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Nick Stratta's (CLC Ireland) high quality '65 - so good it was chosen for a locally famous singer's CD cover and the front cover of an Irish Vintage Magazine!

# Rendezvous!

F O R E W O R D

Hi everyone. Thanks for all the positive May issue feedback, especially from our Ozzie friends.

Our Caddy cover this month cruised in all the way from Ireland! It's not often (to my knowledge) that one of our global CLC member's cars gets chosen for a singers CD promo cover as well as a magazine cover, but Nick Stratta's has scooped the pools with both! Well done Nick and view a few more cool shots of his super sharp '65 white over red rag top inside this month's issue as well as the singer (below)!

It's bumper issue this month. So many contributions came in - thank you, thank you, thank you!

Let's to tell from around the globe including that handsome looking dude to the right. Do you know who he is? He's got a cool story to tell.

More about what we got up to at Renmark recently and we introduce to you the one and only Steve Westmacott - another cool dude!

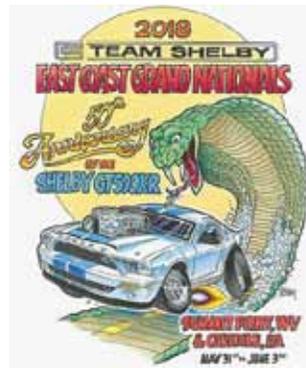
There's a great story about Taranaki members' Brian and Marie Gillett's gorgeous '61 Caddy. She is as nice in real life as it appears here.

Did you hear about the '68 Mustang that Steve (another Steve - must be 'Steve month!') McQueen drove in his iconic *Bullitt* movie, it's been uncovered after being in a long time 'hide-away' storage! Read about it here thanks to our friends at the CLC Potomac Region.

But wait there's more. More in store that is. Lot's to share with you over coming (winter) issues, and what the local weather boffins are predicting to perhaps being the coldest Kiwi winter for many a year. We had record heat temps last summer, may winter will be record cold temps???

Until next month, stay warm Kiwis as the first Antarctic chill descends over the country for an early start to winter...brrrrrr! Ron :)

Now here's a sneak-peak of what this issue is all about...



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**NZ - BAY of PLENTY** - Hi Ron. Just some pictures of when we went to Waikino (Waikino is just before the Karangahake gorge you go in by the little train station) and we had a look around the museum of the 'Victoria Kiln' named after Queen Victoria. Had a little tram ride on the old used railway tracks then a walk in a 200 metre-long tunnel used in the gold mining days Cheers Carol ['We' being, from Left, Grand-father Thrupp, Caddie Anne, '528-Steve' (that's the 'wave-length' he's on!) and Lois. Carol; taking pic - Ed]



**USA - San Deigo** - Hi Ron, Thanks for the latest copy of FINZ. Liked the pics of the cars. The 57 Ford conversion from petrol to Electric propulsion is most intriguing. What is the cost do so? There is no replacement for the rumble of a good old V-8 idling or revving through the gears. Imagine a Harley without the sound of it's engine. No, thank you. Best, Julie's Dad (Jack Braxx)

From 'Cadman Joe' (Guildea) - Hi Ron. We just got a great new video done by the folks at The NB (Nicola Bulgari) Center in Allentown, PA. It's a wonderful film about the world famous NB Center and its founder Nicola Bulgari. Mr. Bulgari, along with Kris and Keith Flickinger, present an amazing tribute to their mutual passion, American cars. Along with it follows a restoration in time lapse ending with it being presented at the 2017 Eastern Division Fall Meet in Hershey. A big thank you to Mr. Bulgari and the Flickingers for allowing us to share this terrific video with you. So, get a cup of coffee, sit back and enjoy! (20 Min video) Check out this very cool video but only if you cherish the beauty of a Nash, DeSoto, Armstrong Siddeley, Hudson and Buick. Fab resto vid to drawl over! Ed >>Link>>

**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA** From: David Rayner Hi Ron & yes I received my emailed copy of your great magazine FINZ. I was a little overawed to see that my car was the feature car and many thanks for choosing the Eldorado

Many thanks Ron & congratulations on producing such a great magazine - even without my car being featured. Cheers - David [Thanks for letting us do a photo shoot on it Dave. It is every bit as awesome in real life as what it appeared in the mag. Ed]

