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Hello and I hope you are keeping warm given the seasonal change in NZ temps as we head towards winter. Here where I live in Papamoa (Tauranga), we have enjoyed the 'lost summer' in the form of beautiful autumn days of no wind, sunny skies and even short sleeved shirts as balmy temps touched the mid-20s!

Once again thanks for the feedback on past articles and it seems more than a few people loved Andrew Deem's '63 adorning the front and back covers. On the snail-mail copies, recepients could join both pages making an A3 image!

Our Caddy cover this month is another Kiwi classic in the form of Ozy Davies (Taranaki) lovely red Eldo. It featured at a Wedding recently and there's a few more images on page four. Ozy also appears on the cover too, having lots of fun which is what we should all be doing!

The background below this month is from the Feb, 2019 issue and features Jeff Foster's amazing '59 finned tail and 'FINNZ' personalised number plate!

Elsewhere in our mag this month we read about...

- > Taranaki's late March cruise complete with a gun-carrying possom!
- > Coverage of a spectacular 'All American Car Show' in Ireland
- > The continuing 'Blast from the Past!' Can you recognise more faces and Caddies from our club photo album archives? Past club members seemingly enjoyed more outings in the old days!
- > Latest 50th Anniversary teaser and update on Registration numbers
- > Buy a Raffle Ticket for this unique CLC NZ mat! One of a kind! Plus there is now a quilt and there are less than ten Club Calendars left. Have you got yours?
- > This months 'Amazing Pic from the past' features the special '30-page' issue on the 'Class of '59!'
- > News from the Caddy family
- > Kev continues to be in fine, Fin form! Some lovely Caddy Wagons this month.
- > Miss Lane page has a special American Fire Engine article and Events pasted on our 'Fridge
 > And the best Tails in Town! More like, 'Heads down, tails up' this month!

Until next issue, keep Covid-safe, cruise safe, dry and send your past summer and now autumn stories and pics. Keep warm. First snow of the year in both the South and North Islands has already taken place in March!

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Photos and stories please to me at finzmagazine@GMail.com

Best regards, Ron (Ed)



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Our Global Cadillac Family from NZ and around the world!

TARANAKI - Noeleen writes about another very social outing held by our Taranaki members. Love the possum holding the rifle, said not to be very 'PC' these days but not sure whether this is the possum or the gun!

Looking at the '74 Eldo under resto, maybe a future member in the pipeline?

Possibly another CTS in the offering? Ozy - Can you help out Neville? Ed

SUNDAY 26TH MARCH TARANAKI CADILLAC CRUISE.

17 Members turned up to brave the winter conditions plus our beautiful mountain put its first display of snow on the hill, but that didn't stop taking out our Cadillac's.

Our cruise was to a Man Shed in Waitara which not one of our members has been too. Protruding out 3 roller doors was a 1974 Convertible Cadillac which is in restoration, GMC truck, Race Cars and numerous other cars. A very well done Man Cave lounge, every man's dream.

Next a cruise for our luncheon at Tawa Glen. Nice to see our members Neville & Lynnda come after just getting out of 6 weeks in hospital. We wish you both all the best.



Neville is on the look out for a nice 2010 CTS Cadillac which will be easier for him to drive.



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TARANAKI - Member, Ozy (Greg) Davies is not only a very out-going and recent member, but is a car dealer and great auctioneer having displayed his skills at our 49th Nationals in Gizzy last year. He emailed me recently with a delightful selection of pics from AmeriCARna and a recent wedding he helped with. Nice pics Ozy. Your '76 is very photogenic - Ed.











Thanks Ozy for the great selection!

From top right and then clockwise:

> Side view of the '76 all polished up and ready to cruise AmeriCARna

> Friends kids are having fun with the top down. Looks as if arms are coming out of Ozy's ears! > Wedding couple maybe enjoying a "long" kiss?

> Mrs. Ozy, aka Kim and Greg at AmeriCARna

> Elvis is having a great time from the red Eldo dashboard. This was the era of colour, rarely seen today in the plastic interiors of todays mainly bland offerings!

May 2023

Our Global Cadillac Family from NZ and around the world!

IRELAND - Nick writes - Our big All American Show was here in Ireland on Sunday 23rd April - 400

weekend. Here's some photos from last year's show - including my '65 Convertible of course. And the only other one in the country - with a black interior. I've also included some show other photos

American cars, trucks, van, big rigs, fire engines and bikes are due to hit the middle of Ireland

in a sleepy town called Kilbeggan which becomes 'American car Central' in Ireland for the

including a Ghostbusters ambulance we have here and a nice 81 Cadillac in Carmine. Nick















This could be any old car show in the US, Australia or New Zealand but unless you look closely, it is Ireland. Just goes to show, whatever your nationality,

car people have lots of fun and own some great cars and trucks. Interesting that there is a somewhat large following of American Fire Engines in Ireland. There is something very special about an American machine dressed in rich red and chrome!

