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Hello all and welcome to another autumn issue!

CLC NZ (Hawkes Bay) member, Martin Armbruster recently emailed me with an elaborate story of his background, his love of old cars accompanied by a swag of photos, some of which you will enjoy this month and enough for me to share with you in the June copy as well! Martin's lovely gold '69 appears on the cover parked-up at a very Kiwi iconic beachy bach, backyard with enough room to park the cars and note the old Kiwi 'rotary clothesline' in the background! It was called a Mazda line in the old days!

'Martins Beach Hop' brings even more pics from this iconic Annual Kiwi event, evidencing that there's a lot of old American Iron out there in Kiwi land!

I love getting Member Profiles. You can read able Martins here, but if you would like to share yours, I invite you to drop me a line and include some pics as well!

Due to your marvellous contributions and support, FINZ Magazine has picked up the 2023 Golden Quill Award. This Annual Award salutes Car club-related publications around the globe and together with our Aussie cousins (Editors Andrew & Rachel Rees, LaCad CLC Aust publication, and Australian Editor, John Byrden's Sallee Speaks (LaSalle Appreciation Society, publication) we are the only non-American Award winners and therefore, flying the flag for 'Down-under!' (John fab LaSalle e-mag comes out of Oz). Read about the other Cadillac LaSalle Award Winners.



Did you know Mustang is 60? A salute to our Ford family relative (via the Family Tree!) is acknowledged here. There are some cool American Diner pics plus coverage on another icon, the Airstream - yes, that shining silver Trailer (Caravan to us down under!). Kev's Kaddies shares more awesome images, may it never-be-ending. Keep it up Kev!

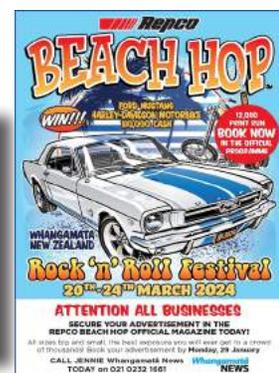
Well that's all for now. Looking at The Fridge, there's lots of Swap Meets coming up over these cooler months so if you attend one or two, email me a report and any pics of cool cars you see there or a cool find (not necessarily a car). Take care on the icy roads and on wet days and until the next issue, stay safe and cruise likewise! Best regards, Ron, Ed.

Martins Repco BEACH HOP



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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 our American car culture with! This month, club Member, Martin Armbruster shares with us an extensive collection of VERY good photos of chosen rides he saw whilst he and Wendy enjoyed this great annual event. Enjoy. Ed



At left, looks like Martin captuaved a 'halo sun shot' above the huge crowded 'park-up!'

Above, Caddies of all periods, condition and colour. Those '59 Fins look familiar!

Martins Repco BEACH HOP



Beautiful golden sandy beaches are always nearby in this part of the world! A few VWs mingled. Some great tail lights were evident, low-riding pickups, rods and even pedal cars were at BH. This green pedal car is a Caddy! Above this poor old Mopar sported a bit of rust! 'Super Roo' belongs to an Aussie Ford Falcon GT from the 70s. 'Bessie' (one of CLC Auckland, members' Steve Barker's rides) looks lovely in the sun. Salmon pink is just 'so fifties!' Looks gorgeous and white trim is super



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Martin's taste knows no bounds! Night-time shots, trucks, low-riders plus 'stock-looking' Chevs and Buicks. All very cool in their own right. Look at that Lincoln. More next month from Martin's Beach Hop adventure!



Something I advocate is finding out a bit more about fellow members. If you would like to use Martins blurb as a template, please do so and drop me a line. Thanks Martin, excellent - Ed.

