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***Andrew Deam's Dream Caddy!***

# Rendezvous!

Hi again everyone and welcome to another issue of *FINZ*!

Yet again we are blessed with another Kiwi Caddy adorning this month's cover. Taranaki member Andrew Deam lives in Hawera and he sent several gorgeous sunset shots of his '63. Well done Andrew! If you'd like your Caddy on the front cover, go look for a great background and start shooting!

September means 'Daylight Saving' starts on the 25th and summer will feel a lot closer. September also means we are quickly counting down to this year's Cadillac Nationals to be held between 3rd and 7th November this year in a location we have not been before (well at least I haven't since I joined the NZ club in 2005) in Gisborne. We just need good weather, great gas prices and lots of camaraderie to make the weekend awesome! Another update from Kay and Dave appears in this issue plus your Registration form to complete and send to Frances. NOTE - 'Rooms for Napier's Quality Inn are only being held to 1st Sept if anyone hasn't booked.' Also be aware that subs are due 1st Sept. \$50 pa plus \$55 if you are a snail mail recipient of *FINZ*. Read details elsewhere.

Great news! Ian advises that with improved health reasons he has decided to remain in the President's position. Therefore an election will not be required for the President's role. We still have Jason's nomination for the Vice Pres. position.

As usual there's lots to read and digest, plenty of photos and colour and lots of old Cadillacs and a few other makes as well!

I am trialing a different mag-size delivery for e-mail recipients. Let me know if you find the PDF better quality.

Until next month, cruise safe, have fun and keep well. We are still not out of the 'Covid woods' just yet but at least gas prices are going down. '95 Octane at NZ\$2-59 a litre where I live. Best, Ron (Ed)



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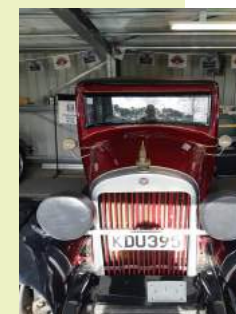
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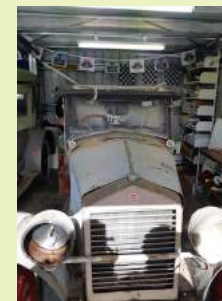
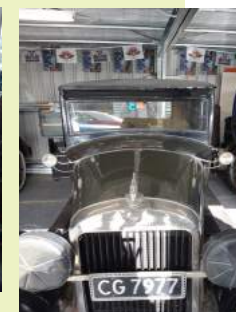


**TARANAKI, NZ** - Hi Ron I've been railroaded into writing up July's outing. Taranaki region July run was a shed raid organised by Keith and Sheryl Goble. We had 10 cars assemble in Inglewood. The car park mix and mingle was cut short by a shower of rain. So into the cars and off down the road to local Vintage Car Club members Kevin and Christine Fabish. They have a considerable collection of Essex's that they've accumulated over the 15 years. They have seven cars one of which is believed to be the third oldest Essex still in existence in the world and a Holden bodied pickup imported from Australia. Both these cars Kevin will leave unrestored. Also on show was a friends hot rod version. From Inglewood we did a back country road cruise into New Plymouth to the Quail's Nest café organised by Noeleen and Mark. Our group of members and guests managed to fill two large tables. Great food, great company, great views. Who could ask for more? Cheers Grant [Well done Grant and Members of the Naki Region. The only thing more I would ask is for other Regions to do something and then send their report in, with pics of course! Hey other Regions, can you better this run? And thanks Grant for lots of pics - Ed]



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# CRUISIN' TO THE CADILLAC CONFERENCE !



FROM DAVE & KAY

2022 CADILLAC NATIONALS 3<sup>RD</sup> NOV – 7<sup>TH</sup> NOV

**STOP PRESS**  
Rooms for Napier Quality Inn only being held  
to 1st Sept if anyone has not booked

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

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

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

Mini Golf Tournament – Napier 4<sup>th</sup> November Friday

PRIZES SPONSORED BY – McCurdy Trucks

Just one of the events planned for Napier

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2022 CADILLAC NATIONALS 3<sup>RD</sup> NOV – 7<sup>TH</sup> NOV

### STAGE 2 - NAPIER TO WAIROA SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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



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



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

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

Cadillac Nationals & AGM Dinner in the evening.



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

### STAGE 3 – GISBORNE – SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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

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



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## REGISTRATION FOR THE 49<sup>TH</sup> GISBORNE NATIONALS

Please complete and scan back to [frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz)

NAMES: ..... ..

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** Quality Inn Napier ..... ..

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** Quality Inn Napier ..... ..

Other accommodation? ..... ..

Dinner Thursday night ..... ..

Dinner Friday night ..... ..

Mini Golf Friday – (no cost) ..... ..