**USA - Atlanta** - The electric Ford is great. Happy St. Patrick's Day. Bill Overend. [Thanks Bill, love the colour - Ed]





Hi Ron. She's a singer. Her name is pronounced 'Leesha'. And the shots were for her first album cover called 'Rich'. I am also featured in an Irish 'Vintage Magazine' - guess my Caddy is famous now?  
Nick



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**AUSTRALIA** - Hi Ron. Nice pic of a sharp '57 Cadillac ambulance - Paul Dixon. [At right - very cool - Ed]

Great issue Ron, great Nats write up - nice to see Lucy got a mention, cheers Steve Westmacott

Hi Ron. Great news letter. Hope to see you in October. Just confirming the colour of dress for sat night. Cheers Bev Clay (Aka - 'Marilyn'). [Hi Bev. As written elsewhere our theme will be 'Black and White' so what you wore for our photo shoot in Denmark would be perfect! I am sure you will be the most popular Marilyn of the night! Ed]

**USA** - Hi Ron, Awesome 60 Eldo. One of the very best. :o) - Jack Bracx, CLC San Diego

Thanks Ron. Cadillac convertibles were made for women who look like Marilyn Monroe or Texas women with big hair! From Bill Overend, CLC Atlanta

**EUROPE** - Thanks Ron, nice issue. Will you be so kind to advertise the sixty year CLC celebration in Europe, France (doc's attached) Same region as the 2010 GE, Loire valley, where the castles of the French kings are Sponsored by John Foust of Texas Ambiance under the French summer sun. Thank u, Dirk. [Sure Dirk, printed elsewhere - Ed]



**IRELAND** - Great reading again Ron! Well done. Love that '60 Biarritz. Best regards, Nick Stratta

**More USA** - Hi Ron, I just received a large supply of brand new, unopened sets of Maurice Hendry's 100 Years of Cadillac two-volume book. We can offer a case (or more cases if needed) of four two-volume sets of books for \$100.00 USD (\$25.00 per two-volume set) plus shipping. They can be used as a local fund-raising effort or given as gifts, door prizes, etc. In the April issue of The Self-Starter on page 41, the two-volume set is listed for \$69.99 by a seller in California. They are listed at \$50.00 per set plus \$6.00 shipping in our newsletter at <http://clcpotomacregion.org/forms/CLCPR.1804Newsletter.pdf>.

We have sold many sets in the US and one set to a club member in Germany. Thanks for your consideration.

Vince Taliano, CLC Potomac Region, [www.clcpotomacregion.org](http://www.clcpotomacregion.org) (view over 3,000 pictures!) [Awesome value Vince, even at US dollar rates here! - Ed]

## Editor's choice

Wherever possible I look for interesting articles and pics to share with you!

If you are a real car nut then you will love reading the following and watching these videos. It's all about one of the most iconic car chasing cars ever - Steve McQueen's '68 Mustang. That 'Bullitt' movie shot in San Francisco - well if you've been to San Fran you will resonate with the streets and the hills and the scenery. But did you know that the original McQueen movie Mustang has been found and made public? Read about it here and watch these vids, they are worthwhile viewing - Ed.

The following is courtesy of **The Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle**. Read about the original Bullitt 'Steve McQueen' Mustang. Watch three very cool videos. If you're a 'true-blue car nut' you will read, watch and enjoy the following! Ed <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-return-of-steve-mcqueen-bullitt-mustang/>



"He was cool, but he was enthusiastic..." said actress **Jacqueline Bisset**, who played McQueen's girlfriend in "Bullitt." She was 23, and breaking into Hollywood.

# The return of Steve McQueen's "Bullitt" Mustang

In the 1968 classic "Bullitt," Steve McQueen gave every future James Bond and Jason Bourne a driving lesson. Audiences felt as though they were riding shotgun. It was Hollywood's first major car chase shot not on a studio lot, but in real-time, at real speeds, out on the streets and hills of San Francisco.

"I think McQueen was the key to designing this in a way that had never been seen before," said Tim Zinnemann, the movie's assistant director. He said at one point director Peter Yates closed off 60 square blocks of the city.

And how much driving did McQueen himself do? "As much as he could get away with," Zinnemann replied.