Hi all . My interest in American cars started very early, too many movies and series on TV in the 70's (streets from San Francisco / Starsky and Hutch / Dukes of Hazzard and much more). I bought my first American car - a Chevrolet Camaro (1979) in 1987 and started the project - complete in bits and pieces and then started to rebuild what needed, six years at the end! The first trip to America was in 1988 and many USA holidays followed. In 1992, shortly before the Camaro was finished saw me back in Florida to buy some parts for it when I spotted the Land Yacht in Kissimmee / Orlando and couldn't resist (my dad said, "Now is he completely crazy!" when the car arrived in Germany!). My best mate had an American car garage in Germany, its what pushed me (every time when I helped there!)

One day I visited a couple in Queenstown for my 50th birthday (very good friends from Germany also US Car drivers) and the plans to move to NZ started. It was a long and hard time to find a job and new friends (my best mate all the time gave me back up) ...and one day I met Flash here in Hawkes Bay and he brought me in the Eastside Streetrods club and I met my new Partner Wendy ...and Flash all the time gave me a kick and said 'Bring the Caddy to NZ and one day I heard from Rick in Gisborne that the Cadillac club is coming from Napier to Gisborne and so I joined you (the bloody German had a blow out and no spare tire) Thank You all for the help! My English has to get better....I know it - bloody Foreigner, and not long ago I now bought now a Ford '32 project , we will see how it goes. [Many thanks Martin. I appreciate you sharing your background and memories with us. Readers, have a look at these great pictures that Martin has sent me. Cool Camaro. Keep us posted on your Ford Project. More images from Martin to share in upcoming issues - Ed]



From Top Left, Martin's Camaro project. Looks better in yellow, mate. Who of us could forget the blow-out on the downside of that steep hill heading towards Gisborne in 2022? 50th Memories, Te Papa, in Wellington and 'Twins!' Friends from Auckland, Julie & Tony Brookes also have the same gold colour '69 but with a white top! They need to join, Martin. Send them this mag and a membership form! Martins '32 project at left and here's the '69 in the Florida yard that started Martin's Cadillac passion! Great images and very historic and personal to you Martin. Good on yer mate! Ed





Our GLOBAL Family

NZ - Auckland - Hi Ron. I am about to order some courtesy light lenses for my 81 Cadillac Fleetwood, I need two, but given that the shipping from the USA will be much the same regardless of how many I order I thought I'd take the opportunity to ask other members if they want any small items for their Caddy that could be shipped at the same time. The lenses I'm ordering are like this:

<https://www.caddydaddy.com/1977-1978-1979-1980-1981-1982-1983-1984-cadillac-devilleinterior-door-armrest-courtesy-lamp-lens-used-free-shipping-in-the-usa.html>

They fit any Deville/ Fleetwood 77 through 84 so if you need one too (the little retaining tabs tend to break with age) let me know and I'll order it up and pay for it, you can pay me back on arrival.

If there is something else smallish you need from them let me know and I can order it and get it delivered with my lenses. I'm in Auckland so if you are I can drop items to you in person, otherwise I could post them onwards to you if you're outside Auckland

Regards - Peter Jenkins peja@xtra.co.nz

[Hi Peter. Nice to hear from you. That is a very generous invitation. I will publish in the next mag. I personally do not need anything right now but it is something we should all consider (a Club Order from wherever) and we could share shipping costs. Hope you are well and best regards, Ron, Ed]

NZ - Taranaki - Hi Ron just want to put a shout out to Neville Carter who once again has gone above and beyond the help a fellow club member out of a bind. Our son borrowed our 75 to join some friends attend Beach Hop. Unfortunately they had a failure as they were climbing Mount Messenger. So with 4 car guys under the hood at the summit they discovered one of the rocker retaining clips had broken. After getting the car collected by a tow to deposit the it back home they jumped in with their friends and continued onto Beach Hop. My mission was to locate the required replacement part. This we attempted whilst on the road motorhoming. Search's on internet seemed fruitless but a phone call to club stalwart Neville promised a search from his end. He'd passed on some 500 parts to an ex member in Hāwera and drove down from Stratford to hunt for the part. Search success Neville bought the part back to Stratford. My brother-in-law a neighbour collected this and delivered it to his work in New Plymouth where my Daughter-in-law collected and delivered home where son had the car running sweet in no time. This just emphasis's the benefit of club membership.

