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Dave Rayner's (CLC Vic) Award-winning '60  
Read about it in this issue. Photo by Ed taken at  
Renmark, SA - Aust Cadillac Nationals

# Rendezvous!

F O R E W O R D

Hi everyone. Pres Steve and I are back from Oz, attending their 2017 Cadillac Nationals. What a terrific event and time we had on your behalf! Lot's to tell you and share and I have taken plenty of amazing photographs which you will enjoy for months to come!

As I write this, CLC VP International Affiliates, Ron Zahn and his Caddy mate, Christoph are touring NZ. If I receive some photos I will include here otherwise read my report on Ron and Chris' visit to Tauranga mid April.

In this part of the world, we have been enjoying the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast of Queensland, Australia. We finished with some 7 Gold medals and finished 5th amongst 50+ countries competing. As you know we are a small population and our investment in 'world games' is miniscule compared to some other countries like Australia, Canada, England and South Africa. But as always, we are 'punching above our weight!'

Caddy club-wise, the BoP Event organising committee has released some early details of the NZ Cadillac Nationals to be held in Tauranga during mid-October this year. The theme is 'Diamonds' as our Kiwi "Salute" to the American CLC and their 60th Anniversary in '18. Incidentally 2018 is the NZ CLC's 45th year and in 2020 it will be the Australian CLC's 50th - more about this inside.

Who remembers the Cadillac themed 'Cardiac Arrest cartoons' from the past? Well there back with a 'retro-re-run!' Read about them here!

Lastly, our cover Caddy this month is the Award Winning 'Best of Show' 1960 Eldorado of Victorian CLC member, David Rayner. This is the most immaculate '60 you are ever likely to encounter and certainly equal to what you might see Stateside (in the Grand Nationals I mean). For the next several issues you will drawl over high quality Caddies (and a few La Salles) and yes, they are as good in the flesh as what they look in the pics...few 'five metre lookers here!'

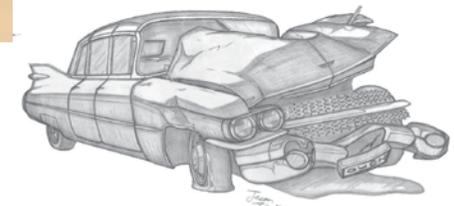
Until next month, stay warm Kiwis as the first Antarctic chill descends over the country for an early start to winter...brrrrrr! Ron :)

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



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# Our Global FAMILY



BELOW 14 of us had dinner at 'Rye' in Wharf Street, Tauranga. From LEFT and going down the row are: Mary Winteringham; Carol Southcombe; Lois Thrupp; Christine Conder; Graham Thrupp; Ron Zahn (circled); Steve Gill (Pres. and therefore 'Head of the Table!'); Chris Roesner; Kerry Williamson; Kevin Conder; Lilian d'Elia; Andre Melville and Serge d'Elia [taking photo is your Editor!]. Even though the menu was American we enjoyed Kiwi lamb; Angus steaks and fresh green salads and beautiful South Island wine! A great evening was had by all - Ed.



LEFT and clockwise: Ron and Chris at Classic Flyers (Kittyhawk in the background). Chris & Ron open gifts from the Bay of Plenty Region. Steve & Chris in Thrupps garage. Mary enjoys dessert at Thrupps American 'Pink Cadillac Diner'. André Melville looking forward to her Gluten Free and Vegan ice cream - soooo healthy! Ed

**NZ - BAY of PLENTY** - On Tuesday 17th April we hosted CLC - VIP International Affiliates, Ron Zahn and his Caddy mate, Chris Roesner from the CLC Germany. They have been touring NZ after the recent Australian Caddy Nats and tripping Tasman as well. After weeks of cold and wet wintry weather the sun shone in Tauranga - just for the day! We had a great time with Ron and Chris at the 'locally Famous Thrupps Shed', a walk down The Mount, afternoon tea at Classic Flyers and an evening dinner out at aq authentic American restaurant called 'Rye'. Here's a few snaps - [Ed]





## Sixty-topia!

The Eldo that came back from the grave to its right place at the top of the tree!

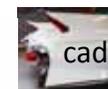
Owner Dave tells us, one day he was driving along the motorway and not too far in front of him and his pristine Eldo, a truck spilled his load of pipes. A car in front swerved to avoid the happening incident and t-boned Daves in the rear wing on the drivers side. Dave showed me a photo. The fender was at ninety degrees, cleanly parted from the trunk.



## Sixty-topia!

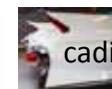
The panel beater  
re-incarnated that wing in  
metal...

