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OCTOBER



*What a 'rippa' of a photo - The Dixon's Family '59
at Ripponlea Historic Homestead!*

Rendezvous!

It's getting really exciting! The countdown to the 49th Cadillac Nationals is underway - by time you read this, maybe just over a month to go. Kay and Dave are busy-as attending to last minute arrangements to ensure we all enjoy ourselves. One thing you can help with is to make sure you have registered. At time of writing, seven members have booked accomodation but not registered. Please attend ASAP so we know who to expect. More good news for our Caddy Nats is that 'Daylight saving' will be here plus the price of gas is going down (well where I live, anyway!). My local gas station is pumping '95' for NZ\$2-45 a litre. My Caddy isn't fussed on '98'. I don't notice any difference anyway! But something that I will try out is the 100 - Octane that will be available at a new gas station being built not far from where I live. A new 'NFD' 'people-less outlet' will open before Christmas. I'll report on whether there is any more 'go' in the 'ol Calais or whether it's just more \$\$\$\$ per miles without the smiles!

This months cover Caddy is a VERY cool picture of long-time Kiwi member, Paul Dixon's '59 that he has owned for ages (how long Paul?). This photo and the background, even the colour mix is exactly the sort of ideal image that Editors can only dream about receiving. Many thanks Paul. For those that are not aware, Paul lives in Melbourne and he, and his lovely family and the '59 are very active in their Victorian chapter.

Treasurer Grant reports a number of members are yet to pay their subs (details inside this mag where to pay). It'd be a real shame if this was your last mag (October issue) as you need to pay by the end of the month (October) as per Rule 4 of the Club Rules.

Did you know it is Cadillacs 120th Birthday this year? Read about what our English members are up to!

Taranaki is socialising again and of course newsy stuff from around the Globe and as always, plenty of colour. If out and about drive and keep safe and send me some pictures! Until next issue, happy crusin' in better weather??? Ed



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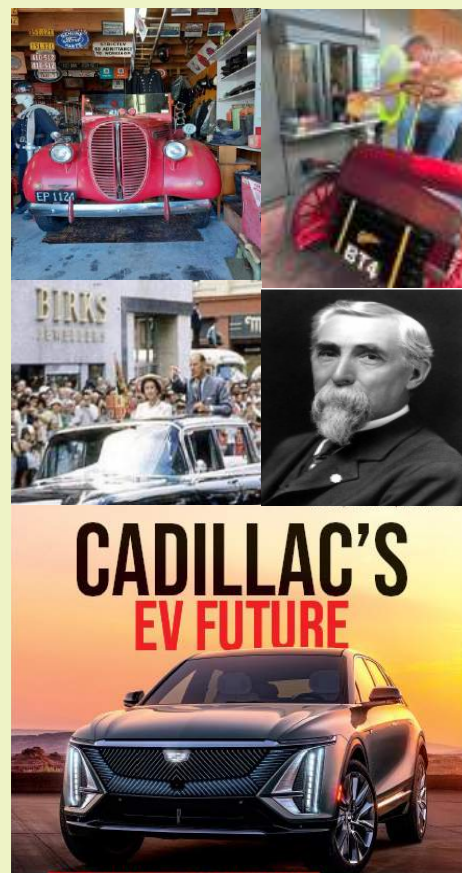
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We formed our New Zealand club in 1973 and celebrated our 40th Anniversary in 2013 making us one of the oldest Cadillac clubs in the world. We are proud to be an International Affiliate of the world-wide Cadillac LaSalle Club of the USA - itself formed in 1958.

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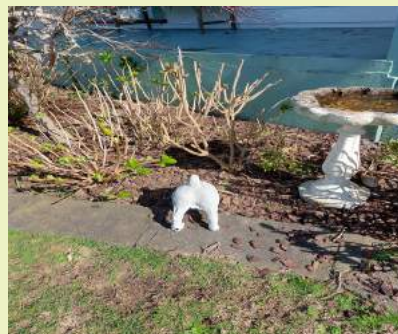
TARANAKI, NZ - Hi Ron. The Taranaki club went for a run on Sunday 28 August, meeting at the Inglewood Railway. While we were waiting for the expected cars to turn up we had a few extras arrive, so in all we had 15 cars for the day's outing. The cars ranged in size from 73 inches to 6 meters, that's a significant difference but we're talking about Cadillac here (the little car belongs to Steve and Veronica Oliver and most of the New Zealand members will have seen her, she's from 1906 if I remember correctly. We had a drive through the countryside to our lunch destination which was an indoor picnic at Mark and Noeleen's, it was a nice sunny day but by crikey that wind was cold. After lunch we had another cruise through the countryside ending up in Waitara, before coming to our shed for the day. After a good look around our day was over, but some of us carried on out to the New Plymouth Airport Cafe for afternoon tea. I hope everyone enjoyed their outing. Cheers Lynnda. [Fabulous report Lynnda. You know the thing I love about the 'Naki runs is that different members are asked to write a report/ send to me with pics vs. just one person having to do it. Great stuff - Ed]