Past Pres. Steve Gill and I met Nick and his wife at the 2016 US Grand Nats in Las Vegas. He's a great guy who is very passionate about old cars and Caddies. One of the benefits of belonging to the worldwide Caddy club is the people you meet, friends you make and the networking you establish be it Aust, US or beyond! Ed









From the Editors Drivers seat!

Hi all. I know a number of us enjoy reading about old barn finds, be they American classics - like the bunch of Corvettes that I covered I think it was last year (or the year before?) or the amazing collection of European makes plus some American examples that have recently been found in an old church building. Click on the LINK

below and have a read. Have a nosey at the dusty Mustangs, a Corvair, old Fords, all eras. If you are into Euro cars there are plenty of Alfa, Lancias, even some Jags.

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for National Award

Then there is an article about a British teenager who is just crazy on restoring old cars. Another great article. Like what is penned in the video, I hope there are a few more kids out there that will preserve these old beasts!

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Teenager Who Restores British Museum Cars is Shortlisted

https://www.classiccar-auctions.com/palmen British Teenager who helps restore old cars!

As always, you will find great articles and reading if you subscribe to <u>www.hemmings.com</u> and to <u>www.</u> <u>oldcarsweekly.com</u> BOTH sites highly recommended by me!

The NZ FoMC (NZ Federation of Motor Clubs) AGM is coming up again at the end of June. If anyone in the Wellington area would like to attend on behalf of the NZ CLC it would be much apprecated. Mention of our 50th could be made known? Details are attached to this months *FINZ* Magazine plus some brief info below.

Dear NZ FoMC member club, The 28th Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Motoring Clubs will be held at 10:30am on Sunday 18 June 2023 at the Wellington Vintage Car Club, Halford Place, Petone (east end of Jackson St. past the Golf Course) We especially encourage all member clubs in close proximity to attend. Register on the FoMC website: https://fomc.nz/events/agm-2023/_Closing dates: • Suggestions for Topics/Issues for discussion and Executive nominations: 5pm Saturday 6 May 2023 • Registrations and Apologies: 5pm Sunday 11 June (1 week prior to the AGM). Regards, Chris Butler Secretary E: secretary@fomc.nz M: +64 21 506 199 W: https://fomc.nz - NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs SAD News from OZ: Hi Ron. Just wondering whether you knew of Peter Waits death some time ago? Regards Rick Grimald [Thanks for the email Rick. I met Peter when Steve and I were last in Australia. He was a passionate CLC man and always willing to do what he could for the Australian club. Our condolences on behalf of the NZ club - Ed]

CAN ANYONE HELP?

I was wondering if you knew of anyone who may have a nice decklid for a '66 eldorado for a frameoff restoration we are doing. I have exhausted nearly all classic car junk yards.Let me know if you know of anyone! Thank you, Cristina Cadillac Parts & Restoration 150 Noxon Road, Suite 10, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 Telephone: (845) 462-5959 Fax: (845)462-8450 caddy@cprforyourcar.com info@cprforyourcar.com http://www.cprforyourcar.com/ https://cadillacrestoration.wordpress.com/cadillacrestoration-projects/

AND here's another!

Good afternoon, We are restoring a 1965 Cadillac and require a few parts, I am hoping you will be able to help. We require a grill, Right hand side Marker light bezel, Drive shaft (complete)

Any help greatly appreciated Kind Regards, Mike Hurrell Director / Workshop Manager Phone 03-595 6915 Mobile 021 128 5466 E-Mail: <u>Mike@gasalleygarage.co.nz</u> <u>https://www.facebook.com/gasalleygarage</u>

Hey Andrew Deam - CLC Members all over the world love your '63!

IRELAND Hi Ron! I absolutely LOVE that 63 CDV on the front and back covers. Congratulations to the owner Andrew. It reminded me I must get the air suspension in my '63 sorted out and get it back on the road. Best regards, Nick Stratta, CLC Ireland





From the Editors Drivers seat!

