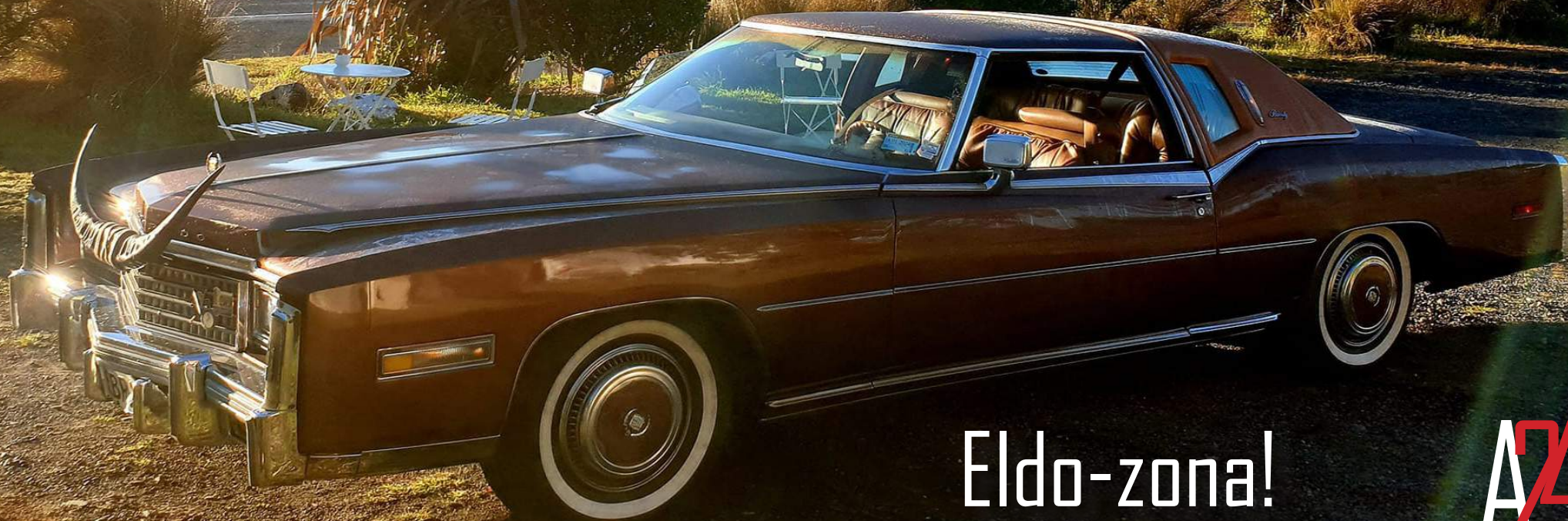




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Happy Easter! This issue contains plenty of bounce so let me hop to it!

The end of summer heralds *Beach Hop* in our part of the country. It's a couple of hours away from where I live but you need to 'stay over' to enjoy this Annual retro Rock n' Roll event and if you have not got accommodation, then the next best thing is enjoying the 'Waihi Warm-up Wednesday' where the main street closes and old cars and trucks park everywhere. Every shop owner and Cafe enjoys what could be the biggest income earning day of the year! I noticed this year the food prices are akin to city prices, something they were not several years ago. Maybe some people think 'a herd of cows are coming to town and they should be milked accordingly?' Anyway, if the weather is nice (and it was a blue sky day and warm) it's a great days outing from Papamoa to Waihi. Steve Gill and I attended and my Calais never missed a beat! The photo selection in this issue is what caught my eye.

Hence this issue is mainly about Beach Hop and hearing that a few of our members attended the entire five-day event means a few more photos hopefully will find their way to my inbox! CLC NZ VP, Jason Curry, a friend of his and the Eldo attended and there's a great front cover shot taken of his Caddy parked enroute with a setting reminiscent of Arizona! It is of course our 'Desert Road'.

Our socially attuned Naki Region attended another interesting collection, there's a few more pics of AmeriCARna and plenty of snippets to read and enjoy.