Really neat collection to look around, most of it is in a shed and two rooms. The shed is a replica of the old Waitara Fire Station that was built on the section and inside is one of the older Fire Engines. There were number plates, small models, old fashioned gramophones and records, and so much more.



[Dog pic] I saw them, but where did they go?



This car was brought in from Australia. Is a Dodge - Ed.



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CRUISIN' TO THE CADILLAC CONFERENCE !



FROM DAVE & KAY

2022 CADILLAC NATIONALS 3RD NOV – 7TH NOV

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 49th 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 4th November Friday

PRIZES SPONSORED BY – McCurdy Trucks

Just one of the events planned for Napier

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2022 CADILLAC NATIONALS 3RD NOV – 7TH NOV

STAGE 1 - ARRIVE NAPIER THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER



Book into Quality Inn Napier.



Pre organised Dinner at 5pm. (No driving!)



FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER - DAYS ACTIVITIES.



Mini Golf – prizes for the Champions!



Travel to Car collection. Approx. 130 cars never seen before!!

If Club members have something special they want to do in Napier please let us know and we will see if we can Shopping, sightseeing, or some thing you know of interest.

Friday Evening -Pre organised Dinner (No driving)

As the rooms on hold at the Quality Inn are almost fully booked we have been able to secure another 6 rooms after 1st October. We also require Registrations in by then too as we need the numbers for Catering.

Our Cadillac Club is making a substantial donation towards this 49th National Conference

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STAGE 2 - NAPIER TO WAIROA SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



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)



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 6TH 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 includedbut to qualify we need numbers. Please record on Registration form to go back to Frances.



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DAY 3 – SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER -GISBORNE

Make sure you have your accommodation booked at the Pacific Harbour Motor Inn for Sat. 5th & Sun 6th Your host there is Karen.

AGM Conference Dinner Saturday Night at The Works Restaurant. Good People, Good Food Good Fun. Our club are generously paying.

DRESS THEME – RED..WHITE..BLUE

AUCTION - Please bring what ever you can spare!!!

DAY 4 – SUNDAY MORNING – GAS GUZZLERS BREAKFAST AND CAR SHOW

All Cadillacs entered . This is run by Rick.



AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT - Steam Train Ride – WOW not many of these Beasts left now.

Lunch provided by the Club.

Dinner at The Rivers Restaurant under the Emerald Hotel.



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REGISTRATION FOR THE 49TH GISBORNE NATIONALS

Please complete and scan back to frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz

NAMES:

Thursday 3rd Nov Quality Inn Napier

Friday 4th Nov Quality Inn Napier

Other accommodation?

Dinner Thursday night

Dinner Friday night

Mini Golf Friday – (no cost)

Saturday 5th 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 6th Nov

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

Registration is \$40 PER PERSON for members. Please pay now to Cadillac Club bank account
No. 06-0689-0055887-00

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



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Years of Cadillac

From



To



Standard of the World

UK - I am blessed to receive the bi-monthly edition of our English CLC's e-magazine known as *Standard of the World*. Under the Editorship of Phil Hole, it is indeed a very newsy and Award-winning Cadillac club mag (if you ever want a copy simply email me and I will send one to you!). In Phil's latest issue, they celebrate Cadillac's 120th Birthday from a very early day example to the latest. (Articles courtesy of The Cadillac Owners Club of Great Britain). There is also a worth while LINK from Phil on a nearly 120-year Cadillac Model A. Watch the joy ride! See next page [Thanks Phil for keeping in touch and sharing your wonderful mag with us Kiwis. Condolences on the passing of your (and our) QEII. I personally look forward to photos and coverage of the almost two dozen Caddies in this years Brighton Vet Run. Best regards, Ron - Ed]

COCGB—September–October 2022

1903 Cadillac—First Drive

By Pete Wood



Not much of a photo I know, but it means a LOT to me. My first solo drive, ever, in Engine 1365..... 27 July 2022

I stalled it, just at the entrance of the pub car park. But the people behind were patient, and full of smiles. I could have just pushed it in, but wanted to practice reversing, so went through the start up procedure again.