It didn't even appear as if the paint had been damaged, but Dave's great insurance company wanted to make repairs. I understand it cost nearly six figures and over nine months to make good or as Donald would say 'Make great again!' More photos Dave shared with me, an 'old-school' panel beater re-incarnated that wing in metal and one can see it is laser-straight. Amazing.



## Sixty-topia!

Note the reflection of the 'Murray' and straight-ness of that previously damaged rear fender. Trim was hand panelbeated straight!



## Sixty-topia!

Interior features a luxurious silver grey leather with an imperfection-free dashboard. Gauges, steering wheel, door panels, door buttons, levers, carpet - everything is as if you had stepped back into the 1960 Cadillac dealers show room!

Top up



Sixty-topia!



Going down...



And almost down...

And down...



Down, but not out!  
Thanks Dave

People we met at Renmark...



Good guy, Greg Short (of CLC Vic) with Steve and what he calls his '528 sunnies!' (ask him why!)



Gudie Pohlmann & Chris Salisbury from CLC Vic, one of the sharpest dressed couples at the event



Gudie (pronounced "Goodie") Pohlmann & Chris Salisbury with Steve and those sunnies!

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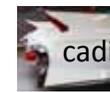


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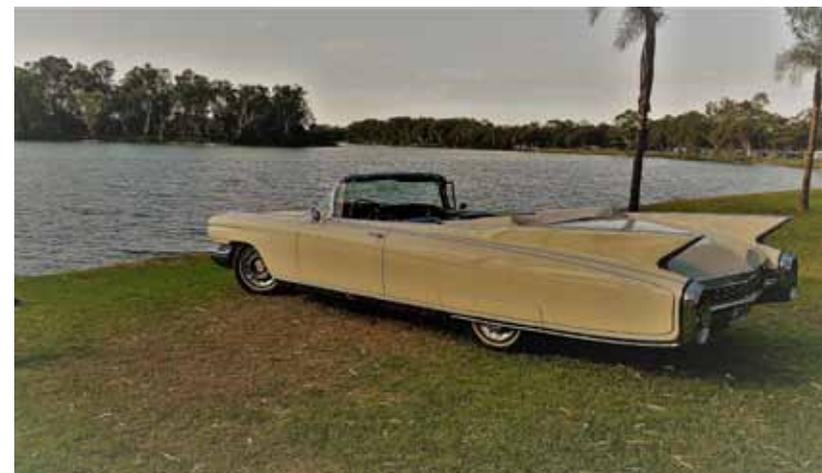

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# Editor's choice

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

Giddy mate - a common greeting from where we have just been. And like the American CLC "family", camaraderie is alive and very strong here too. If you Kiwis have not been to an Ozzie Caddy Convention yet then you REALLY should put it on your 'bucket list!' The next is their 50th - yes, half a century of club activities and still going strong. It will be held I believe in April 2020 so plenty of time to start saving for your flights, accomodation, spending money and event registration fee. It will be held at Mudjee (rhymes with budgie!) and just beyond the 'Blue Mountains' near Sydney. Steve and I want to organise a large 'Kiwi contingent' to descend on Mudjee. You can be assured we will be well catered for (GF people too) and don't worry about transport, there will be plenty of Caddies on 'tap' to give us a ride. No one is ever left behind. This last event in Renmark, South Australia was attended by approx. 90+ Caddies and LaSalles and 200+ entrants. There is bound to be even bigger numbers in Mudjee. We can all get to Sydney on a certain date and stay somewhere we can rendezvous with local Caddy members for some camaraderie before we head into the mountains, said to be a scenic 3+ hours or so away. Lots of fun, places to see, people to meet and who knows they may return the favour and join us at our own CLC NZ 50th in 2023 to be held in the Hutt, Wellington where it all began back in 1973! Until then, enjoy a few of my photos from Renmark, still very strong in the minds of Steve and myself. Ed



YOU CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS  
BUT YOU CAN BUY A CADILLAC  
AND THAT'S KIND OF THE SAME THING

From LEFT, '39 LaSalle heads the religious early morning line up before heading out for the day. ABOVE - Dave's '60 in 'Zeka format'. BELOW - The Dixon '59 on the touring route!





## Tripping Around...Melbourne and beyond, 17th to 20th...

Well what another great time we had, I mean to say – this is Steve and my second joint attendance at an Australian Grand Nationals event and my third. We keep telling fellow Kiwis ‘come along’ but until you do, you will never understand just how much fun they are! The hospitality, the organised events, and the great accommodation we stay in, the many Cadillacs we ride in, the wonderfully interesting places we visit and see – the terrific people we meet, mix and mingle with.

