Hamilton the recent Cad Nats/AGM we attended and Part Two of South Island's Delegate, Rob McCann's auto show photo shoot a few months back. Elsewhere there's coverage of a recent outing to a new 'old' retro 50s American Diner - fintastic it is too! If you are passing through Tauranga some time, give Lois and Graham a call with the view of making a visit. They may even make you a milkshake! Auckland Delegate, Enid features details of the 40th Celebrations of the Concours d'Élegance to be held in February 2013 next year. I remember attending some of the first in the early 70s and vividly recall and amazing red E-Type Jag, one of my all-time fav car designs.

Talking about 'fav' cars, did anyone catch the recent 'Top Gear - Bond cars of the last 50 years?' Wow, it was great. Even young Reece laughed when Roger Moore flipped his red AMC Hornet over the river. The DB5 is one 'classic - classic' design don't you think? More TV - don't forget to watch the 60s fashions in 'Pan Am' on Saturday nights, TVONE at 9.30 pm.



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A '59 Caddy Christmas in 1958



BY OLAFUR GUNNARSSON

Exactly half a century has passed and I was but nine years old. The day before Christmas, I went with my father to take a look at an enormous fleet of Chevys that had been imported to Iceland. I can still picture the cars parked in front of the local GM dealership.

While my father was inspecting them, I went to the showroom window and there, driving in circles in a Christmas landscape made of cotton, was the most wonderful toy car my eyes had ever beheld.

It was not a Chevrolet but a red Cadillac convertible. I knew at that very moment that I had to gain ownership of the car and I dragged my father to the window and informed him of the fact. He said, "My dear child, that is impossible. This is the dealership's show car and it is not for sale. There is simply no way in this world that we will be able to purchase it from the display."

I told my father it must be a misunderstanding on his part. Caring nothing about the objections of the staff at the dealers, I wanted that car. And I had no time to wait until tomorrow, as tomorrow was Christmas Day. I wanted the car **now!** At once!

And to emphasize the seriousness of my words, I threw myself head first into the snow sobbing. My father was forced to take me home and then went away to run

errands. Beside myself, I was certain he must have gone back to the dealer to get the car. There was no other possibility, and I waited and waited.

Finally I heard him at the front door but there was no package under his arm. It was Christmas Eve and my hopes were high; nevertheless, I had a hard time sleeping. Upon awakening, I was certain I would get the car, because my father had appeared to me in a dream that night and he said, "Don't worry yourself, son. You will get this car; just be patient."

Opening the Christmas presents in the morning, I felt bitter disappointment. No Cadillac! It was unbelievable; the turkey had no taste. All through the evening, I was hoping that extra-surprise package would appear as if by magic, but when it was time for bed, I finally realized it would not happen and I became very sad. "There was no way on earth I could get that car from that display," my father explained to the family. "I even went and spoke to the director. They just made a joke of it. They thought I was some special kind of nut case!"

Nothing happened between Christmas and New Year's Eve. The globe is a pretty vast place and there was a

good chance Santa would pass by my window on his way back to the North Pole after having paid attention to the world. So I wrote Santa a letter to bring matters up to date. There had been a certain disappointment this year where Christmas was concerned. I had asked my father to take care of a certain matter and he had not been able to deliver. There was still a bit left of the Christmas pudding, so I put it on a plate in the window and the letter beside it.

I knew that both Santa and my father were fond of the pudding and I felt what a certain joy it would be for Santa to get that last slice. Then I waited in the darkness. I dozed off but came to suddenly. Someone was standing by the window. It was my father and he was having a go at the pudding. "Leave something for Santa," I said. "Oh! You're awake, son?"

The next morning, when I awoke, the red model from the dealership was sitting on a chair beside my bed. It was a '59 Eldorado Biarritz in all its glory. For a few days, I felt a certain resentment towards my father for having devoured the pudding Santa most certainly had deserved all by himself. ■

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On the last day we checked out of our accomodation, but left our Caddies at the motel whilst a fleet of vans picked us up to take us somewhere...