Driving faster than 100 mph meant a number of close calls. McQueen, an accomplished race car driver, blocked out the chase scenes himself.

But the movie's other star was its 1968 Ford Mustang GT Fastback. Together, car and driver were the epitome of old-school cool. "He was cool, but he was enthusiastic and going to details and wanting things to be right," said actress Jacqueline Bisset, who played McQueen's girlfriend in "Bullitt." She was 23, and breaking into Hollywood.

"It was a beautiful car, the Bullitt car," she said.

"Do you understand why the car has the mystique it has?" Strassmann asked.

"To a certain degree," Bisset laughed. "Fast, low-lying, smooth, sexy guy in the front seat."

"You've had your share of on-set experiences with alpha males ... where does McQueen rank?"

"Pretty regular," Bisset said. "Not overly alpha male, no. He'd come and go stealthily, stealthily."

After the movie, the Bullitt Mustang was just as stealthy -- it disappeared. For decades, the Mustang became the Holy Grail for car collectors.

And it became a "family secret" for Robbie Kiernan, though she told Strassmann, "It was never meant to be a secret, it was just our car."

Her late husband, Robert, saw an ad in the back pages of Road and Track Magazine, and bought the Bullitt Mustang in 1974 for \$6,000.

"It was unbelievable," she said. "We had seen the movie, and then to see the car...!"

It still had the camera mounts underneath the chassis, and a huge hole in the trunk for the smoke machine.

The growl of the Mustang's V8 engine was deafening. "I taught at a Catholic school, and the nuns heard the car and said, 'Well, there's Robbie!'" she said. At one point Steve McQueen tracked them down, and asked the Kiernans to buy back what he called "my" Mustang.

Said Robbie, "It was part of our family at that point. We had too many memories."

"The reality is that it was your car, and you weren't giving it up."

"No," she smiled.

After 1980, the car was garaged, out of sight, in a barn on their family farm in Tennessee. "This is the most personal thing that we have," said Robbie's son, Sean Kiernan.

Last year he restored it top to bottom. Today, it's 98 percent original. "I was in it to preserve history," Sean told Strassmann. "I wasn't in it to make a shiny new object; I was in it to make something genuine and raw."

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For him, the car's star power means more than Steve McQueen. "It's not just a '68 Fastback; it is my dad's car," said Sean.

"So, the rest of the world will look at the car and see Steve McQueen, but you'll look at the car and always see your father?" asked Strassmann. "Without a doubt."

The Kiernans are finally going public with the family secret ... rolling it out at the Detroit Auto Show, in its original faded glory.

CBS NEWS Strassmann said, "You can make the case that every car deserves to be treated lovingly as this one has."

"This one definitely, definitely has a soul," said Sean Kiernan.

It's now registered as a historic vehicle, and touring the country, appearing before a whole new audience.

CBS NEWS Strassmann asked Robbie Kiernan, "Does it feel weird to show it off after hiding it all these years?"

"Very much so," she replied. "I was emotional seeing it go. It was like a family member leaving the house."

Even people who don't live for cars -- like Jacqueline Bisset -- sense something special with this one. "I think it was you who said they take the car seriously, the people who own it," she told Strassmann. "Very. They've really treated it as the true star of the movie."

"Good to know!" she laughed.

"Bullitt" AD Tim Zinnemann said, "I think what we did, there was an emotional connection to the cars,

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the drivers, the scene itself. And it was all real." It still feels real 50 years later. Every Hollywood action hero driving a fast car is still chasing Steve McQueen's Bullitt Mustang.

Watch a trailer for the forthcoming documentary, "Little Pieces: The Untold Story of the Bullitt Mustang" <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-return-of-steve-mcqueen-bullitt-mustang/>



The "Bullitt" Mustang, one of five historic vehicles on display at the National Mall IN Washington, D.C.



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**NOW HERE'S A GOOD YARN!** - So sorry we missed Renmark (too many events on our 2018 "CadillacACTIVITIES" schedule). Sounds like y'all had a lot of fun.