A couple of interesting attachments this issue. The Federation of Motoring Clubs of NZ (FoMC) is holding a very important AGM and if you can attend, you may be able to contribute to their discussions? Have you heard about e-Fuel? I had not and there is an interesting piece about it to get your head around! Also a two-page tribute to UK past Pres. Peter Griffith supplied by the Editor of *The Standard of the World* mag, of the UK Cadillac Owners of Great Britain (CLC) Club. A great effort.

Well that's all for now. If you are out and about on the cooler days ahead, take some photos and together with a few words, and send it in to me please. We'd all like to know what you have been up to with your Caddy! There is always an adventure to be had when you are out in your old ride!

Until next issue, stay safe and cruise likewise! Best regards, Ron, Ed.



Looking at the Hot Rod in the background, parked next to a Mustang, this could be almost any hot Californian 'August night', cruise, but it's not, it's the Whanagmata Beach Hop and maybe 20c! Night cruisin' in the Curry Eldo.



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each Hop 2024. A five day CARNival of old cars, trucks, caravans and all things nostalgic from the 50s, 60s, 70s and any other year you liken oor American car culture with!



Wednesday is the ideal day for those of us that either cannot get to the main BH event or have not got accommodation. Hundreds of cars and trucks appear. Always a good vibe and this year the sun shone with clear blue skies!



Variety was certainly the order of the day under beautiful blue skies. From amazingly done rods to old school cruisers. The Porthole T-Bird at top was immaculate and easily come have come from American Graffiti...I just couldn't find the blond! The red Olds drop-top is the sort of classy example one finds in a driveway! '68 Gold colour Olds Cutlass was nicely done. Pair of Caddies, a '48 & '66. Even a CHPS bike. Couldn't spot Ponch! John was at AmeriCARna!



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One of the show 'Stoppers' was this brushed-steel rod! The Model A at top was indeed a shade of purple. Almost matching retro rods that could have easily been out of the post-war rod scene! Low Caddy, "nice" black Buick and Willys pick up complete this picture postcard!



Someone had done a great roof paint job in the same pattern as the interior 'brocade' upholstery! Very effective indeed.



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Great selection. Lots of gold/ brown hues this year. Mopar well represented with Roadrunner (note the Bird!) and Super Bee!



Continuing from our last issue coverage on this years AmeriCARna, I have received a number of positive emails and photos of the fun time everyone had! Local townships of Waitara, Hawea, Inglewood, Stratford benefited greatly. Image far right from Stratford Press says it all! - Ed.

UK Hi Ron, Just read your latest magazine - I love that photo on the front cover, one of the best sideview shots of a '59 I've seen and the name of the shop, so appropriate. As Amos (club mascot Dog!) would say 'A cool dude image'. Best wishes, Phil Hole, Editor Cadillac Owners of Great Britain Club 'Standard of the World' e-Magazine

USA Hi Ron, That's the finest '59 Eldorado I have ever seen. :o) - Jack Bracxx, Florida

NZ - Hi Ron. A very good coverage of the recent Americarna. However in your selection of great vehicles you may have overlooked one of our members hand brake. Regards Ian Lind - Pres. CLC NZ [Yes, very good Ian. Old school safety measure! He also had the wheels turned towards the gutter! Ed]

Hi Ron, many thanks for your kind words and great pictures. I am honoured and flattered. Looking forward to the next event. Cheers, Steve Barker (Owner of the front Cover '59 Seville done in Persian Sand colour), Auckland [Thanks Steve. Little did you know you picked the perfect parking spot! Read name of shop! Ed]

Hi Ron, Great to catch up with you and the others awesome weekend. Have put in some pics I found of your car and the one that we had done up of ours. Hope trip home was great and weather was good. Regards Debbie Wilford, Taranaki [Thanks Debbie, great to catch up with you guys too and easy for you locals to take part (a short drive and not much gas used, sleep in your own home!) Past member, Brendan Osment posted hundreds of images on his Facebook page. Go and have a look. As always they are great quality shots. Ed]