A few weeks back I received an email from Life Member and past *FINZ* Magazine Editor, Noeleen Souber. Attached to her email was the below. It is an incredible 'one-off mat' made by Noeleen's niece, Jade Dandy (who can be found on Facebook under 'Yarn for Daze'). This mat measures 85cm x 65cm and has been donated to the club as a 'Club Raffle'. Tickets are NZ\$5 each and once you have emailed your ticket order to <u>noeleensouber@outlook.com</u>she will email you the tickets! Detaills of where to make payment are in the attachment but meantime, take in these great photos. This is one of best original raffle ideas for a long time so I hope everyone in the club supports it. Must be worth buying 10 tickets surely? Ed



BUT WAIT THERES MORE! A number of longtime NZ CLC Members will remember Lou Christ who has been a member for many years and used to live north of Auckland (Warkworth, if my memory serves me correctly?). In recent years she has lived in the US and over the last 12 months or so has returned to NZ with her American husband, Craig Christ. Lou has been a passionate quilter as well as having a love of Cadillacs (had a '65 here in NZ and a 2000s model in the States). Anyway, Lou and Craig will be attending our 50th and Lou is donating a quilted Cadillac logo, (as per the below photo) that can be raffled by the club as a fund raiser. Thank you Lou (and Craig) for your generosity and we look forward to seeing you and the quilt in months to come. [I will liaise with Noleen about arranging a raffle for this beauty as well - Ed]



AND...if you wait too long there may not be any more!

I was talking to Mark and Noeleen and they have approx. nine 2023 Cadillac Calendars left in stock. They are now \$10.00 each to clear them. Make contact with <u>noleen.souber@outlook.com</u> Cheers Grant







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ANNIVERSARY

National Rally Weekend 20-23 October, 2023 - Wellington, New Zealand



CADILLAC LA SALLE CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND

>>LATEST UPDATE Have a read of latest registration numbers, thus far. Targets are progressing well but we need more Caddies (or even your non-Caddy/ American car) to come along. Wouldn't it be marvellous if we had 50 Caddies participate at the 50th? Approx. 20% of Registrations so far are from Overseas members - isn't that fintastic! Organiser Jason and his crew are doing a fabulous job, so please support this 'one in fifty-year event!' Miss it and you'll have to wait for the next biggie - 60th? Registration form attached. More updates from Jason when they come to hand - Ed

Countdown to Fifty...

Chugging and chuffing, rocking and sloshing - you'll find this quaint collection of lovingly-maintained, working antique machines mesmerising to see when the Vintage Machinery Club graciously opens their club house to us



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY National Rally Weekend Journey to yout spiritua theore 20-23 October 2023 WELLINGTON

50th Anniversary Event Registration: \$50 PER PERSON 'True Cost' registration for Club affiliated non-members, and for new members who have joined after 1 January 2023: **\$195 per person**. Event registration form attached.

50th Anniversary Grille Badge: **\$50** PER BADGE (includes NZ postage, please add \$5.00 for Rural Delivery charge). Contact Jason at curried@hotmail.com or on 021 0221 5373 to order your grille badge



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REGISTRATION UPDATE •

Target: 125 guests Confirmed: 61 guests so far including 12 overseas guests!

Target: 50 Cadillacs Confirmed: 21 Cadillacs so far

Target: 70 grille badges
Confirmed: 26 badges sold so far



More Memories from yesteryear!

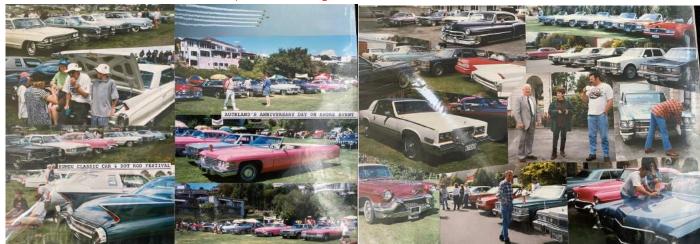
MORE photograghs below from the NZ CLC photo-album archives. The only thing missing is the names of the people who appear. CAN YOU HELP identify who they are? Email me at: finzmagazine@GMail.com More pics next month! Ed.



Left, labelled as the 'Hamburger Run'. Can you recognise these guys? One is lan Bradshaw, possibly a youthful Paul Dixon? Image on right is 'All American Car Show' and I can see what would eventually be the Thrupps (Persian Sand) Seville looking forever sharp and two Hearses that look very smart.



Above is 'Taranaki's Easter Weekend'. So who is the lovely lady standing next to the pony? I think I spot John Stringer's '53 and maybe the Soubers pink '56? Ken Scott, bottom left corner? At right, 'Auckland Car Show at MOTAT'. Who are these ladies? Gold '68 rag top? Who has won the trophy (middle) and to the right, 'Pukekohe Swap Meet Car Show'. Is Bill Wotherspoon unloading stuff from Denis Bulloch's old '96?