Congrats to Dave on his superb 1960 Eldorado Biarritz. Back when we still lived in Switzerland, we bought a baby-blue one in Portland, Oregon, in 1983, on the strength of a couple of photos and the vendor's not-very-honest description of the car ... a so-called all "original, 2-owner, rust-free car". My own research identified (at least) 7 previous owners, including one "lady of the night"!), there was some rust-through on the floor pans and in the boot; the "Fiberglas-cover" for the convertible top was long gone; to top it off, it had a non-original front "bench" seat (from another car make and model) that once had sported the "original" bucket seats! But it was "cheap at the price" (\$5,000 in 1983, including a new white top instead of the "original" black one). We accepted the car "as is" (did we really have a choice?) ... and simply sent the vendor a nasty letter. NO reply!

It was a fun car to drive. We decided, later, to do a "full" restoration. We put some (a lot) of money into it (engine re-built, rusted floors replaced,

bench seat re-covered with the correct "Eldorado" leather piping and buttons, sanded down to bare metal and re-painted the original "Siena Rose" ... that we found on dismantling the wings ).

Sadly, the day after the paint was applied and the trim re-attached, the restorer's teenage daughter, riding a moped, was killed in a collision with a car. Of course, he was devastated and just stopped working on our car (and on others). We drove the "Pink Lady" home (100 miles).

She was parked on the street in front of our house, while we made room in the 2-car garage to accommodate her "large size". After lunch that day, we found a 15-inch scratch on the RH rear wing! Our guess is that the damage was done by a child on a bicycle; we never did find out for sure. That was it! We decided our "Christine" would have to go! In due course we showed her at a large Kruse auction in Luxembourg (1989). A "not as nice" car of the same model had been bid earlier up to \$80,000; the vendor decided it was not enough and withdrew his lot (we learned later that he had a few "shill" bidders in the room, "boosting up" the car's value!). The "Pink Lady" went on the block a few minutes later; she was bid up to "only" \$50,000, so we too decided to withdraw her from the sale. We had her loaded on a lorry to bring her back to Geneva. But one of the bidders had followed the car as she rode the lorry back to Geneva (350 miles); on the motorway he signalled the driver to stop at a lay-by near Zürich; he got my particulars from him, phoned me ... and made me "an offer I couldn't refuse"; he was happy to save on Kruse's buyer's fee. The "Pink Lady" was off-loaded in Zürich. I drove there, next day (200 miles) just to collect the cash! Our profit was modest but we were rid of "Christine"! Yann.

[Thanks for emailing me your great story Yann. These are the sorts of memories we all love to read. Love the photos too. Best regards, Ron - Ed]



More pics over >>>

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MORE of Yann's '61...and Yann



More people we met at Renmark...



Here he is, 'The Cadillac Cowboy' aka, Steve Westmacott. Check shirt, cowboy hat, 'shoe-string tie', blue jeans (never looked, probably 'Wranglers!') and big silver belt buckle, standing 6 foot 4? Steve and I rode (pun unintended) with Steve W. and he was a delight to listen to, stories about his past, his Lucy and his views on everyday life. Another great Cadillac club personality we want to 'ride with' again sometime! Come see us Kiwis sometime Steve W. [Ed]

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was on how cool it was to be up close and personal to those awesome cars and how they can hardly wait for the upcoming October 12th to 14th Diamond Event in Tauranga

Yes indeed Caddy Cruiser get booked in now for The Diamond Event in Tauranga and show us your best James Bond & Marilyn Monroe outfits.

Well until next time keep the pedal to the metal. And As Always Our Club Is Easily Satisfied With The Very Best. Cheers Steve Gill, CLC NZ Pres

**BAY of PLENTY** - Steve's jaunt to Auckland Hi Everyone. Our new Bay of Plenty member Marion Clasohm from Moonta Bay South Australia paid us a visit on Monday 14th of May. So on hearing Marion and her granddaughter Bianca were in Auckland visiting her Sister and Brother in law Leonie & Terry I made my way North to catch up with them.

After a cuppa tea and chat I phoned our very good Auckland members Richard & Judy Glasson for a shed visit. On arriving Richard greeted us with open arms and showed us through his lovely collection of Caddies. Of course our troop were gob-smacked on seeing all then there Cadillac's. Richard's first offering is a 1957 Eldorado Brougham all in fantastic original order. Next in the line-up of beauties is 1961 Panorama Coupe, 61 Coupe DeVille, 57 Eldorado Biarritz Coupe [a project still in the making] and then for the grand finale is that sensual & sexy 49 Series 62 Club Coupe.