Once again Neville thanks. You're a legend. Cheers Grant Davis

[Excellent story and YES, a shout out to Neville! As you know I too have had the odd 'issue' when on several of the Cadillac Nationals (Raglan being the main one with the water pump) and yes, I can vouch for fellow members lending a hand. I will convey your story in the mag. I have a similar story to print (future issue) where Australian CLC member, David needed some parts for his once beautiful '60 convertible that unfortunately 'kissed' a crash barrier on his way home from a Victorian CLC event! Fortunately, the member walked away with a bruised knee (and ego) but the Caddy suffered severe damage. I heard about the story, contacted our NZ CLC member, Gus Carmont on Waiheke Island to see whether he was able to help and yes, so I put both of them together and the short story is that David is flying into NZ to meet Gus and acquire parts from him and take them home to Oz. Gus is even picking

him up at Auckland airport and he is staying in a chalet that Gus owns (as an AirBnB) on Waiheke for a week! The Australian member is just blown away with Kiwi hospitality and help - all because we all belong to the Cadillac club, part of a global family!

Moral of the story is that

"This is the value of belonging. Members helping members with a common goal of keeping our old Caddies road worthy so we can all enjoy them, whether we own them, drive them or admire them!"

Great result and story Grant! Best to you and Barb, Ron :)



The LEGEND!

Sometimes licked, but never beaten!

Our NZ Club LEGEND, Neville Carter of Taranaki! (Above, taking a licking...!)

'Naki member, Ozy is a well-known local Car Sales businessman and I hear loves supporting local organisations. Here he is in his beautiful Eldo, supporting the very cool and recent musical, *The Jersey Boys* in New Plymouth. [Good on you Ozy - Ed]

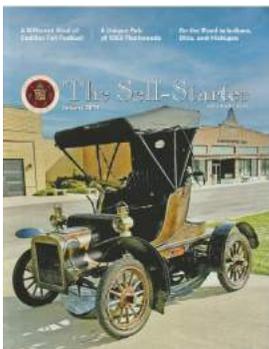




From the Editors seat!

Congratulations - Credit to YOU, the reader and the many contributors who have seen fit to have FINZ Magazine receive another Golden Quill Award, this time for 2023. We are in good company, amongst the scores of other recipients whose list of car marques reads like the 'who's who' of automobile history and folklore! Yet, this is not all of them, but the more well known. Go to www.oldcars.com and Search 'Golden Quill Award'.

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- GTO Association of America
- Riviera Owners Association
- Classic Car Club of America - Michigan Region



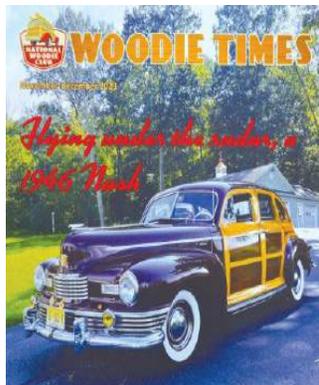
And then there were the Cadillac LaSalle Club recipients!