Things I have learned (with thanks to Nigel and Tom Parrott for the lesson, earlier in the day):

1. Be VERY gentle on the first gear pedal (I found I can feather it, almost like using a clutch)
2. Feed in top gear slowly (again almost feathering it)
3. Listen, listen, listen to the engine - which tells you when to use the advance and retard lever.
4. The starting handle only works in an anti-clockwise direction (don't laugh, but I actually thought, for a second, I had broken the crankshaft when I turned it clockwise)
5. Turn off the oiler and fuel tap when finished, and remember to turn them on when starting (when the lever should be retarded)
6. Leave LOADS of space between the car in front, the brake(s) really do leave a lot to be desired.

I have to say, though, I really LOVED every second of the 5 mile round trip. A massive THANK YOU, once again, to the numerous people, all over the world, who have got this car running (and allowed me to achieve my ambition to actually drive a veteran car). I will always be grateful.

Pete

And then there were 2

Yes, fast forward to 16th August, my first outing in the 1903 with another veteran car - a 1904 Model B Cadillac. The '03 has 6.5hp while the B has 8hp.

Pete

Ed. Great achievement Pete, Henry M. Leland would be proud



Why a trip to London?

21 August 2022—Road trip... Is it to practice driving slowly through the capital before the London to Brighton Run, or because you fancy a McDonalds?



I think we all know the answer to that Pete.

Sadly despite being 119 years old (Ed. that's the car not Pete), he still had to pay the congestion charge....

Watch out for the next thrilling instalment



Don't Forget the distributor

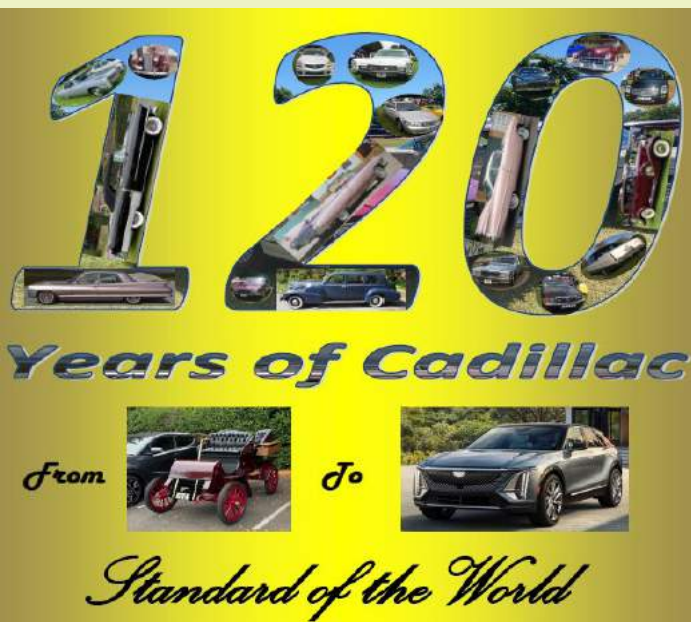
Changing plugs and wires? This is what the terminals look like in the distributor cap after 30 years and 128,000 miles, so worth changing it and the rotor arm.



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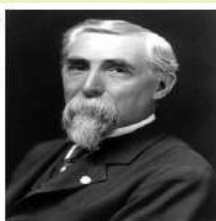


Everyone, Further to the latest magazine, here is a link (which I hope works) to a youtube video of Pete Wood's 1903 Model A driving into Central London which you might find interesting. As I understand from Pete there are currently 21 Cadillacs entered for this years London to Brighton Veteran Car Run with a 22nd possibly on its way from Malta. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aajlsB0QjUI> Best wishes, Phil Hole, COCGB EDITOR

Finally, as we celebrate Cadillac's 120th Anniversary, here is a photo of Henry M. Leland. Without him Cadillac would not have existed and neither would our club.

Stay safe, stay well,

Phil



Cadillac News.....



Worthy of a full width photo—Cadillac's Celestiq broke cover just after the last edition went to the printer.



Jay Leno's Lyriq Test Drive—

on YouTube was interesting and I thought he made a valid point about it being a Luxury Car and 'Definitely a Cadillac'. Seems to me that there is too much emphasis on hp ratings and 0-60 times with many of the high end electric vehicles. Yes, they will be quicker off the mark than a petrol equivalent, it's that 'instant torque' thing, but how many people use all that horsepower or want / need to get to 60 that quickly? A Cadillac is about an opulently comfortable and pleasurable place to be whilst travelling the highways and bye-ways and it seems the Lyriq delivers..