So here we are in Renmark, a small tourist town perched alongside the great Murray River. The HQ for this year’s Nationals was at the ‘Big 4 Holiday Park’, a huge complex of tent sites to modern cabins of all sizes and calibre – something to suit everyone. The manager told me they can cater for around 1500 people at peak times and the well-oiled machine runs day and night ensuring everyone enjoys a safe, clean and well catered for stay. The place is perfect for 90+ twenty-foot Cadillacs and LaSalles! If a place like this can accommodate tandem caravans and lengthy campervans/ buses – parking Caddies was a cinch!

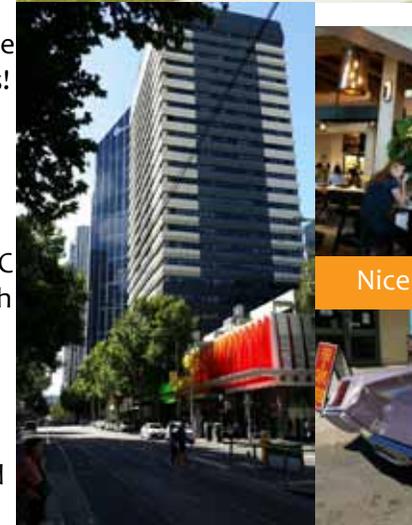
The nearby river means there’s water close by for irrigation and green grass of which there was plenty amongst the acrid red-earth and ample of that when without warning the wind whips up an instant dust storm in a few seconds!

### Event Day One – Wednesday 21st March:

Event Registration opened. Time to get a goodie bag and engage with a few familiar faces. For some, there was an ‘Early bird’ run if one wanted whilst others had a free afternoon, checking out town – getting breakfast and refreshment supplies – as the days ahead will be busy and very, very thirsty! (I can hear Steve now saying ‘I’ll drink to that...!’) Come 5.30pm it’s the ‘Welcome BBQ’ at a designated spot set up by the South Australian State, our CLC event hosts. A time to ‘mix and mingle’ – meeting old friends and acquaint with new ones. The Ozzies (rhymes with mozzies) are impressed to learn that we took time out to participate (of course we were there to enjoy ourselves on behalf of all those that couldn’t make it!). A few Americans turned up as well and one German – always great to hear Caddy events attract an International visitor or two! First late night but not to worry, we don’t depart until 8am...! Steve and I bunked down in our cabin (literally – Steve and I each had bunks – he is such a quiet sleeper – I never heard a thing!) with Victorian member Greg Short, a former President of their State in another room. A good guy and plenty informative – there is nothing or few people he doesn’t know!



We had to ‘rough it’ at the Hyatt Essendon Fields



Nice eating place at Hyatt



At left is the River outlook all the way along the camp site and at right is the view along those long straight Victorian and SA roads as the Eldo purred soaking up the miles/ Kms!



Melbourne new and old under sunny skies. Greg Shorts lovely Eldo we cruised 700+kms in one day!





## Tripping Around...Renmark and beyond, Event Day One and on...

### Event Day Two – Thursday 22nd March:

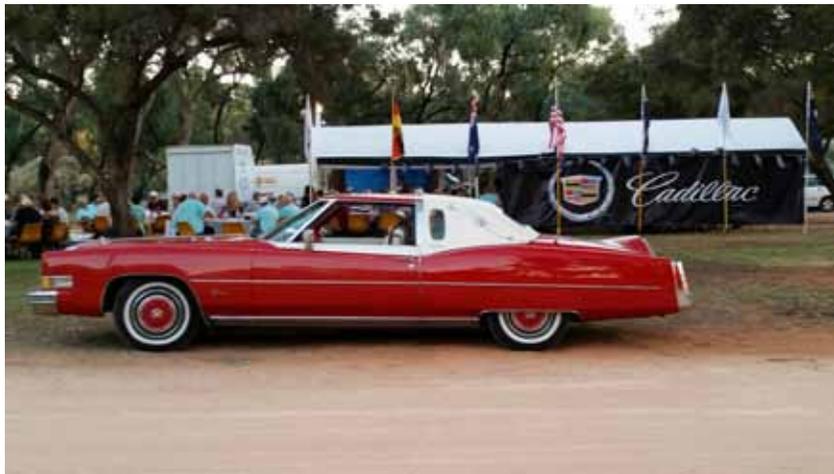
Yes, you've got to rise at 6am to get ready, three of us to have breakfast, brush the 'fangs' and apply some sunscreen for it will be another warm day (in the 30s most days). We head down to the designated starting area at about 7.45am. There are already plenty of nice Caddies and a few LaSallees there already. Unlike today's 'non-coloured automobiles' these Caddies come from a time when there were various shades of red, pink, blues, greens, mauves, peachy tones, gold, bronze, black and a few whites – in fact consensus is that the Cadillac is one of the few cars that actually look good in white. The chrome of course helps and there's even some with gold plated trim – check out the many photos over the next few issues. As visitors, we don't have a Caddy ourselves but there are plenty of members eager to offer a ride in their gleaming chariot! Greg takes his own car but Steve and I hitch a ride. The convoy departs to a local park to watch the Paringa Bridge 'Lock' open where a local touristy River boat laden with lucky Caddy members who won a draw to take a ride – albeit they had to leave the park at 6.45am!