<https://www.facebook.com/hotmixphotography>

Hello Ron, It was interesting, reading your comments about Americarna in the latest mag. This has been Bruce's and my favourite event since we first went in 2008. We missed the first one as never heard about it till too late. And the only other one we missed was the year it was split and taken from the Taranaki. We have loved this week every year otherwise and went religiously. So naturally, I had registered early for this year and we were earlybirds. As you know, Americarna is one big party. And of course that I couldn't face, so I contacted the team to tell them I was having to cancel and why. Imagine my surprise, appreciated, when I got a personal phone call from John expressing his regret at what had happened with Bruce. As he said in finishing, it will be there again next year and hopefully I would come. This I hope to do all going well. We have always taken our beloved Caddy, except for 2016, when we took Monty, our 1953 Mercury. She created a lot of interest, so much so that Fletch made a beeline for her and Bruce got scooped up into the first interview for the year. Gosh he was nervous. I have a copy of that interview which I treasure. Also in 2009, the 3rd year in which there was a car give away, Bruce won that. She was a 1967 Pontiac Le Mans convertible. Eye candy. Sadly to say, not in the best of condition and Bruce being Bruce; spent the next 2 years putting a lot of what was wrong, right. We took her back to Americarna probably about 2012 or 2013. Had a play with it, did a few weddings along with Caddy then took it to Beach Hop and sold her to a family in Whitianga. So as you can see, quite an involved relationship with our favourite event. So nice to hear it all went well this year and I am looking forward to seeing Fletch's coverage when it airs on TV. As you can guess, things are so different for me now, and of course there is the law side of things that has to happen and that is still in the works. Thanks for an interesting magazine, Ron. Regards Trish Jefferies, Taupo. [Hi Trish. Many thanks for writing and glad you hold some special memories of AmeriCARna and I am sure you do of many car related events that you and Bruce attended? Fancy John Rae taking time to personally call you. That's what I call 'good management!' Looking forward to seeing you and the Caddy at AmeriCARna

in 2025 that will feature 'Frosty's silver '56 Cadillac Coupe as the 'Event Advertised vehicle'. Ed]





Our GLOBAL Family

NZ - Hi Ron. Today's Click Bait 7-Piece Mega Saver Party Pak Including surprise multi-camera bonus... (spot the extra photographer across the street in one of these that I only just noticed) #doublecatch
From Jason Curry [Thanks Jason. Your Eldo is a real drawcard. More photos on FB. Ed]



NZ - From the 'Naki - On 17 March, Nine Taranaki cars set out to visit a shed most of us hadn't seen before. We travelled to Mangorei Road New Plymouth (AmeriCARna route Road - Ed) to see a huge shed owned by retired car dealer Barry Rickard. Inside this shed he had approximately a hundred cars or more of all different makes and models. The walls were lined with all sorts of car memorabilia, number plates, hubcaps, tools etc. The cars were an eclectic mix from one Caddy we spied to cars from all years, some quite rare and unusual... from an Austin Princess cut down show car to holders to Thunderbird to Ford Prefects and more. Mr Rickard told us they were all for sale, but I have heard that one before haha. One does wonder though, what will happen to a huge collection like that if no children want to take them on. We then travelled onto Puketiki Gardens for lunch. Always a lovely drive through the Taranaki rain forest and suddenly in the middle of nowhere is this modern and beautiful building that has a lovely Cafe and theatre facilities surrounded by beautiful world famous gardens. Then we decided to head towards New Plymouth via a scenic route to find an ice cream. Another lovely day out with great friends and companions enjoying our hobby of cars. Regards Sheryl & Keith Goble. [Thanks guys. Wow, One hundred old cars is a very BIG number. Maybe you could organise us other Caddy members to pop in next AmeriCARna for a look? Rain forest cruise sounds very environment friendly! Ed]



Above, looks like a '48 sedan from the split front windshield?

At left, 'Naki Members, Noeleen and Mark Souber, Grant Davis and Neville Carter enjoy an ice-cream.

Do you recall the kids TV show called 'Brum?' This might be a cousin, below!



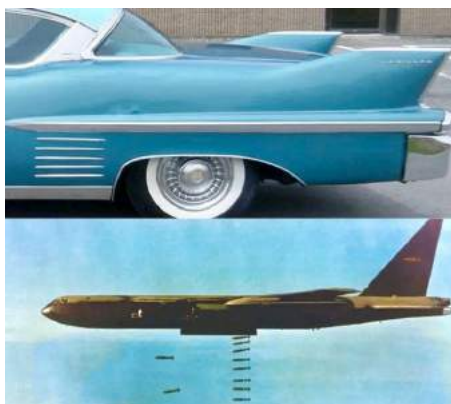


Hi all from a very autumn-ee Papamoa where sweat shirts are again out in force!