Needless to say our guests are tripping out big time and are very grateful to Richard on allowing us a glimpse of his wonderland of Cadillac's. We thanked Richard for his warm hospitality and bid him farewell. On the way home the conversation



## TARANAKI - Hi Ron >>WINTER MAINTENANCE<<

Hope all's well at your end with winter closing in. I thought I might note a couple pre winter or general comments to be considered with our cars.

**MANUAL FUEL PUMPS** - Consideration should be given to manual fuel pumps that have not been looked at for some years. [ Talking from experience ]. The manual pump bolted to the engine block which operates a cam which drives the rubber diaphragm inside the pump and over time that rubber diaphragm is subject to wear. Should that Diaphragm start to leak or become perished, it will drop fuel into the sump causing a break down in your engine oil. Obviously causing a major bottom end disaster and possible motor seizure.

A easy quick check my removing either the pump from the engine block or if you have a flanged screwed top cover remove the screws and inspect if all good reinstate.

A replacement diaphragm or pump is not overly expensive, however make sure like for like when replacing as the finger on the pump that drives of the cam can be different.

**Tyres** - As winter is here tyres can be a major concern and it's at times the last thing we think to check.

A quick look at the outer side is not enough and more issues are around the inner side which is blocked from view.

Things to be aware of is old hard rubber that has been on your vehicle for years is a real risk as flexibility has been lost. Also small bubbles in the side wall is a warning not to mention tread wear on the inner side of the tread pattern.

Care and removing each wheel to inspect would be a good maintenance prevention.

Ron thought this may be of interest to our members.

[Excellent Ian. It would be grand to have a regular maintenance reminder to Kiwi members. In the US, a number of CLC clubs have a 'Caddy Clinic' (event) with tune-ups and other 'fix-its'. Can anyone else a winter maintenance tip? Ed]



## Tripping Around...the Hinterland...

Well what another great couple of days to report. The weather continues to be sunny and warm in the mid to high 30s - just how we Kiwis like it! We head out into the country this time, ride on a 'everglade-type boat' and take in the delights of an upmarket Distillery, what a way to finish the day! Then in Saturday it's 'Show Day' when all the Caddies and LaSalles come out to shine and did they ever! A great display finishing up at the club for dinner.

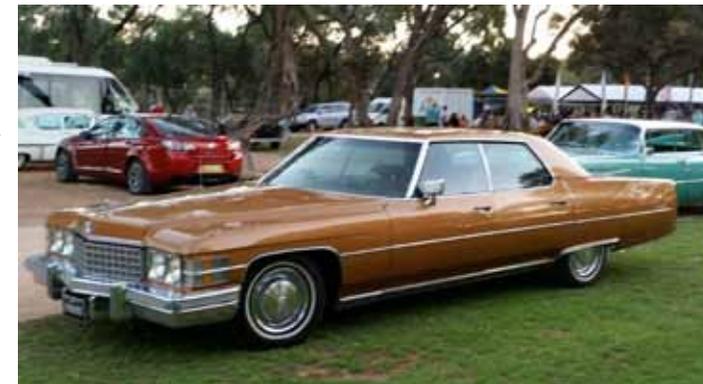
### Event Day Three – Friday 23rd March:

Yawn, its 6am again and another early 8am start. The convoy is travelling approx. 80+km today to Lake Bonney in Barmera – very inland. We have to catch a car ferry on the way – all part of the scenic route. At Lake Bonney a very well organised morning tea is laid on, offering punnets of local fresh fruit salad no less (yum – sounds like me) or you can choose from a range of cakes like Steve did. The street alongside the Lake was closed off just for us and it made for a very safe and pleasant walk about and relaxing time.

Then off again to either the town of 'Berri' (not far from Renmark) for lunch and a ride on an 'Everglades boat' (just like we used to see on the *Gentle Ben* TV show if you are young enough like me to remember) or back to the Renmark Hotel for lunch and a ride on PS Industry, a paddle steamer.

Being the consummate Kiwi adventurers', we both opted for the grunt of the Chev 350cu powering the Everglades boat. Yes very cool, not wet but plenty of warm air blowing past the headphones we all had to wear (to lessen the noise factor) as we dodged and darted our way down the Murray River amongst the reeds, ducks and alligators – so we were told, but we did run over something that sounded like something's hard back!