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** Pacific Harbour Motor Inn Gisborne ..... ..

Other accommodation? ..... ..

Morning Tea at Wairoa (no cost) ..... ..

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

AGM meeting and Dinner (no cost) ..... ..

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov**

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

Number Req.

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

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

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

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

Frances McCurdy. 027 688 0677

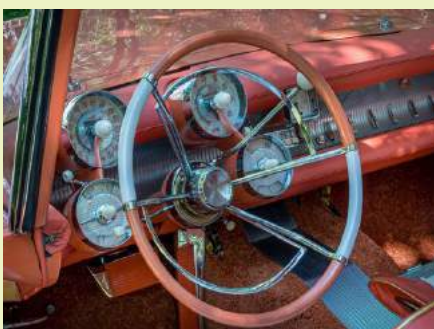
# Editors Own Page

Here's an update and the completion of the 1956 Mercury XM Turnpike Cruiser Concept Car - project. Remember this wreck? Tom must be one of the finest restorer's on the planet to basically re-create this incredible (once) 'Dream Car!' I wonder what he will do next? Definately worth visiting his website. Enjoy, Ed

## THE RESTORATION IS COMPLETE!!

After three and one half years the restoration of the XM Turnpike Cruiser Concept car is complete! My cousin Gordon Court, a professional photographer, has re-created over 15 original photos of the XM Turnpike Cruiser. You can order large prints of any of the photos via his website 'Kings Court Creative Photography'. There are multiple pictures of the same view and they are taken with different filters for different lighting effects so I posted them all and you can pick the ones you like best. ENJOY! Tom <http://tommaruskacars.us/DONE!/Done.htm>

Photos here used by permission from Tom, but real justice is going to his website. Amazing 'Jetson-like design!' Ed



An extraordinary feat of engineering, fabricating and craftsmanship. Ford should buy off him for their collection! It's a one-off and so authentic looking. Ed



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## Our Global Family



**AUSTRALIA** - Hi Ron. Another great read, hope all good with you, looks like real estate is slowing down hard times ahead I think, stay healthy cheers Chris and Gudie [Thanks guys. Yes globally inflation is nearing double-digits now. Buyers are lapping up a reduction in asking prices! PS - Check out C & G's cool T-Bird pics below - Fabulous! Ed]



Hi Ron. The Western Australian region of the Cadillac LaSalle Club of Australia will be hosting the 2024 Cadillac LaSalle Nationals in beautiful Perth, Busselton and Bunbury. This time around it is going to be bigger and better and held over eight days from 14th – 21st April 2024. I hope to bring you an update in every addition of LaCad leading up to this fantastic event. Here is a sneak preview:

Day 1 & 2 touring some of Perth spectacular private car collections, along with our awardwinning museums.

Day 3 sees us move to Busselton to start our six days of fun in the beautiful South West. The South West stage, will incorporate two Driving Tours thru the South West scenic areas such as Margaret River, Yallingup, Bunbury and Dunsborough. We hopefully will get our vintage double decker buses back for our local wineries and other tourist attractions tour. The Show and Shine Day, along with the presentation dinner are planned for Saturday 20th April 2024. Accommodation from the 16th to 21st April 2024, will be at the Host Hotel, for which the Committee has negotiated excellent rates with the Broadwater resort on the waters fronting the beautiful white sands of Geographe Bay, and the Indian Ocean.

The good news is you can book your accommodation now. There are one, two, and three bedroom options available.

- Website: [www.broadwaterresort.com.au](http://www.broadwaterresort.com.au)
- Promocode: ELDORADO24

The Busselton and Margaret River region has been a holiday mecca for locals for a long time. It's a great place to visit and we hope you will make a holiday out of your time with us, both in Perth and down south. For some, it's a once in a lifetime opportunity, and to experience Western Australia's unique offerings is a must-do. We would like to invite you to our 2024 Australian Cadillac LaSalle Nationals and to our wonderful State of Western Australia – Experience the extraordinary!!

Registration will commence mid next year. Please feel free to contact me direct if you have any questions or require further information.

Dave Batger - 2024 Cadillac LaSalle Nationals Organiser.