Prototype Celestiq
On test



For latest specifications and current model line-up visit www.cadillac.com

So, what kind of MPG can you get with a Lyriq—A seemingly stupid question given that it's electric, but apparently not so. The EPA (US Environmental Protection Agency) has come up with the MPGe or Miles Per Gallon equivalent as a way of comparing EVs with their ICE rivals. With a range of 312 miles the RWD Lyriq achieves the following:

82 MPGe Highway, 97 MPGe City, 89 MPGe combined. Whilst those figures seem high, you can only judge how good they are by comparing like EVs. Arguably, that could mean a \$7,500 fuel saving over 5-years according to the EPA when compared to a similar ICE vehicle. But what does that mean for us here in the UK? Well the cynic in me says that the government will need to replace its 'Petrol Tax' currently running at 49% plus VAT, though when oil was cheaper it was around 74% plus VAT, with something else...

AWD Lyriq power revealed—at 450 lb-ft of torque and 500hp courtesy of that second Ultium Drive motor over the front axle. By comparison the RWD model has 325 ft-lb and 340hp, so quite a hike in power and an ability to tow up to 3,500lbs, though expect the range to be compromised if so doing.—possibly not a Caravan Club Tow Car of the Year contender.

I realise—we've gone completely electric on this page so here's a Blackwing 4.2 litre Twin Turbo V8 to redress the balance, just a little.

Happy 120th Birthday Cadillac



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Editors Own Page

Gosh after last *FINZ* acknowledgement of the passing of several high profile singers and celebrities, on behalf of the NZ CLC I would like to pay respects to the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II. Many of us reading this would have only ever known one Ruler. At age 96 she indeed had a great innings as did the late Price Philip at 99 and the Queen Mother, at 104. Our BoP member, Kevin Conder (obviously a loyal Royalist!) sent me this awesome pic of Liz and Phil on probably an American (or Canadian?) tour some years ago. My dear old Mum was a huge Royal family fan and collected many books on the Royal family hence our home was exposed to the goings-on of the Royals together with much respect. Long live the King! Ed

At right, Liz and Phil stand in the back of a specialty '59. Note no back on it. Birks Jewelers according to the web, Birks HQ was in Montreal, Quebec with outlets in Florida and Saskatoon. Anyone know where this pic is?

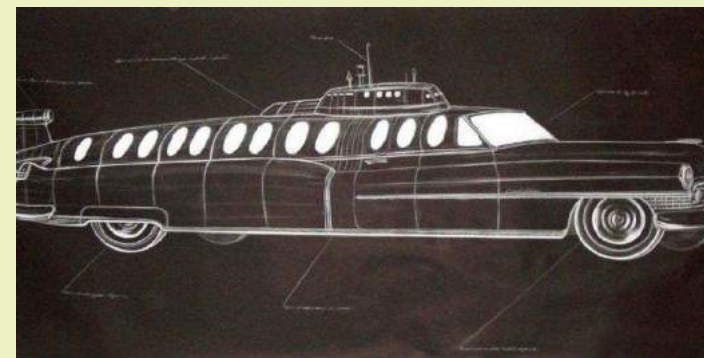


Attached to this issue is the latest copy of the quarterly *Wheel Torque* e-mag from the NZ Fed of Motoring Clubs in which our NZ CLC belongs. There's an interesting piece on the damaging impact of ethanol on heritage vehicles. A 'must' for us all to be aware of, read and take preventative action at some future point? The Government's Biofuels Mandate will come into force in April next year. Have a read of the article. If a substitute fuel is available for just our old cars, how much more will it cost? Is there anyone out there that can share some wisdom on how we keep our old cars happy and healthy in a bio-fuel world? Note also too that the 'Incorporated Societies Act' will make all NZ clubs undertake some major changes to our constitution. Hopefully the NZ FoMC will act as a guide for all old car clubs? I am sure it will. Ed

What does the pic at right remind you of?

It's 'your Caddy SUBs time' of course! Treasurer Grant tells me there are a number of you yet to bank your annual \$50 fee. Please Internet bank to the Cadillac Clubs ANZ account - here are the details: 06-0689 0055887-00. Please place your NAME & REGION in the reference box. For those wanting a snail-mail copy of *FINZ* Magazine you will need to bank an extra \$55 to cover printing and postage. For those late in paying, this will be your LAST copy of *FINZ*.