- The Self-Starters**, Jeff Shively, CLC USA
- LaCad**, Andrew & Rachel Rees, CLC Australia
- Sallee Speaks**, John Byrden, LaSalle Appreciation Society, USA (but Editor produces this fine e-publication in Australia!)
- Caddy Chatter**, Tony Albarella, CLC New Jersey, USA
- Hoosier Tailfin**, Michael Fellenzer, CLC Indiana Chapter, USA
- FINZ Magazine**, Ron Melville, CLC New Zealand
- Fleetwood Flyer**, Craig Masterson, St.Louis Region
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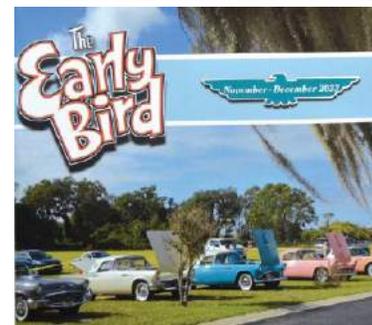
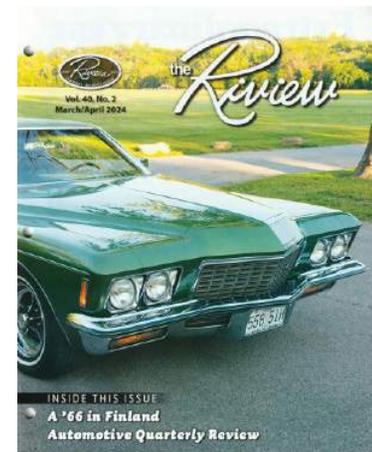
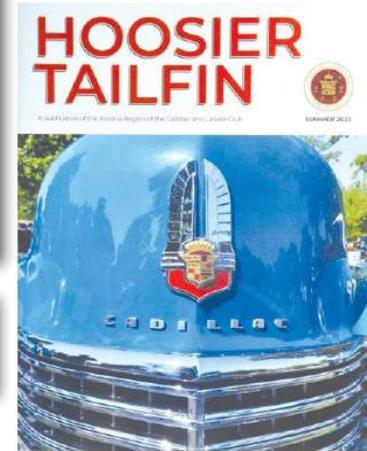
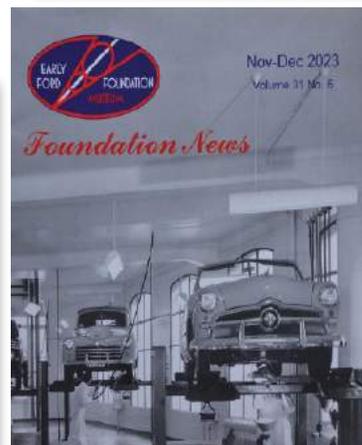
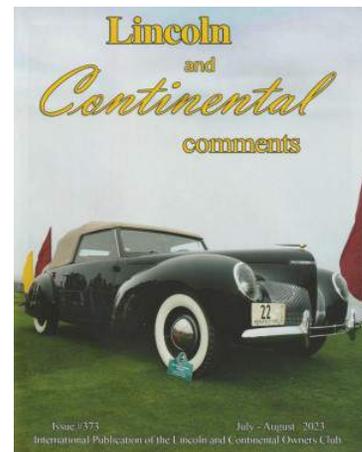
Noteworthy is that Jeff Shively (CLC USA) is also the Editor of the **Lincoln & Continental Comments** Magazine that received an Award, as did Vince Taliano (Potomac Region, USA) and he is Editor of the **Generator & Distributor** for the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America. Well done to all CLC Editors. The Cadillac LaSalle marque has more representation than any other make!

Below, a note from our CNC NZ Pres. and a snippet of some of the Award-winning publication covers that the Golden Quill Judges included in their notification. Ed.

Hi Ron
 Congratulations it's what you do for the club that is so supportive but also 90% is the effort you put into the bulletin that makes the bulletin what it is and I know from the club and other members it is well reviewed.
 So take the recognition that comes with the Award well done.
 Please print this acknowledgment
 Regards
 Ian Lind
 Cadillac NZ President

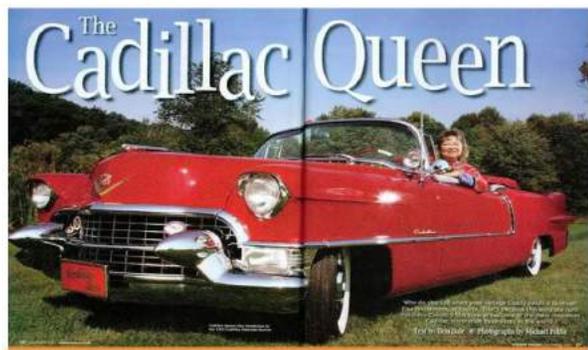


And it goes without saying, go to www.oldcars.com to subscribe to their FREE weekly e-newsletter and get access to their other Old Cars publications. Always a GREAT read! Ed





Courtesy of my e-copy of the *Old Cars Weekly* comes news of 'Poughkeepsie-based Cadillac Parts and Restoration' celebrating its 40th anniversary. After 40 years Cadillac Parts and Restoration's (CPR) restoration facility not only offers a walk back in time to the 1950s & 1960s but also provides plenty of beautiful classic Cadillacs in all phases of restoration.