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[Thanks Dave. A great teaser of pics below says it all - Ed]

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## Our Global Family

**TAURANGA, NZ** - Cadillac (GM) at the recent Barrett-Jackson Auction in Las Vegas donated a brand new 2023 Cadillac Escalade Model #001 to be auctioned. The proceeds of which were donated to the Pensole Lewis College of Design in Oregon to provide scholarships for bright young designers. The car sold for \$500,000 !!!! Dave Corin [Whoa, amazing price Dave. Probably gone into someones collection. Thanks for sending in - Ed]



**EUROPE (France)** - Dirk van Dorst emails: Have a look at this = Ford digital catalog of 5000 images from 1903 - 2003! Just back from Detroit, every Thursday they have the car makers special in the newspaper. A test drive of the 2023 Escalade V, to blow away the Merc G and BMW X7 .. and we had the 23 Escalade V in the Chicago GN ballroom. Click on <https://fordheritagevault.com/> to see 5000 FORD digital Ford images. Wonderful! Only 1 Ford for me ...the '65 Coupe V8. I could not afford when young thus I bought a Celica fastback coupe .... 5 speed. No matter what brand I bought, the engine blew up within six months, rods on the street ..... Finally I found out I needed an engine oil cooler. Today (V6 turbo diesel) engines are stronger, but the (double) turbo's blow up! Maybe I should go for a Taycan, I have long extension cords on the shelf...Enjoy the Ford catalog. Dirk, France [Thanks Dirk. Yes fab website thats for sure - Ed]

**AUSTRALIA** - Hi Ron. Thanks for another great FINS you do such a great job. Thanks also for putting Gary Hazeldene's award and picture into FINS he was very deserved of the award. I will eventually give you a write up of my car... Janet Hazeldene, CLC Victoria. [Hi Janet and Gary. Always great hearing from you guys. I look forward to receiving that. Best, Ed - Ron]

Paul Dixon writes:

Cadillac gets a NZ flavour! The 2023 Cadillac V-LMDh is "wicked fun to drive" says Bamber (well known NZ motor racing driver and past winner of the 24-Hours LeMans). Chip Ganassi Racing's Earl Bamber was left highly positive after testing next year's Cadillac prototype around Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta. Watch this LINK: <https://www.motorsport.com/imsa/news/2023-cadillac-v-lmdh-is-wicked-fun-to-drive-saysbamber/10358426> [Thanks Paul. Always good to learn what our favourite Margue is up to! Ed]



Paul Dixon sent me email and LINKs for this new Cadillac Celestiq 'show car' that has been unveiled. It is a hand-built ultra-luxury EV sedan that aims to make the brand, once again the envy of the motoring world! Said to be US\$300,000 with Ultra Cruise and Smart Glass roof. [Hopefully a few more features for the price? Thanks Paul. Ed]



**USA** - Fantastic Ron. Y'all do a great job. Lots of color and information. Lifer

**TAURANGA, NZ** - Another great find (as below) Thanks Dave & Kay Corin [What an amazing stance - Ed]



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**FEATURE ARTICLE - TOURING AMERICA in 1957.** Our fabulous photo journey continues! The back-story is that recently, Aucklander, Rex Findlay sent me a splendid article titled 'Touring America in 1957'. This is another part with a couple more photos and captions, all self-explanatory. Like all good photos, a great picture can 'tell a thousands words' so let the pictures do the talking! Great memories in colour as we look at when 'those were the days' [Cannot see any smog! - Ed]

In the blazing heat of Southern Nevada, the gambling mecca of Las Vegas began to sprout its roots and grow. Sin City was no longer confined to the downtown Fremont Street gambling parlors. The Las Vegas Strip became home to high rise resorts, with star entertainment, huge swimming pools, and fancy restaurants. Ignited by Bugsy Siegel's Flamingo, the strip exploded with new places like the Dunes, the Sands, and the Riviera. People loved seeing the antics of Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Joey Bishop and ad hoc members of their impromptu show. By 1957 they were known as the Rat Pack.



Before the days of parking structures, people left their cars out in the blazing heat of asphalt parking lots. Second degree burns were not unusual when unsuspecting tourists from cooler climes left their money in the slot machines and grabbed for the door handles of their cars to leave. Gambling fever swept the country after Las Vegas became a national tourist destination. One story tells of a man who was asked how he did at the tables. "Great!" he said, "I got here in a \$4000 Cadillac and I'm leaving on a \$30,000 bus."



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# Editors Own Page

Most Cadillac (and old car, for that matter) people are also into Elvis, music, memorabilia, petrolina and the like. Recently it was the 45th Anniversary of Elvis' passing. Where and what were you doing in 1977? Of late, we have witnessed the passing of several other BIG music greats. Interestingly enough, all those mentioned here (except Diana) have an association with Australia or NZ. How amazing and what a loss - Ed



Elvis Presley was only 42 years old when he was found dead in his Graceland Mansion on August 16, 1977



John Denver Grenell, who began a long and successful musical career as John Hore, is remembered for his rich, velvet voice and humble personality. After suffering several strokes, Grenell developed dementia and spent the last few years in care, still enjoying singing along with his guitar and visiting the farm when possible. He is remembered by the writer for his rendition of Jim Reeves in a special tribute show that I attended here in Tauranga. He was dressed and appeared just like 'Gentleman Jim'. I understand the idea for the show came as a result of Jim's famous 'Welcome to my World' song that John Grenell sung on a NZ Toyota ad!