Long-time BoP Member Carol Southcomb (a huge Holden Commodore fan) sent me this awesome pic of Kiwi Super Cars hero, Shane van Gisbergen (Gissy) on the winning of the last ever held race at the Pukekohe Raceway in South Auckland. The raceway had always leased the land (track) from the owner - A horse racing club which has its gallops racetrack in the middle of the circuit. The car track was built in the 1960s. Of interest, Carol used to sell Car Meet programmes in the 1980s and yours truly was an NZIGP Time Keeper, sitting in the old red Double-decker Time Keeper bus in the 1970s and 1980s. I joined as an 18-year old and timed all sorts of cool cars incl. the Formula 5000s. Kenny Smith, Keke Rosberg and many others plus the (then) annual *Benson & Hedges 500*. After moving to Palmerston North in the 1980s, I time-kept at Manfeild in Feilding (not a typo, Feilding is spelt 'e-i' not 'i-e'). Carol and I wish 'Gissy' luck at Bathurst. Ed



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USA - Hi Ron, Great color photography of Andrew Deam's Dream '63 Coupe DeVille as a cover shot! And I especially enjoyed the "Touring America in 1957" article and the look back at 1972 featuring Elvis and Olivia Newton-John. Good memories... thanks again. Mark Waterman, North Texas Chapter, CLC [Thanks Mark. Your front page pic on your own Chapter e-mag was also very cool - Ed]

NZ - Hi Ron, The FINZ came through perfect, it was great to have it appear larger. Thanks, Paul Ekdahl (Taranaki)

Afternoon Ron received my copy of Finz and as usual great read. The feedback on the quality of the PDF is great. Can enlarge the small photos and they still look great enlarged. Grant Davis [Thanks Paul and Grant. Yes, the recent trial of sending out a larger MB email attachment appears to have been succesful and I will keep doing it. Please continue to give me feedback. PDFs and anything email related can always be 'hit and miss' - Ed]

Our Life Member, Noeleen Souber recently received this flattering email: Hi Noeleen, I got my calendar on Saturday, after passing through its "many hands" thanks. It is cool, your composition abilities have certainly got stronger since your last calendar.....well done. I was particularly impressed with "how much was happening" on many of the pages! I also liked (well, May of course, despite having to share the month with a '58!! And the page with the 5x CTS's, that is a cool composition too! What is your middle name, I assume it starts with "E". Hannah and Lauren (8 years old, picture attached for you) liked it too, they thought it as a puzzle and enjoyed going through all the months and looking for the eagle with the stars and stripes in its wings, on each month. They soon realised it is



not a "where's Wally", as although it is on many months, not every month. Regards Paul Dixon (CLC NZ Member living in Victoria, Aust). [Thanks Paul for your very nice email. So Noeleen you will have to reply now with details of your middle name! Well done Noeleen - Ed. PS - 50th Anniversary Fund-raising Calendars are still available (as above). NZ\$20 per copy plus postage if applicable. Simply contact noeleensouber@outlook.com to get yours. - Ed]

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Fridge Magnets!



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 money!

13th - All USA Day - Mt. Maunganui

Repco It starts with the parts

ALL USA DAY

Car Show

CLASSIC FLYERS
Jean Batten Dr. Mt Maunganui
SUN 13th NOV
10am - 2pm
All US origin cars welcome

Amazing Cars. Great Food
Trade stalls
ENTRY: \$5 PER PERSON
\$10 PER FAMILY
Dogs not permitted

Trophies awarded for best Ford
Chev. Mopar. Mustang. Hotrod
Vintages. Sports & more
Cars from Barn. Public from 10am
Prize giving 2pm

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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

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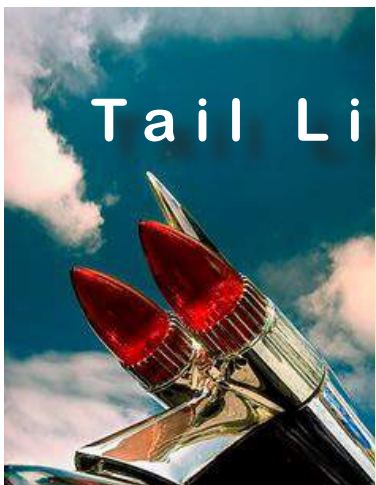
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CADILLAC'S EV FUTURE

Cadillac's entire lineup will be all-electric by 2030.
Can the US luxury brand reinvent itself for a modern era...and for China?

For any EV enthusiasts like me this is a good website and the e-mag is a great read as well. Free to subscribe. Enjoy - Ed
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