Whilst parked up, a member's son's 'drone' buzzed overhead and it will be a regular feature in the sky over the event, shooting video with a promise for everyone to access footage at a later date. We make our way to the Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery for lunch. This is some 16km out in the country and it feels like the mid-30s by time we get there. The brewery is situated within a historic woolshed site serving up craft beers, cider and the like. There are vendors on site serving up 'cooked as you wait' pizzas (in a mobile pizza oven) and chicken options. From the queues of people, I reckon one hundred plus pizzas must have been consumed that day and hundreds of litres of cool refreshments! Mid-afternoon we hit the road back to our base. There are two options that evening, either a 'Party River Cruise' or an outdoors movie. We opt for the Elvis has left the building movie starring a youthful Kim Bassinger and John Cusack. The star car is a pink Eldo. It's a funny 90 minute movie and the evening is so mild there's no need for thermals!

The evenings are so balmy one has to keep hydrated, well that's Steve's excuse and he's sticking to it – cheers! It's only a short walk back to the cabin under starry skies – Steve thought he'd drunk too much and was seeing stars!



They line up each morning, Murray Bollen (WA) below taking a snap. Below LEFT - Ross de Laine's awesome Eldo. Below CENTRE - Woolshed Brewery car park





# Tripping Around...Renmark and beyond, Event Day One and on... Event Day Two – Thursday 22nd March - Photo spread:



We cannot help but be excited about the joys of riding in someone else's Caddy. View from 'Lucy' a '61...



EVENT Day TWO: From TOP LEFT clockwise: Paringa Bridge. Car Ferry full of Caddies! Russell reaching into his '76. From inside 'Lucy' on the Ferry. Caddies all years at the Woolshed Brewery. Caddies down by Lake Bonney. Historic Homestead at Brewery. Brewery lookout at River boats and the Murray. Mobile Pizza guy.

Everywhere you look in these photos is fine sunny, blue sky weather and 30+c days. This IS the life when you are on a Caddy convention - sorry about that!

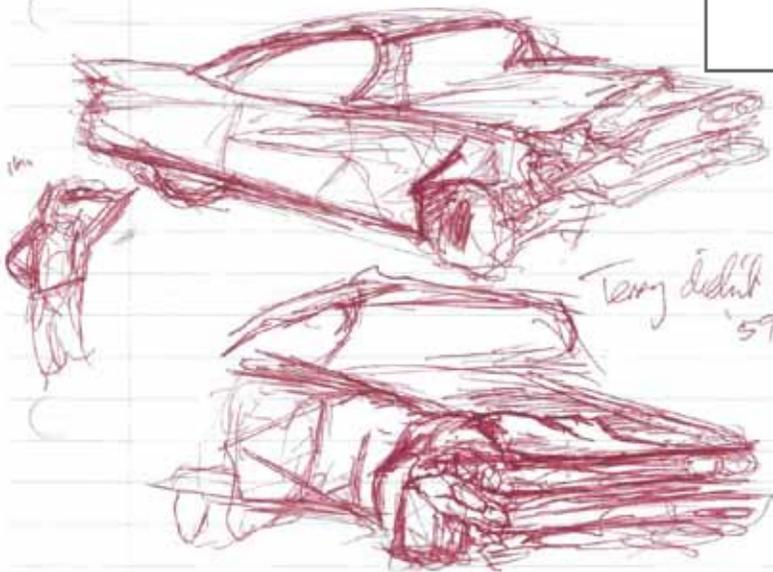
**FINZ Special feature** - Who remembers these NZ-drawn cartoons from over two decades ago? The creator, Jason Curry remains a loyal member of our CLC NZ club and has consented to allow a 'retro re-run!' Here's the first of many, and thanks to Jason for allowing the re-print - Ed