We drove a litle way past a local suburb called Dinsdale to where lifestyle blocks heard. Up a road and then into a narrow driveway (not really Cadillac size). A notice on the letterbox says 'World Headquarters of Cheese Solutions Ltd'. A cheese tasting tour? No, an engineering feast of old car proportions! This is the home of Mr. Danny Ryan, where 60% of the Australian cheese cutting systems are designed and created right here in an extended garage. And as well, there's the hobby of a few old cars pictured here and in his spare time there's a 1950s Alfa Romeo race car to create. And as you can see from the pics, I literally mean "create". The chassis is being created from scratch with laser-precise-cut tubing designed and calculated on a CAD system (computer assisted design - software). Whilst no Caddies here today, all in attendance lap up the fine quality and uniqueness of this collection - simply awesome. Thanks Danny for your tour and thanks to Grant for organising the visit. Very, very cool. - Ed.



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*the 't - type'
at speed,
what an
awesome sight*





*from left -
a 1919 Bignon
boat tail. One of only
two in the world.
At right, an old
Merlin*



*Recognise the car in the
black and whites?
Grant's 1924 Caddy
as it first was. Look at
the size of that tree!*



Pictures of what will be a rare 50s Alfa Romeo replica





Maybe nothing finer than Graham & Lois Thrupp's amazing American Diner!

As the Editor of your magazine, I together with my dear wife and two youngest sons were delighted to be invited along to the official 'ribbon cutting ceremony' held recently at BOP members', Graham and Lois Thrupp's '1950s - themed' American Diner. Attention to detail is enormous from the black and white chequered tiling to the red neon lighting; original NCR cash register as well as an original milk shake machine in working order - making some fabulous shakes on the night in the original aluminum shake containers. The Thrupps have an extensive collection of many things Americana. Number plates and great pictures of old American cars adorn the walls, whilst old petrol bowsters, working traffic lights and a large 'Cadillac' sign beams its dominance over the purpose-built shed. Graham and Lois are '59 affectionos and in their care are all 1959 Cadillacs such as, a red Coupe Deville; a green 4 door Fleetwood; a persian sand Eldorado Seville and their latest acquisition, an amazing red over red and white leather Biarritz convertible. This wonderful collection compliments a beautiful red '60 Impala convertible and '66 T-bird. All cars are handsomely presented and whilst the writer has yet to step on the shores of the US of A, the 'Pink Cadillac American Diner' experience was for me like stepping back to the days of American Graffiti, complete with great rock and roll music blasting out of the juke box in the corner. The evening's theme was 'red, white and blue' and what with the 'star and stripes' boldly flying at the top of the flag pole in the front yard, I will repeat what our BOP Delegate, Steve Gill often says and that is "God Bless America" and it is befitting to say, 'God Bless Lois and Graham' and thank you so much for a tremendous evening. As a 'PS', can I just add that my youngest son, Reece who is wheel-chair - confined thoroughly enjoyed the "Gavin - cooked" burger; Anne's chocolate milk shake and being buzzed and spun around to the unrelenting music - thanks from Andre', Ridge and of course Reece. *Many of the next page photos were taken by 'Queensland-based Kiwi member, Anne' who flew in from Australia just for the occasion. Thanks Anne - everyone thought your dress really looked the retro era that the diner depicts. Enjoy the many many photos taken on the evening ~ Ed.*



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"Uncle Sam - Approved" Milk Shakes and "Gav" burgers!

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AUCKLAND - Hi Ron. Attached are Todd & Kim Wylie's latest completed project and possibly our newest club member. Kennedy Wylie (girl) born October 25th 2012. You may remember Todd from the Akld AGM - they have a 53 Coupe (or thereabouts) that was unrestored at the time. He managed to restore the car and do some home renovations before the latest 'projects' arrival. Todd works for V8 Magazine and has offered me great assistance in the past. He arranged the film crew for Akld AGM. He may be able to assist with the 2013 AGM in Rotorua - magazines for goody bags or whatever. Cheers Enid Service - Congrats Kim and Todd and welcome young Kennedy! What a cutie, one might say 'A Cadillac of a cutie!!'. And yes the organisers of the big '4-0' welcomes support from members or their businesses to make next year the best 'Cad Nats' ever! - Ed.