The Federation of Motor Clubs of NZ (FoMC) is holding its AGM in May and request any available members to attend. You see it is a very special meeting where a number of remits will be tabled that may impact on the future of the club (FoMC). A copy of the Presidents letter is attached for reading.

I came across this cool article (at right) recently, courtesy of the Valley Forge CLC. 1956 was another big year for Cadillac!

Meanwhile ever wanted to know where the inspiration for the chrome 'spears' on the side of this Caddy came from? I wonder whether....



Cadillac Dateline 1956:



From Car Life magazine:

LOOK TO THE REAR: Owners of 1956 Cadillacs are warned to watch out when backing their cars. In response to a poll taken last year, designers completely revamped the gear ratios for this year's models. One thing that people complained of was the slow reverse of their Caddies, so this year's gear ratio has been upped to a whopping 4.3:1. Results? A little less power, but plenty of speed.

LEADING THE FIELD: Two innovations first introduced in '56 Cadillacs are soon to be released to other auto manufactures. These are electrically-operated radio antennas and the "remote control" exterior rear-view mirrors. The new electrical antenna replaced the vacuum-operated antenna standard until this year. The exterior rear-view mirror combines the expansive view of the old mirror with an inside "spot light" control, enabling the driver to adjust the mirror from within the car.

ALL THAT GLITTERS: The gold grille and gold spoke wheels available on all '56 Cadillacs may be the beginnings of another Cadillac "first". What looks like a solid gold grille is anodized aluminum. This is accomplished through an electro-chemical process of building up an aluminum oxide layer on stamped or cast aluminum, then dipping the metal into a color dye, and chemically sealing the color. The process locks in the color permanently. According to aluminum manufactures, this is just the beginning of the use of color metals in automobiles. GM's 1956 dream cars features a brushed aluminum top which reflects the heat better than most light colors. Chrome moldings may be replaced with colored anodized aluminum for new styling concepts. Wheel caps and bumpers are also well within the realm of possibility for the new models. Watch for gleaming aluminum in many new locations on next year's cars.

Adrian Glen came across this car on Hagerty.com. It's a '69 Eldorado Custom Sport Wagon, created by George Barris (of Batmobile fame) for Dean Martin. And as a station wagon it looks

A side-profile photograph of a white Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme coupe with gold-colored trim along the roofline and side. The car is parked on a paved surface in front of a building with large windows.

A white classic car, possibly a 1960s Ford Mustang, is shown in a state of severe disrepair. The front end is completely missing, and the side body panels are heavily damaged and peeling away, revealing the underlying metal frame and mechanical components. The car is parked on a light-colored floor in front of a green corrugated metal wall. A blue tarp is draped over the rear of the vehicle.

The CLC US has announced the availability of a long-awaited book, "Cadillac 1970-1979: An Era of American Automotive Opulence". This can be pre-ordered online at store.cadillacclasalleclub.org or by mailing in the attached pre-order form. Pre-ordered books can be picked up at the Grand National in Gettysburg, saving shipping cost and sales tax. If you are into Cadillac books like Denis Bulloch and myself, then we might enjoy this new book (image at right). Over the years there has been a number of high quality, Cadillac books printed and this one looks like another beauty!

Another attachment is a great article about e-Fuel I received recently in my *DRIVEN* magazine (inserted in *NZ Herald* each Saturday - always worth a read!). Whilst technical, I am able to understand most of it but if we have some more clever members than I, a 'laymans explanation' might be useful. Have a read and send me an email!