Elsa Meuer Nicodemus behind the wheel of a 1953 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz. Cadillac Parts & Restoration

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Cadillac Parts & Restoration headquarters. Cadillac Parts & Restoration

Love 'em or loathe them, the *Mustang* is as famous as *Cadillac* in name and product recognition. On the 17th April 2024, the *Mustang* celebrated its 60th Anniversary. As a universal car enthusiast, I personally love Ford's pony car as much as anyone else. During April 2024, my *Hagerty* e-newsletter celebrated the original *Mustang* over several issues and great reading it was too with lots a colour vintage photos, from the original (and infamous) launch by legendary *Lee Iococca* at the 1964 Worlds Fair. Take a trip back in time by clicking on these LINKs and soak-up some of the pics. And if you're into colour like me, there's also a great article about the most popular Mustang colours! I bet someone could do an article on some of Cadillacs colours over the decades? They too were fabulous. Jeff Shively? Ed.

Mustang Memories: Tom Cotter Recalls April 17, 1964 and What Came Next

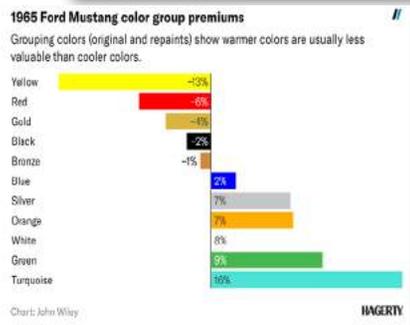
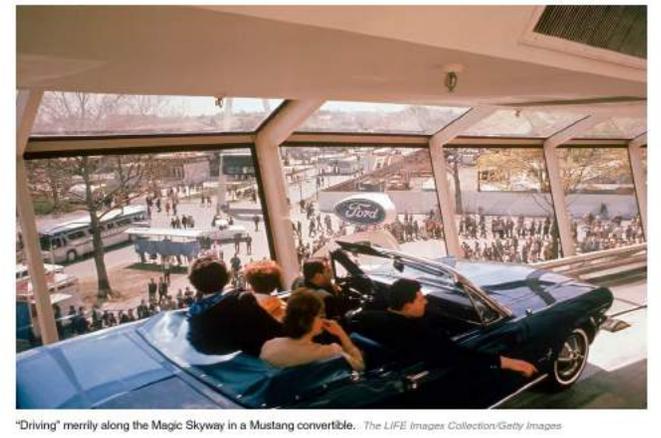
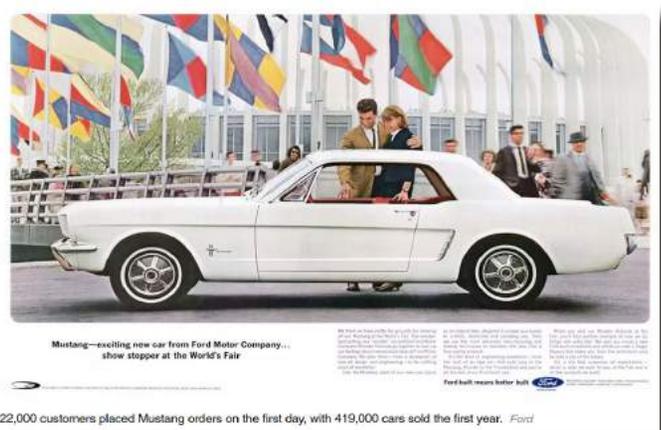
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Which Original Mustang Paint Color Is Worth the Most?