More AUCKLAND - It's been in the 'pipe-line' for a while now, finally details of the first Auckland & Tauranga Caddy Club Christmas Run:
Date: **Sunday 9th December. Auckland Meeting time and place: BP Service Centre SH1, Karaka - 10.00 for 10.30 depart.**

Tauranga Meeting time and place: To be advised - Destination: Woodturners Cafe 3815 SH 2 Mangatarata Hauraki District 07-867 3266 <http://www.menumania.co.nz/restaurants/woodturners-cafe>
\$2 swap a present (receipt of proof for the \$2 item required). There is a prize of a bottle of Wine for the most inventive and or value for money. Cheers Enid

NORTHLAND - Hi Ron. Our last get together was held on the 13th November, 2012. We met at the Wotherspoons place in Snells Beach at 1.30pm. Present were Bob and Elaine in their '90 Allante convertible looking a bit bedraggled from the rain! They reckoned it was sunny when they left?? Wayne and Jeanne in their '78 Coupe De Ville and Bill and Myrie in their '76 Seville. Apologies from Ian Muggeridge who has been a bit unwell but coming right. We waited for the showers and thunder to depart then took a leisurely drive to Pt Wells past where Louise Christ used to live opposite the river, and then back via Omaha Beach where we parked and viewed the beach. From there we stopped in at "Morris and James" the pottery place where there were lots of lovely pots for sale. After being ushered out by the husbands because we weren't looking at car parts! We motored back to the 'Wotho's for some afternoon tea and some lovely chats.

Northland Nutters Christmas dinner is to be held on Tuesday the 11th Of December at 77 Pebblebrook Road Kaiwaka. Phone 09 4312469. If you would like to come please ring and we will give you the directions to get here. Plenty of parking. We have planned to have a cuppa and a natter around 3pm and dinner around 5 or there about. Bring a plate, a salad, dessert or both to be shared. Would love to see you

Attached is a photo of our last meeting. Myrie will be writing the report to be put with it. Thanks. Jeanne



BAY of PLENTY - Hi Caddie Club Cruisers. What's happening in this world? The TV news is full of negative things happening. There is economic / financial hard ship. There are people fighting one another to the death. There is a lot of unwanted stuff happening. Thank God there is good ole New Zealand. Yes indeed Caddie Cruisers we live in Gods Own and it's the best feeling in the world.

The next best feeling in world is owning a Caddie and belonging to the BOP Cadillac Club. Feeling good when cruising, feeling good having picnic's feeling good going to the beach, feeling good having parties and just feeling good man. That's what we are all about. We may not be able how to control what's happening in the world. We can control what we think and how we feel.....and being a member feels good! God Bless America for building Cadillac. The world is now a better place!! Amen. As Always Our Club Is Easily Satisfied With The Very Best. Cheers Steve.



SOUTH ISLAND - Delegate, Rob McCann's Kings

High School fund raising car show coverage (Part 2) continues elsewhere, a great photo shoot by Rob - well done!

WANTED - 1) We need a new Delegate for our longstanding Taranaki region. It would be great to re-kindle the great source of articles we used to see so frequently in the past from this area.

2) More local Kiwi stories and pics please. The ones I receive are fantastic. So whether you are on an outing, a night event or even a regular monthly cruise, please spend a mere 10 mins and email me something with a pic.

More More AUCKLAND - Hi All. Latest info for 2013 Concours attached and further info at the BOTTOM of this email. CLSCC has a booked site and as it is our 40th Anniversary as well it would be good to have a display - need at least 6 cars. Please let me know if you wish to attend - all cars get up to two free entries. We will also be beside the Historic Race Car Club which has a tent, BBQ etc. Out of towners welcome. I have also attached the details of the Saturday Fun Run which some of you may want to attend - it is great fun mainly because of all the different car clubs that turn up. Brian and I are the organisers for Run 5. Bookings can be made on <http://www.concours.org.nz> Enid Service 021 795558

Fun Runs - **Saturday 9th February 2013** - 6 Runs to Choose From:

The 2013 Fun Runs will be the same as 2012, but with the addition of an extra run, with Vellenoweth Green in St Heliers as the finishing spot once again.

There is a Beach Soccer Tournament on the Mission Bay Beach so those on Run 2 (Northcote), which will use Tamaki Drive from the city, need to be aware that there will be a lot of activity in that area and a little patience might be required. The upside though, is that there will be a lot of people around to admire your classic as your cruise by.

Run 6 (Albany) is the new run which will ease the load on Run 2 (Northcote) which was fully subscribed in 2012.