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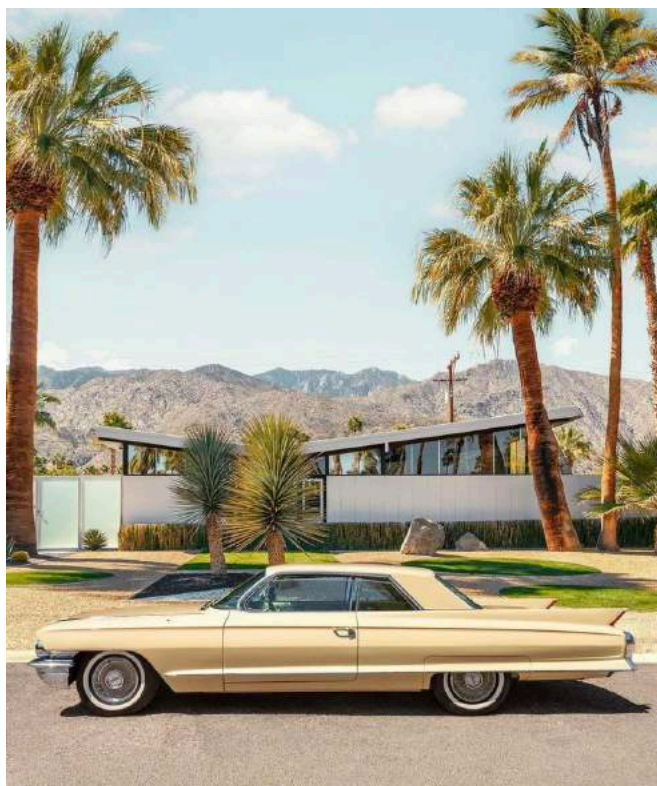
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From the Editors seat!

I am told that several items were discussed recently at the US (Winter) CLC Board meeting including the formation of a new Region in Palm Springs, CA, and a new, national Chapter for 1959-1960 Cadillacs was approved. Highlights of the Winter Board Meeting will be finalized and published in an up coming issue of The Self Starter. Now if there were a Grand Nationals in Palm Springs the scenery might look like this!



It's LaCad time again! The Autumn issue has just floated down (like a leaf) to my inbox to share with you (Thanks Greg Short). A great cover and lots of newsy stuff inside to read. I have particularly enjoyed the article (on pages 6 and 7) on former Cadillac GM (1940s) Nicholas Dreystadt who is said to have saved Cadillac from being wound up by GM in the depression years of the 1930s. I have read a similar story before and it was great to read it again and be reminded of Cadillac providence. LaCad regularly features snippets from the past. At right is an example of what I am alluding to. Who would think all these things are going on in your V16 and that's nearly 100 years ago as a result of Cadillac's mechanical precision! Editors, Rachel and Andrew Rees undertake a splendid job in putting together a mammoth effort every three months and I take my hat off to them! Click on this LINK to read your own copy.

Below is the link to the truly excellent 2024 Autumn LaCad!

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/n9kb8g-z7zl4f6l0pbddf9/Autumn-2024-eLaCad.pdf?rlkey=xvx0e5skvd8vvwifly2q6dhn&dl=0>



JOHN FOGWELLS TIMEWARP

Autumn 1994

80 Miles per Hour in a V-16

Speeds of 70, 80 and 90 miles per hour have become so common that many owners do not realize what a tremendous task the car is performing with no apparent effort. As an example, here is what happens in an average V-16 travelling at a speed of 80 miles per hour:

- This speed requires approximately 100 hp at the rear wheels.
- The rear wheels are turning 840 revolutions per minute.
- The tires cover 117 feet of road surface per second.
- The engine turns 3900 revolutions per minute.
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- The crankshaft turns over 65 times per second. Twice during each complete revolution of the crankshaft each piston is accelerated from rest to a speed of 45.3 miles per hour and brought to rest again, all in 1/130 of a second.
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- There are 31,200 explosions per minute.
- Each of the two distributor contact arms makes and breaks 260 times per second.
- The water pump circulates a stream of 90 gallons per minute while the tip of the fan blades travels over 3 1/2 miles.
- Energy required to stop over 3 tons of mass at 80 miles per hour would raise a 250-ton Pacific freight locomotive 33 inches in the air. The heat dissipated in stopping the car would evaporate 1 1/2 pints of water from room temperature.

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The Late Peter Griffith, 1930 – 2023. Honorary Life Pres. Cadillac Owners Club of Great Britain and Chair 1998 – 2022!

Attached is a special annexure of Peter (well known throughout the global CLC) dedicated to the man who appears in numerous photos, memories & anecdotes of a very long-time member the COGB held in high regard. Your Editor conveyed condolences on behalf of our NZ CLC and here's what the Editor of The Standard of the World (of the COGB) magazine printed:

Talking of Peter, many of you will know the name Maurice Hendy, you may even have his book Cadillac: Standard of the World: A Complete History. Here is an excerpt from an email I received from Ron Melville in New Zealand.