And Margaret Urlich, a terrific Kiwi icon from the 1980s on who is remembered for her part in Kiwi groups, 'Peking Man', 'When the Cats Away' (all girl group) and her famous solo work where she achieved platinum record sales status and her most famous single was 'Escaping' that reached Number One in NZ.



Finally, it is the 25th Anniversary of Princess Diana's untimely death. Amazing to think, 25 years ago on 31 August 1997.



Then there is Judith Durham of Seekers fame; Australian singing great and vocalist of the Seekers, has died aged 79. Durham released a number of solo albums but was best known as the voice of folk music group the Seekers, who she performed with from 1963 until 1968, when she left to pursue a solo career. The band quickly rocketed to worldwide success and sold more than 50m records, with a number of international hits including I'll Never Find Another You, The Carnival is Over, A World of Our Own and Georgy Girl. Like many, we had the Seekers vinyl at home and it got a good thrashing on my Sanyo portable record player! They were my old Mums favourite group! Judith and her group were the folksy sound of the sixties just like 'Peter, Paul and Mary' but only the Seekers were from 'down under'!



Olivia Newton-John was once described as having a voice of an angel. She is mega-famous for her many, many music chart-busters (including 'Physical', 'Have you ever been mellow'; 'I honestly love you' and many more) and her films which also spun off even more famous songs. Her roles in the Grease and Xanadu movies made for great memorable viewing guaranteeing her never to be forgotten for years to come with re-runs likely to be shown on our TV channels! She was also a great supporter and founder of Cancer programs. She suffered from the 'big C' herself for nearly three decades. The Grease photo below is very befitting don't you think?



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## Kev's Kaddies & Stuff

Kevin Conder who is a longstanding loyal member of the Bay of Plenty Region and owns a super-nice '60 convertible. Kevin loves finding cool Caddy examples (and sometimes other unique rides) on the net and intends to share them with us. Check out these - Ed



### Continental Kits!

Look at these beauties that Kev has sussed out!  
Kev has sussed out!  
My own personal opinion is that the Ford products seem to suit better than GM? Ed



Tricky-Dickie (Richard Nixon) in the Phillipines, 1956 - Ed

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## Editors Own Page

Anyone see the recent episode of Overhauled where Chip Foote re-creates a '64 Impala convertible to accommodate 7 foot, 3 inch basketball player 'Shag'? This IS really how they appeared on screen! Ed







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# Fridge Magnets!



## Check all events due to NZ Omicron outbreak

**SEPT** 24th - Waikato Henry Ford Memorial Day, Claudelands

**OCT** - 6th - 9th Bathurst, Aust (feat. Kiwi drivers Shane van Gisbergen, Greg Murphy & Andre Heimgartner all driving GM Holdens! Go Kiwis!

**NOV** - 3rd - 6th. 49th NZ Cadillac Nats, Gisborne. Book now and mark your diary. Should be a beauty. Start saving for gas



# SUBS TIME!

Your Club Subs of \$50 are due 1st Sept. If you pay by auto pmt, no worries! Otherwise internet bank to

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Don't forget to put your name in Ref box. Make sep pmt for Snail Mail FINZ of \$55 (in addition to your sub) or contact [grantdavis37@gmail.com](mailto:grantdavis37@gmail.com) or 027-2641204

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## For Sale/Wanted

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

Chasing a water pump for my 1960 390 cub Cadillac, hoping someone in the club has one tucked away Regards Ken Greaves email [kengreaves2@bigpond.com](mailto:kengreaves2@bigpond.com)

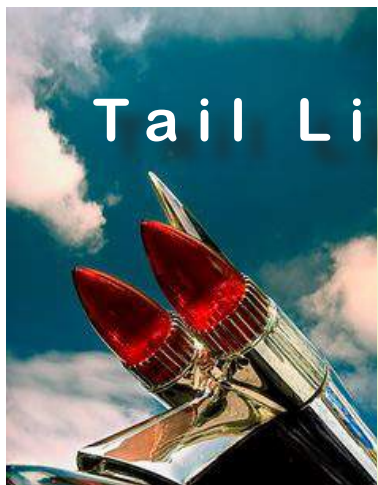
Ed Connett here. Currently doing some rust treatment around the rear window of my '63 coupe Deville. Need clips to secure trim. Would there be anyone in NZ who may have in stock or a contact in the USA that I could try? Any suggestions would be appreciated with contact details to text. PS: I've owned the car for 30 years and it's a work in progress. Kind regards, Ed Connett 0211907791 Ed Connett [edwinconnett@gmail.com](mailto:edwinconnett@gmail.com)

## For Sale/Wanted

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