Runs will depart from:

1. West - Westgate Shopping Centre - Massey / Taupaki / Kumeu / Riverhead / Waikoukou Valley / Waimauku / Pt Chevalier / Ponsonby / Viaduct Basin / Remuera / St Heliers. Run time approx 2 hours.
2. Northcote - Poenamo Hotel Car Park - Northcote Rd Hillcrest / Albany / Coatesville / Orewa / Red Beach / Silverdale / City / St Heliers. Run time approx 2 hours.
3. Greenlane - Ellerslie Racecourse - Clevedon / Maraetai / Whitford / Cockle Bay / Farm Cove / Point England / Glendowie / St Heliers. Run time 1½ to 2 hours.
4. Papakura - BP Service Centre, Papakura - SH1 / Clevedon / Whitford / Howick / Pakuranga / Panmure / Pt England / St Heliers. Run time approx 1½ hours.
5. Pukekohe - BP Service Centre, Bombay / Mangatawhiri / Kaiaua / Kawakawa Bay / Clevedon / Whitford / St Heliers.
6. Albany - Mills Lane car park (near North Harbour Stadium) off Oteha Valley Road - Albany / Coatesville / Riverhead / Taupaki / Massey / Lincoln / Pt Chevalier / Westmere / Grey Lynn / City / Auckland Domain / Remuera / Kohimarama / St Heliers.

ENTRY TO THIS EVENT IS A \$5.00 PER CAR DONATION ON THE DAY.

Entries will close on Tuesday 29th January 2013 and you will be e-mailed the web address to print off your own detailed Information Pack the week before the run, which will include the exact meeting directions and run instructions. Entries received by post will have their Information Pack posted earlier.

On the day all runs will start at 10:00am so please be there by 9:30am at the latest to allow for the drivers' briefing, etc. Your \$5.00 donation towards the costs of staging this event will be collected on arrival at the start and it would be appreciated if you could bring the correct money in order to minimise the need for issuing change.

On arrival at Vellenoweth Green, each driver will receive a Meguiar's Goodie Bag. Information supplied by Enid Service. - Thanks Enid. This would make a great Club event especially if those from nearby Northland; Waikato and BOP Regions were able to attend and make a day and night of it. Delegates? Check out the cool poster - salute to GM Holden! Ed.

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USA - Last month I enquired how our members were doing following 'Sandy - the Super Storm'. Well, since you asked about the Atlantic coast of the US: the center of this system passed about 30 km south of where we live (southern New Jersey, about 20 km south-southeast of Philadelphia) late on Monday evening. The barometer dropped to 28.52 inches of mercury (~965 mbar), the lowest I've ever seen. We got about 11 cm of rain as of early this morning. Fortunately, our electricity only failed for about 2½ hours late yesterday afternoon, and was back on by 7 PM. Damage: nil. The LaSalle remained safe and dry throughout. Don't know as it'll be on the road any time soon, though, given all the small stuff down in the roads. JOHN BARRY EDITOR OF 'The Goddess - Club Newsletter of The Valley Forge Region'

And... Hi all - - - this is a rather neat "blast from the past" foto of Paul Newman at the rear of a '57 Cad out in a corral somewhere. I hope you enjoy it!. Fred - Great find, Fred - Ed

AUSTRALIA - 2014 (4th to 9th April) CLC Australia - Bi-Annual 'Muster' to be hosted by Western Australia Region The dates have been set, and the planning for the tours and functions are well under way. I know you will need a loud shirt, a Rock & Roll outfit and something Black & White. Early next year we will release Hotel details. This time next year you will have your registration form. Start planning your trip now, and if you need a hand, please ask. Attached is the logo for the event which was designed by Murray Bollen, the WA Club Secretary. Thanks Murray it looks great. The logo represents many things. The club logo represents the National unity of our club. The 1953 Cadillac represents the great cars we all enjoy. The people are you and me. Without that we don't have Nationals. The blue represents the ocean. (It is a good 2 minute walk from the Hotel to the Indian Ocean.) The grape colour represents the wine and the region where we are holding the Nationals. Dave Batger (Regional Pres. WA) **[A group of us from the Bay of Plenty are interested in attending. If you would like to join us, email me your details. It's be great to have a Kiwi contingent attend - Ed]**



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For me personally, I regard the start of summer mid November when the annual 'All USA Day' is held in Tauranga. Organised by the BOP Mustang Club its a fab event with so much great American iron. Not that you'd realised, showery this year - Ed

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BOP members mystery pot-luck picnic at nearby Maketu - a great mini cruise - Ed.