Sorry to hear of Peters passing. I conveyed the news to Maurice Hendry via his son who visits him weekly at an Auckland Retirement Village. Maurice spoke of Peter often to me and referred to him as his great friend who lived in the UK. He passes on condolences to Peter's family and friends. Phil, I guess it goes without saying, that the CLC NZ also passes on our sympathy and condolences to Peter's family and the Cadillac Family in the UK who valued this very senior Cadillac member amongst our ranks. Best regards, Ron Melville, Editor FINZ Magazine of CLC NZ

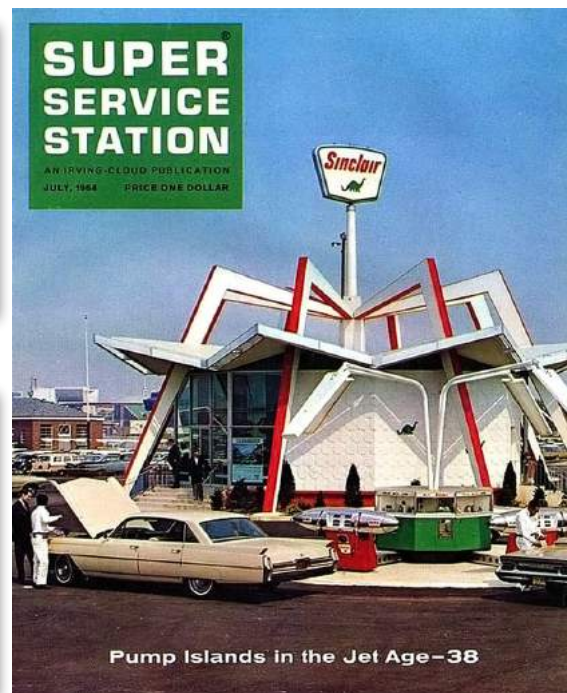
Phil has done Peter (and his family/ friends) proud by creating a two-page spread highlighting Peter's influence on his beloved

To all those that love the modern-day Cadillac (will one day be a classic) in the form of the CTS (and a number of CLC NZ own and love them), here is a snippet that Kiwi Member, Paul Dixon in Melbourne has sent me. There are a few CTS wagons in NZ (Denis Bullock has a silver one) but they are a rare beast in OZ. It will be interesting to learn of the auction result.

Rare right-hand-drive Cadillac up for sale

A factory-built right-hand drive Cadillac CTS wagon with an engine familiar to Holden Commodore owners is up for auction. An ultra-rare, factory-built right-hand-drive Cadillac wagon imported to Australia nearly a decade after it was built will be auctioned in Melbourne this weekend. One of only a handful in Australia, the 2012 Cadillac CTS wagon was built in the Lansing, Michigan, factory in right-hand drive instead of the US market's left-hand drive – and is expected to fetch between \$30,000 and \$40,000 at auction. While yet to be confirmed, it may have been sold new in the UK in 2012 – before it was imported to Australia in 2021 – when Cadillac was on sale there as the brand looked to expand beyond North America. [A few CTS models ex-Japan have found their way to NZ over the years - Ed]

In the early 1980s, the Cambridge Harness Racing club (Pacing and Trotting horses that my Dad loved following!) used a Caddy 'Mobile Starting gate'. Photo courtesy of Digital NZ Archive. [I wonder whether this Caddy still exists? Ed]