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Lee Iococca speaks to the press.



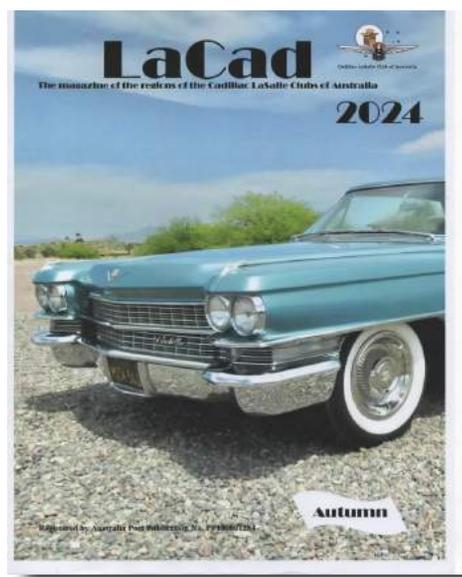
Top, the iconic '64 and a half! Disney built this 'inside' continuous loop of Ford autos on a moving track overlooking the rest of the 'Fair'. Note the old Greyhound Bus outside! If you were a kid in the 60s, like me, you may have had a Matchbox Mustang with 'steering!' At left, American cars have always been about colour. Mustangs were no exception. A great article about the most popular and valuable colours!



From the Editors seat!

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. 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/n9kb8gz7zl-4f6l0pbddf9/Autumn-2024-eLaCad.pdf?rlkey=xvx0e5skvd8vvwjfy2q6dhbn&dl=0>



By accident, I recently came across a new website called *Curbside Classics*. It's FREE to sign up and you can enjoy tons of car-related categories and there's a few Cadillac cross-overs as well. Here's a few interesting snippets that caught my eye and my in-box! Worth checking out, go to

www.curbsideclassics.com



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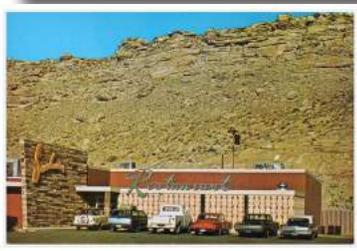
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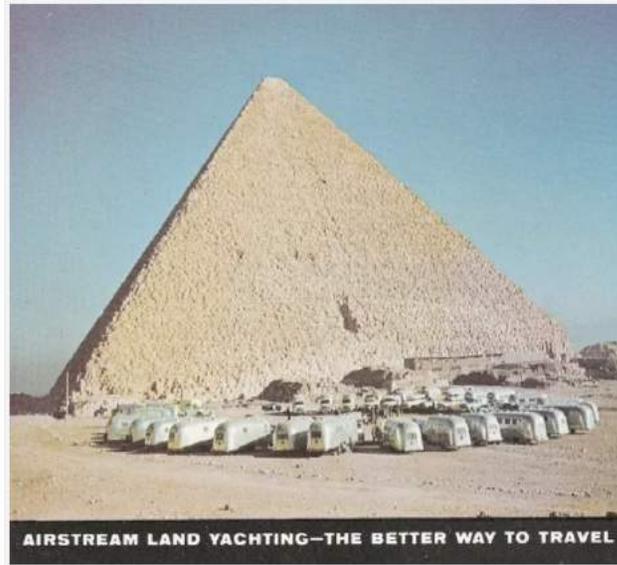
Leonard's Fine Foods, Albuquerque, NM.



From the Editors seat!