At left label says ' Kumeu Classic Car & Hot Rod Festival'. The green tail looks suspiciously like the Thrupps eventual '59 Sedan??? The right hand side of the first image says 'Auckland's Anniversary Day on Shore Event'. The pink Eldo is very prominent. The right image has no label but plenty of Caddies. Maybe Ken Scott in the T-shirt and he and wife Nicky in bottom right corner polishing their '68 rag top?

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The February 2019 copy of FINZ Magazine featured a special '59 Fins Issue' whereby nearly the whole 30page (!!!) mag comprised of fabulous '59 examples from the CLC here in NZ and around the world. It was an issue that received much positive feedback. Below is another such example, 'Class of '59' from page 18. It took many months to secretly assemble numerous pictures from around the world to deliver this 'one-off FINZ issue!' - Ed







For several years now BoP Member, Kevin Conder has surfed **KEVS Caddies** the net looking for cool Caddies and other rides to share with us. He and wife Christine own an amazing '60 Convertible (pic>>>>) He and wife Christine own an amazing '60 Convertible (pic>>>>)













Look at these amazing Caddy wagons! What about an Eldo pickup?





May 2023

Miss Lane writes ~ My friend Nick Stratta from Ireland sent me a cool story about an American Fire Engine collector, have a read below. Fancy buying these fabulous machines and shipping them across the other side of the world! Anyone in NZ got something like this?

The fire engines - a weird one! All 3 are owned by an elderly retired gentleman who lives in a small ex council/ local authority/ corporation house and keeps 2 of them in his garden. He had to knock down part of the house wall to get one of them in! The 100 ft turntable ladder is kept at the club house. When the guys in New York auctioned the ladder engine off and heard it was going to Ireland as many of their members are of Irish parentage (New York you know!) they gave it the full red and blue light and siren treatment to New York port all the way out from Long Island. Some 30 police bikes, ambulances, fire tenders etc and the like rolling down the freeway. It made the local TV news. Amazing to see. And when it arrived here in Dublin the local fire departments, hearing it had come from New York (JFK is second in importance to the Pope here!) arranged a full Garda and fire service escort through Dublin and out to the car club here - flashing blue lights and sirens all the way. And it made the local news here! They toured all the fire stations in Dublin en route and all the engines were out front with sirens and blue lights going. It was quite an experience. Here are some website LINKS plus articles from website and local paper. Nick

Overseas collector is buying the 1970 Hahn Pumper Engine (Lebanon) — A 46-year-old fire engine that faithfully served two Lebanon County fire departments will soon be traveling the rolling roads of Ireland. A collector from the emerald isle recently purchased the 1970 Hahn Pumper Engine from the Weavertown Fire Co., and is having it shipped overseas in the coming days. Before becoming property of Weavertown, the engine had a long history of helping the Lebanon Fire Department put out blazes. It was purchased new by Lebanon's Perseverance Fire Co. after being manufactured at Hahn's plant in Hamburg, Berks County, according to Lebanon Fire Commissioner Duane Trautman, the city fire department's unofficial historian. "For the time, it was well built. It was an early diesel. In 1970, not too many trucks were being delivered with diesel engines," he said. "They were tough, there is no doubt about that. And there were a lot of them in service around here." The design of its red chassis is indicative of the time in which it was manufactured, added Trautman."One of the things that made it really different is, it was built during the era of civil unrest and the hose beds were covered so you had to slide a cover to get to them, and everything else was enclosed to protect it," he said. After having it refurbished by Hahn in 1989, the Perseverance Fire Co. continued to use the engine for many years, until a pump governor that was difficult to repair wore out, Trautman recalled. After 37 years of daily duty for the Persy, it was taken out of service in 2007 and given to the Weavertown Fire Co. Since then, the Hahn has been used only on occasion, as a backup to the fire company's newer pumper, said Weavertown Fire Chief Donald Steiner Jr., who, like his father, Donald Sr., is also a career city fire fighter."It was solely a reserve back up piece of equipment. Although I'd say we did use it eight or nine times over the years, when our other engine was in for repairs," he said. Although the engine still runs strong, Steiner said, several months ago the members of Weavertown Fire Co. decided it was time to sell the Hahn to free up a garage bay for their utility truck. They placed an online advertisement with Fire Line Equipment, a central Pennsylvania company that sells new and used fire trucks. They set the price tag at \$5,000 and crossed their fingers. "It was on Fire Line's website (fireline.com) for a couple of months," Steiner said. "We were not even expecting a phone call." But eventually they received one, from Liam Moore, a fire engine buff from Dublin, who offered full price. This is the second American engine Moore has purchased. He also is the proud owner of a 1967 Mack pumper. "I purchased the fire engine originally for a boy's toy, something I was interested in working on and possibly showing," he said, via an emailed response. "There has been a lot of interest in fire trucks in Ireland and it has been used for demonstrations in fire stations and has been used in many charitable events." "This is a new interest," Moore continued. "I've always had an interest in trucks, heavy machinery and the mechanics. I was browsing the Internet and happened across the first one and bid on it, not really expecting anything to come of it. Needless to say, I was quite shocked and excited upon wining the bid."Transporting the truck was the next challenge. Moore contacted an acquaintance who sponsors an American antique car show, for some guidance. "He couldn't of been more helpful, in fact I'd of been at a total loss without him," Moore wrote. "He organized everything through a shipping company which specializes in shipping vintage vehicles, Hill Shipping Kent UK." The engine is still housed at Weavertown Fire Co. where Moore has been shipping other fire fighting equipment he is purchasing in the U.S., which will be stored on the truck for its overseas voyage The shipper will arrange to transport the engine from Weavertown Fire Co. to a port in New York where it will be transported to Ireland via a container ship. Moore did not reveal the cost of the shipping which is likely to be in the thousands of dollars. "The cost in shipping the trucks is very expensive, and the price of the truck, including the shipping cost, was just about manageable," he said. "I am thoroughly looking forward to the arrival of the Hahn, as are my children and grandchildren. The men at Weavertown Fire Co. have been more than helpful." This article comes to us through a partnership between WITF and Lebanon Daily News.