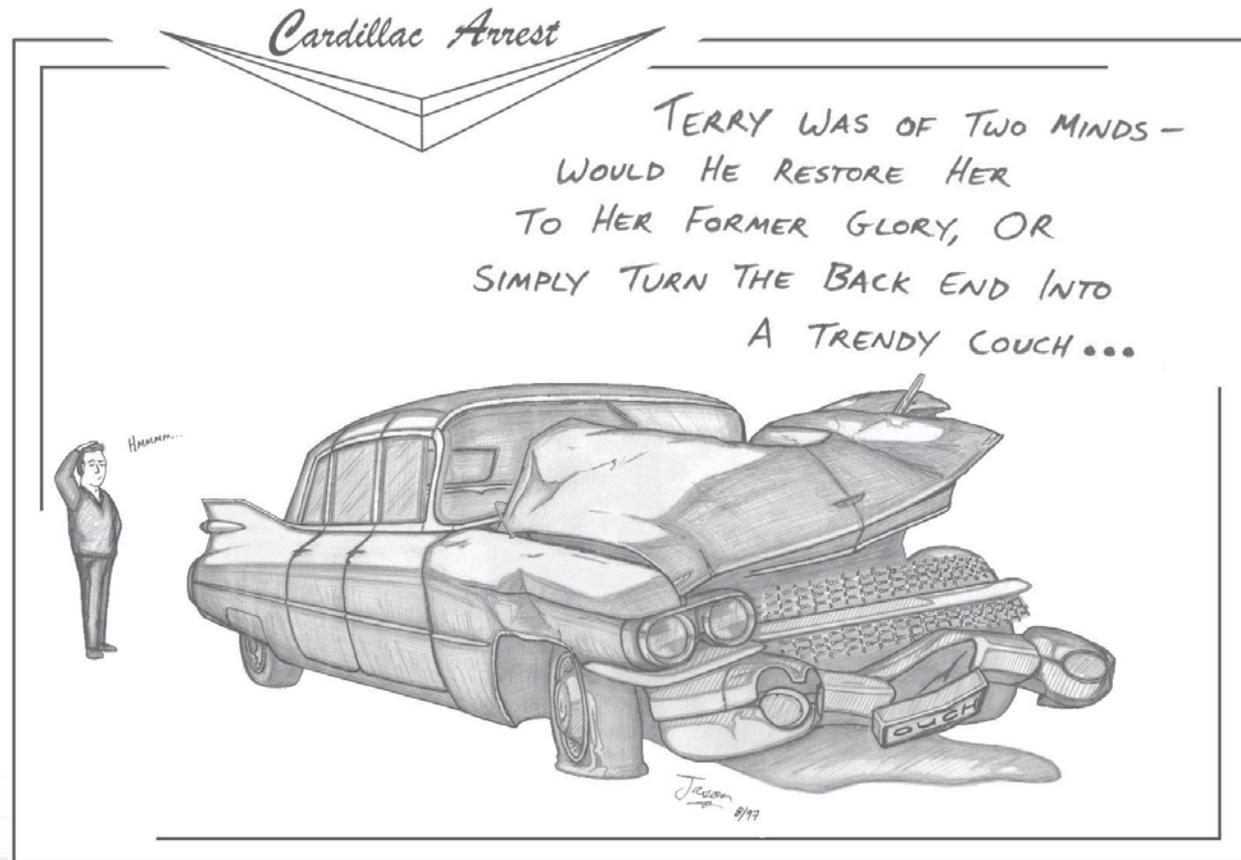
Throughout the late nineties, the CLC(NZ) Magazine published a monthly cartoon created by member Jason Curry.

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

## first SKETCH



Terry didn't know whether to restore the '59 or just turn the back end into a trendy couch.



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# Our Global FAMILY

**BAY of PLENTY** - Kevin and Christine Conder had a wow of a time at AmeriCARna in February and here's a pic to prove it! Ed



**Still with the BAY of PLENTY** - I have the pleasure of not only care-taking for my own Calais but also an absent members classic cars as well. As we all know, it pays to give them some exercise now and again to keep everything in working order. Here at right towards the end of summer I took member's Serge and Lilian's lovely driving, '76 Fleetwood for a cruise. She does drive nice - Ed.



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<Beverley Clay, aka 'Marilyn'



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Theme is "Salute to the 60th Diamond Anniversary of the US CLC".  
Ladies = 'Diamonds are a girls best friend' and Men, = 'Diamonds are Forever'.

Dress accordingly for the Saturday 'Theme night'.

See attached form for more details including early accomodation booking instructions. Registration info still to come. See you there [Regards BoP Event Organising Commitee]. PS - Our thanks to Beverley Clay of CLC Australia, aka 'Marilyn' - will she be there?



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# Tail lights



Our 'Front cover Caddy', Dave Rayner's amazing '60. Look at the body work - not a ripple! A terrific specimen and deservedly took first place! Ed