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I have email copies of the Potomac Region (Washington); Canadian; Valley Forge Region; North Texas Region; 63/64 Chapter and Rocky Mountain Region newsletters. Email me ron.melville@eves.co.nz for copy(ies) - Ed

Maurice Hendry [09-266-8909] has several cool folders for sale - 67 Fleetwood/ 82 Seville / Eldo - \$50 the lot [have enlarged the '82 Seville ad given the one for sale ('81 model, same shape) for an amazing \$6500 - see below - Ed.]



Hi Ron Are you able to print the following????

HELP!!!! I want to convert to front disc brakes on a 1959 flat top. Has any one done so and could they e-mail me at manager@whangamataclub.co.nz cheers Gavin Antony

Hey Ron I have dropped the price of my Cadillac UTE on eBay. Have a look and if you're still interested let me know. Cheers. Mark.

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Hello there - I am seeking any information about my great grandfather, Harry Bate of Bate and Bell Coachbuilders and Wheelwrights of Napier in the 1920's, He apparently built bodys for Cadillacs and was well known for craftsmanship in building coaches and fire engines etc. I would be grateful if you have any knowledge at all and could get in touch. kind regards, Luke Bridge. Email address is galuk@xtra.co.nz. One pic of my Greatgrandfather, Harry Bate is the one with the Mo. Obviously liked hunting. Other in Napier. **Anyone help?**



Guy's in Hawkes Bay or Maurice?



Hi All - Have had a request from someone I met casually one day. He needs to replace the convertible top but needs to get the frame serviced / repaired first. We need exactly the same thing for our 71 so if anyone can help please let me know. Brian Service

WANTED!

front and rear windscreen rubbers for 1960 Cad series 62 - 4 door OR does anyone have any they bought & don't need? OR - bought some & recommend place to buy from? Contact Richard Bayes 09-4265504 richard@bayescoachlines.co.nz

Hi all. As we reach the end of the year, please email me any updates on advertisements as some have been in here a while now.

Thanks, Miss Lane.

FOR SALE - '59 Coupe DeVille. First regd in NZ in 1960s. Amazing interior, vg exterior. Owner has passed on to me to say 'engine a bit fumey but runs and gets WOF every six months'. Stored in Papamoa. Phone Barryt Connolly 021-914 139



FOR SALE - Paul Ekdahl sells his Cadillac. In case you know a person keen for a new toy. See Link <http://www.trademe.co.nz/motors/used-cars/cadillac/eldorado/auction-457976374.htm> **APR 12**



FOR SALE - I received this via 'snail-mail'. Oct 8, 2012 - New Zealand Cadillac Club. I have a very rare Cadillac I would like to sell. It's a 1957 Eldorado Biarritz conv. It had a frame up restoration back to orig. cond. Has dual 4 barrel carbs with orig. air cleaner. If anyone in club is interested have them get in touch with me. I'm 80 years old and getting rid of some of my cars. **US\$125,000.** James Clack, 345 Horse Pt. Blue Ridge, GA 30513 - Phone 706-455-7427



FOR SALE - 1980 Cadillac Sedan DeVille. Totally original with only 75,500 original kilometers. (47,187) original miles), 368 cid. Engine. Like NEW! Fully Loaded with Moon Roof, Tilt/Telescopic Power Steering, Power Windows, Power Brakes, Cruise, Air Conditioning and Level Ride. Exterior color is "Champagne" with beige cloth interior. I've owned this car since new. Mechanically in A-1 Condition. Meticulously maintained for the past 32 years. Price: **\$15,000.00** Contact: Marc @ 403-255-8272 (Calgary Alberta, Canada). Email: mdhont@shaw.ca Marc



REDUCED

FOR SALE - '81 Seville Hi Ron. My name is Matt Patten, I have been talking to Ed (0276636012) about selling my caddy. I have owned my Caddy for about two years, been to two Beach Hops, two Kumeu Hot Rod Shows and the Galaxy of Cars (where my caddy was photographed and published in Petrol Head mag - page 3). I'm sorry to say that I am just not using it enough. The details of the car are:- 1981 Cadillac Seville Blue /Black 79,000mls 6.4v8 Rego expires next Feb (2013). Has been in NZ for over 20 yrs on black plates. Right-hand drive. asking **\$6500ono.** Matt 027-2700170



FOR SALE - Cadillac El Dorado 1970 2 door Coupe. Excellent condition.

Asking price is **\$25,000** firm and a very reluctant sale. James - 021 02535460 Kay - 021 0547314 Or email at kaylenegallagher@hotmail.com



You're formally invited!