Articles from the US and the Echo here. <u>https://www.echo.ie/news/article/</u> <u>vintage-us-fire-trucks-fuel-liam-s-</u> engine-passion-and-helpcharities

https://www.ldnews.com/story/news/ local/2016/01/05/vintage-lebanon-fireengine-headedireland/78095104/

https://www.witf.org/2016/01/06/vintage_lebanon_fire_engine_headed_to_ireland/ https://issuu.com/ashvillemedia/docs/firecall_summer_2018 The Echo Newspaper 🖉 @TheEchoOnline - Aug 3, 2018 The Echo caught up with local man Liam Moore who regularly shows his vintage American fire trucks at community and charity events. Full story in this week's Echo. @DubFireBrigade



The Lebanon City Fire Department and Weavertown Fire Department held a photo shoot in Lebanon at the 9th St. bridge on Sunday, December 11, 2015 with the old and new Perseverance fire engines. The old Perseverance engine

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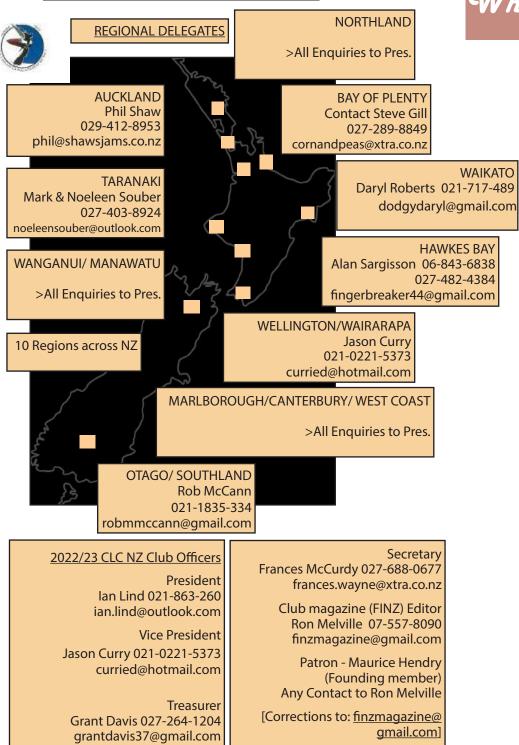


which was donated to Weavertown was sold to a collector in

Ireland, Jeremy Lona, Lebanon Daily News

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Where we live



What's on the Fridge?



MAY 7th - All GM Day Out, Clevedon, Auckland 21st - Wgton Horsepower Display & Swap Meet, Trentham JUNE 11th - Auckland Vintage Speedway Meeting, Meremere JULY 9th - Rotorua Swap Meet AUG 5th - Palmerston North Swap Meet & Car Display OCT 20th - 23rd - CLC NZ 50th Golden Anniversary, Wellington BOOK NOW & start saving for gas! Have you got your grill badge? Read details below





Tail Lights

The Best Tails in Town!







Courtesy of Kev's Kaddies, Kev tells me top left is the first dinosaur burial supervised by a bunch of early 'greenies!'

All the other pics are examples of 'The Best Buried Tails in Town!'

Well done Kev - Ed