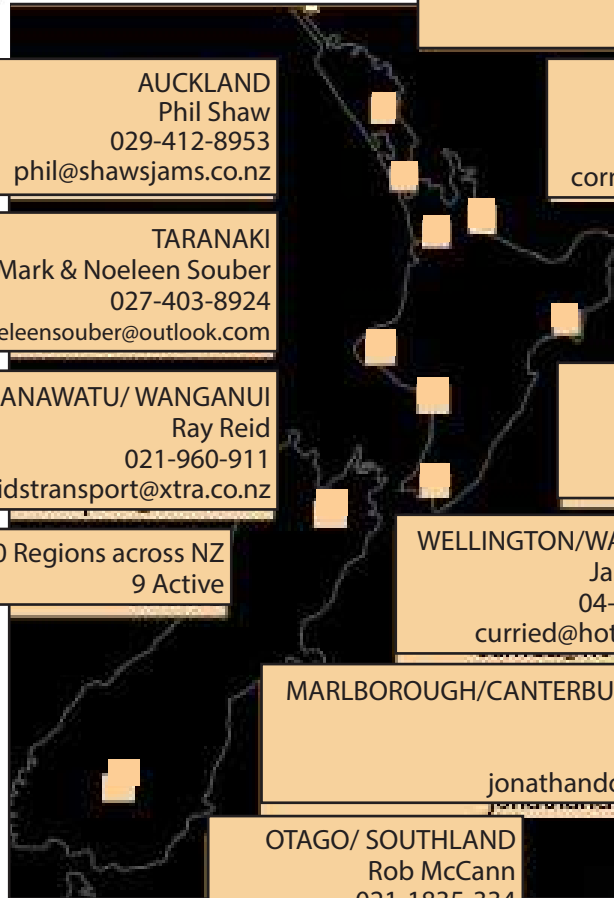
Here's a cool pic of a 'Sinclair Oil' Service Station depicting a Caddy outside. Sinclair Oil Corp was founded by Harry F. Sinclair in 1916, in New York. It re-incorporated in Wyoming in 1976. Sinclair's ad writers had the idea to use a 'Dinosaur logo' in 1930 to promote lubricants refined by crude oil believed to have formed when dinosaurs ruled the earth. Today there are still some 1,600 Sinclair Service Stations across 30 of the United States. There are some period vintage Sinclair Stations in use in the US today. I saw one recently (and briefly) on an episode of 'Fast & Loud'. Some of the shows employees were dressed in period uniforms on the forecourt. It looked really cool. Ed



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(Recommended by Pam [Christine's sister] as a 'must view!')



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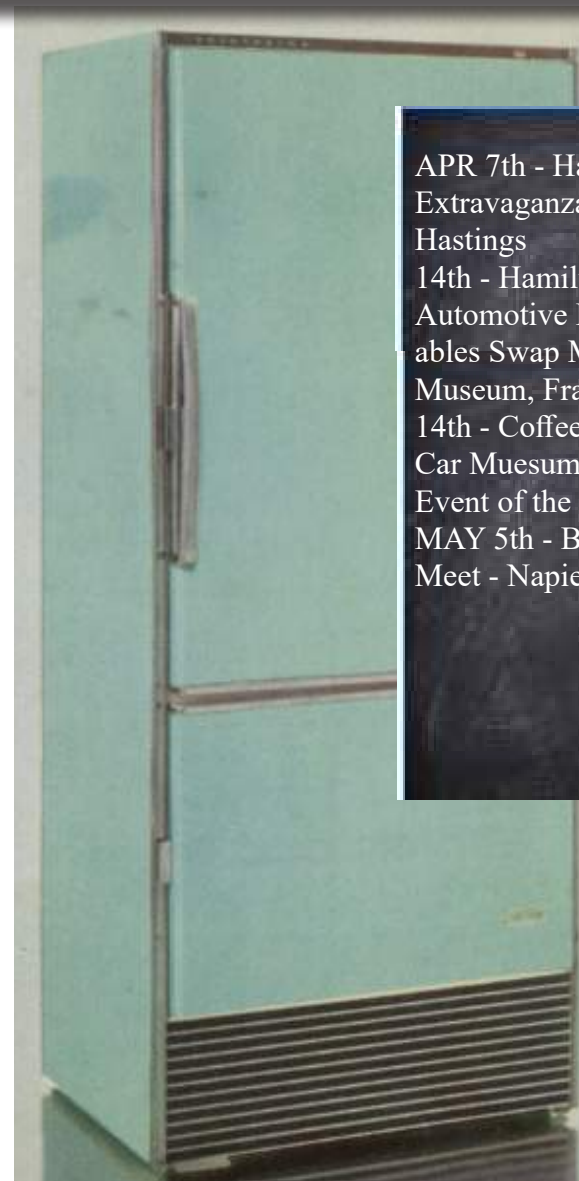
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