To our 40th Anniversary in Rotorua 31 October - 4 November 2013

We're counting down and starting a year out from our big 4-0! Why? The organising team thought since it's taken more than 39 years to reach this milestone, then we should have more than 40 weeks to enjoy our 40th! Usually our annual Cadillac Nationals & AGM stretch over a Friday evening, Saturday and wind-up on Sunday morning. For 2013, the team thought we should have 4 days to celebrate, hence our event will formally commence on Thursday 31st October and continue Friday, Saturday and Sunday and wind up for a farewell breakfast on Monday morning. So start saving now for accommodation, gas and spending money. If you have never been to one of our annual events or have not attended for a few years, then go on, commit now. Pre-registrations are open. We will be updating you with registration numbers and what we have planned over the coming months, but until then mark your calendars and start saving. Now a few words from our event Director...Ladies and Gentlemen, start your hearts racing!



Here's our 40th logo. It wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of BOP members, Graham and Lois Thrupp supplying their '59 Seville for the photo shoot - chosen for the period 'Persian Sand', (pinky-mauve colour). The logo incorporates the iconic '59 fin with an arcing '4' following the lines of the chrome and done in neon tubing, reminiscent of those fab '50s diners. Our NZ logo sits inside the 'O'. One of these car stickers is being supplied to all financial members renewing their 12/13 membership for each Caddy you own and they should be in the mail now. They will also be supplied in your 40th goody bag at the event. Final logo design completed by Sheá Melville (our FINZ Art and Design techno) who worked off a pen sketch supplied by yours truly - Ed.

Dear Cadillac La Salle members and enthusiasts world-wide

It is my absolute pleasure to officially and formally invite you to Rotorua in 2013 to commemorate the milestone 40th Anniversary celebrations of The Cadillac La Salle Club of New Zealand that was formed in 1973.

My hardworking and dedicated team will be co-ordinating an eventful four days to tire you out in an enjoyable way that will commence on Thursday 31 October 2013 and conclude at breakfast on Monday 4th November. Our goal is to have 40 Cadillacs in attendance and many more members/ family and friends than this number to enjoy our celebrations

Pre-registrations are now open. At time of writing, we already have 18 people (including Toni and George from USA) pre-registered together with 11 Caddies! This number excludes a good Australian contingent which will boost the numbers. I am confident we will have enough Caddies to chauffeur around our overseas VIP's!

To enable us to gauge numbers attending Rotorua, please email: ron.melville@eves.co.nz your name(s); Caddy (ies) you are intending to bring (e.g. '59 De Ville and '59 Fleetwood not just number please). Snail mails also accepted. Post to: Ron Melville, 99 Santa Monica Drive, Papamoa 3118

As time progresses we will be providing more event updates; details of accommodation and pricing. I know some of you are already saving for the 'one in forty-year event!'

If you have never been to a Cadillac Nationals/AGM or have not been to one for a year or two, I wholeheartedly encourage you to attend and be apart of the camaraderie and merriment that comes with being a NZ member. Take action today and send us your pre-registration NOW

Rotorua is the place to be in 'Twenty-one-three!'

As I always say, "Our club is always satisfied with the very best" and we intend to extend this sentiment to our 40th!

Regards - Steve Gill, Event Director
[and Bay of Plenty Area Delegate] - 40th CLCNZ Celebrations



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Last part of Rob's great show event in the South Island



Special 26, 1972 Canaro 'The McKee Canaro' a notable New Zealand race car, currently owned by Dunedin mechanic Roy Macdonald, who also owns a 41 Cadillac which was absent on the day - a real shame.



Special 18, for those who think Jeremy Clarkson knows what he is talking about and not just entertaining is a 2008 Ford GT40, very sleek.



Special 13, a very tidy 1973 Austin ADO Ute with a relatively fresh coat of paint



Special 14, 2000 Toyota Altezza, this 'car' has been heavily modified by being cut down into a ute and having a late model Corvette V8 shoe horned under the bonnet.



They always seem to have great car shows in the South Island!

Have a great cruisin' summer - South Island :) - Ed

I'm after '52 and '53 Cadillac parts. Also has anyone got info on the early 1950s '75 Series' Cadillacs here in NZ? Contact rob@placerglobal.com



Who said there weren't any great cars left?
All prices in US\$ to LA.