Further to the *Curbside Classics* website, there were some great images and a back story about *Wally Byam* who set up and designed the original *AIRSTREAM*. This is the infamous, 'chrome/ stainless' Trailer (Caravan to us) that was especially prominent in the 50s and 60s. Here is a snippet from the article and a few photos of Cadillacs pulling these big beasts. They look cool. There is a few in NZ and in real life, they are awesome! Ed

February is a magical time in Palm Springs. Glorious weather, the McCormick vintage and collector car auction, and Modernism Week. For those of you unfamiliar with the last, Modernism Week is a ten-day celebration of all things retro and mid-century, part of which is the Vintage Travel Trailer Show. Which brings us to the subject of this article: the estimable Wally Byam, founder of Airstream. While the first three names up there in the title are familiar to most automotive enthusiasts and historians, it's less likely they've heard of Wally Byam; however, his contributions to a specific facet of highway travel are as significant as his beloved Grand Canyon is vast. Wally Byam's legacy is the quintessentially American Airstream travel trailer, an instantly recognizable riveted aluminum tube that epitomizes advanced design and construction. As the inventor of the Airstream, Byam brought an unlikely and wide-ranging variety of life experiences to his role.



Byam himself led several Airstream caravans over the years, most notably an 18,000-mile African trek from Capetown to Cairo.

The countdown is on for the eventual release of Cadillac's *Lyric EV*. Just when Govt. subsidies have stopped and EV sales in NZ have plummeted (as have second hand values), the GM flagship is about to land here in NZ. My *Driven* (www.nzherald.co.nz) article (attached) spells out what you need to know and I guess we will hear in due course its 'reception' following the launch, I believe in Auckland. It has been released in Australia and some CLC members were invited to the launch. If you are extended a Kiwi invite let me know, take a few pics and souvenir some material. Rumours are the price maybe in the vicinity of NZ\$130k. A NZ\$100k more than what you can pick up a 2nd hand *Tesla 3* now, according to the latest online car listings.



DrivenCarGuide.co.nz

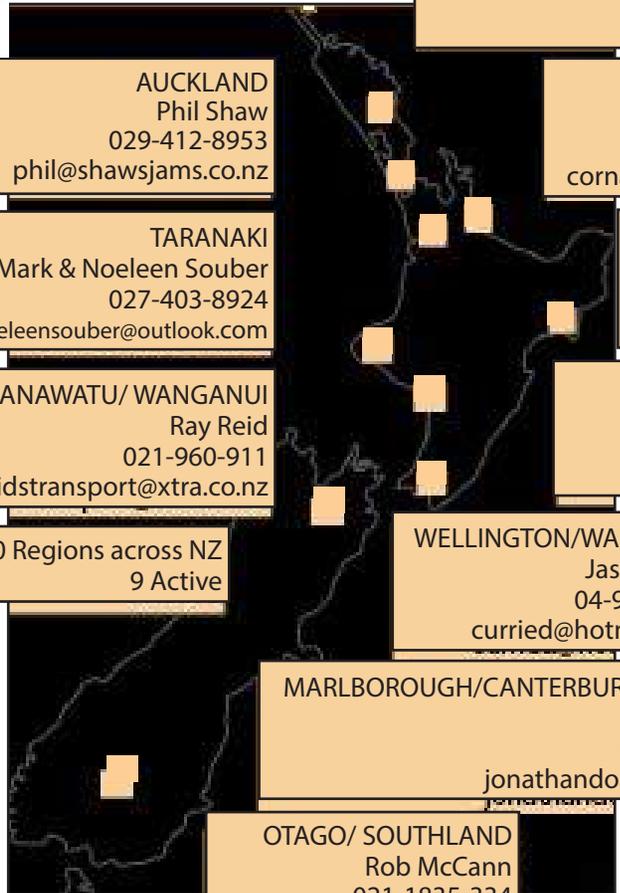
GM's very American Cadillac Lyric EV is set to make a very big impression in New Zealand



KEVS Caddies and other great shapes!

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



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AUG 3rd - PalmNorth SwapMeet
OCT 6th - Tararua Rodders Chrome n' Custom Show, Levin
25th - 28th - NSRA Nats, Bulls Manawatu

CLC NZ - Roll of Honour
Spirits flown, not forgotten

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We raise our fuel pump nozzles in a salute to you all!

Tail Lights

Featuring the Best Tails in Town!



Sunrise and an early morning dew, welcome Martin and his '69 to another picture perfect Beach Hop day!