'55 Chev \$32500



'58 Impala \$32500



'64 T-bird \$9800



'65 Mustang \$24500



'65 Mustang \$19800



'65 Mustang \$19800

Squire interior



Eds Pick - '58 Ford Country Squire \$14500 - Fab!

OK used cars were a feature of many a GM sales yard in the 60's. I 'am sure Bill would say all these examples are 'ok!'

See you
cruisin'
around
over
summer
:) - Ed.



Club Advertisement

Have
u got
yours
for
Xmas?

Featured here the new club polo-shirt. Mono-grammed colour logo with your first name underneath. Just \$45 incl. postage in NZ. **\$10 from each shirt is donated back to the club!**
Sizes - Ladies 8 to 22. Mens Small to 5XL. Kids sizes also available. Send order today to:
sewhot@xtra.co.nz Your fellow NZ club members, Sonja and Blair Mead, Tauranga
07- 5750779 or 027-240-4907.

This is a fantastic gesture by Sonja and Blair - thanks guys, you're awesome! ~ Ed

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Email your pics and stories to ron.melville@eves.co.nz

More AUCKLAND - NZ Classic Car - Concours D'Elegance Weekend 2013

2013 will be the 40th Year for the Concours D'Elegance Weekend and of course as it will also be the 40th year of the Cadillac La Salle Club in NZ it would be nice to have Cadillac's on display. It is a busy time of the year and it has been difficult in past years to get a range of cars and your support will be appreciated.

CLSC has booked a display stand for the above event on **Sunday 10th Feb 2013**. Cars need to be on site for set up 8.30 - 9.00am and event runs until late afternoon. There is always a wide range of Car 'Marques' (brands) on display and it is great to see the Car Club scene in NZ is alive and well. Need a minimum of 6 cars & maximum of 8. Please let me know if you are willing / able to display your car. Go to www.concours.org.nz for full event details.

Meguiar's Fun Run **Saturday 9th Feb 2013**

Open to all Classic Car owners - no charge. Go to www.concours.org.nz to see the Fun Runs available / book for one of the runs. Book early as they fill up fast. Additional information available on request from: Enid Service servicebe@xtra.co.nz 09 265 1228 / 021 795558 / 021 955 802 Brian. **BELOW is:** 1944 Cadillac - Colin & Peggy Sandbrook and group pic is: Club Cars: Colin & Peggy Sandbrook's 1944 (left), Glasson's, Ken Williams, Service's and Ola Burt. Concours d'Elegance 2012



WAIKATO - Grand Opening of the Classics Museum that many attendees of the recent Cad Nats/AGM visited. A great amenity and if you are ever in Hamilton, worth checking it out. Keep the address hand



GRAND OPENING FAMILY FUN DAY!

**CLASSICS MUSEUM OFFICIALLY
OPENS TO THE PUBLIC!**

JOIN US FOR A DAY FILLED WITH
FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FREE ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL!

10AM - 3PM

Jukebox THE JUKEBOX DINER WILL BE
OPEN ALL DAY BRINGING YOU
CLASSIC DINER FOOD
PLUS CAFE STYLE TREATS

1950'S THEMED EVENT
DRESS TO IMPRESS - THERE WILL BE
PRIZES FOR THE BEST DRESSED ON THE DAY

CAR CLUB DISPLAYS
**CARNIVAL
GAMES & PRIZES**
**1950'S FASHION
PARADE**
BOUNCY CASTLE | **FACE
PAINTERS**

**SUN
2ND
DEC.**

**HAMILTON MAYOR
Julie Hardaker
WILL CUT THE RIBBON AT 11 AM**

**11 RAILSIDE PLACE
HAMILTON**

www.classicsmuseum.co.nz

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REMEMBER - If it ain't here
then someone forgot to
email it in!



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2nd - Classics Museum Grand Opening - Hamilton

5th - Annual Charity Toy Run - Mount

9th - Auck & BOP joint Xmas club run

FEBRUARY 2013

9th - Meguiar's Fun Run, Auckland

10th - Concours d'Élegance 2013 - 40th Anniversary - Club Event - Auckland

SPRING 2013

October 31 to Nov 4th 2013

AGM/ Cadillac Nationals - Organised by Bay of Plenty Region. NZ Club 40th [to be held in Rotorua]

FOR PRECISE DETAILS - REFER CLUB CORNER and elsewhere in mag

Apr 4-9th 2014 - Western Australia Muster