Again at about mid-afternoon members can choose a venue for dinner. Some go on another Party Boat whilst we head out for dinner and 'tasting' at the 23rd Street Distillery just out of Renmark – so not far away from our base. This very modern upmarket complex is a real asset to the town as well as an income earner and employer to the local community. Their product isn't bad either sporting wines and spirits. It was so warm we chose to have dinner outside – again another well catered-for affair courtesy of the local Lions [I have been to a number of Australian events and at almost every venue the local Lions club (or similar) food-cater for a Caddy event and there are three winners – members enjoying the food, the club not having to worry about the catering and the Lions club earning income from the event]. Mid evening it's a wrap and we head back to base for the customary 'days discussion over a cold refreshment or two (dozen)!'



At left is the 'Everglades boat' we rode in. It was very buzzy and so loud everyone had to wear ear muffs! Above, top - there were plenty of variations of pink Caddies at the event. Middle, lovely 'Bronze Whaler!' Another pic from Lake Bonney. Yes we really did have the whole street to ourselves!



## Tripping Around...the Hinterland and beyond...

**Event Day Four – Saturday 24th March:** Yep, it's an early rise again, but only to see all event Caddies and LaSalle's gather in their year-groups and departing Enroute to the 'Show and Shine' just down the road so to speak outside the Renmark Hotel and Renmark Club where the street has been closed off, just for us! Military precision organisation by Ian Roberson – terrific job Ian! We could have walked but it's warming up again and we elect to take the bus down.

Plenty of time to wander the local shops, look at the Caddies and LaSalle's and make our choices for what will be the winners at the formal Sunday dinner. Steve and I are lucky enough to be invited to 'sit in and observe' Club Officers formal meeting, excellent it was too. It's good to observe how others handle the formalities of the 'behind the scenes' that always keep the club wheels turning! That night we joined everyone for dinner at the 'Art Deco-look' Renmark Hotel for fun, the silent auction and just a grand 'ol time! Oh, dear another late night or should that read, 'early morning!'

>>Last instalment comprising of Day's Five, Six and Seven in our next issue if FINZ!

### 1929 La Salle Phaeton by General Motors USA

This powerful automobile of its day, powered by a Flathead V8 5 Litre engine was imported into Perth March 21st 1929 by a wealthy landowner and business man. The La Salle was sent to Kalgoorlie in the early part of the 1929 Depression. It remained in the Goldfields and in its final years carried Licence plate number B-492.

Bill Forsyth of Esperance restored the car when he rescued it from its final resting place, at a Property in Gibson south of Kalgoorlie in the early 1960's. After many years of restoration the car won first place in Rally West in 1979 and Vintage Car Of The Year - VCC WA. It was purchased by a Sydney Lawyer and remained in Sydney for over a decade. The car was eventually purchased in 2015 by Les and Helen Moss of Geraldton WA who set about a second restoration.

The car won, out of 130 entries, "Entrance Choice Award" in Rally West in Geraldton 2017. It was again awarded for the second time "Vintage Car Of The Year 2017". The remarkable and eye catching automobiles, at the time, were rated best looking car in the World, were rapidly replacing the horse drawn carriages, which at the time, still being built by this cars carriage maker "Fisher". Some of the Carriage style in this automobile can be seen in Fishers La Salle bodywork. Thus term "Phaeton" open carriage Roman times.

It has a colourful and important part of Western Australia's Goldfields and motoring history. No expense has been spared in ensuring the car is presented in its 1929 original condition and colours.



Amazing 1929 LaSalle was as good as it appears in the photos here, It could easily driven through a 'time warp!'



## Tripping Around...Renmark and beyond, Event Day One and on... Event Day Three & Four - Photo spread:

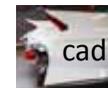


Irwin and Bev Sinclair trailered their wonderful '39 Cadillac 60 Special Sedan but took it out on events - cool!

BELOW is Ian and Alma Robertson's so good 1940 Cadillac Series 62 Coupe. There was an outstanding collection of vintage Caddies and LaSalles!



There were nice rides everywhere! This lovely '56 is owned by Marcus Gropel of CLC in Victoria. Inside was very original too.

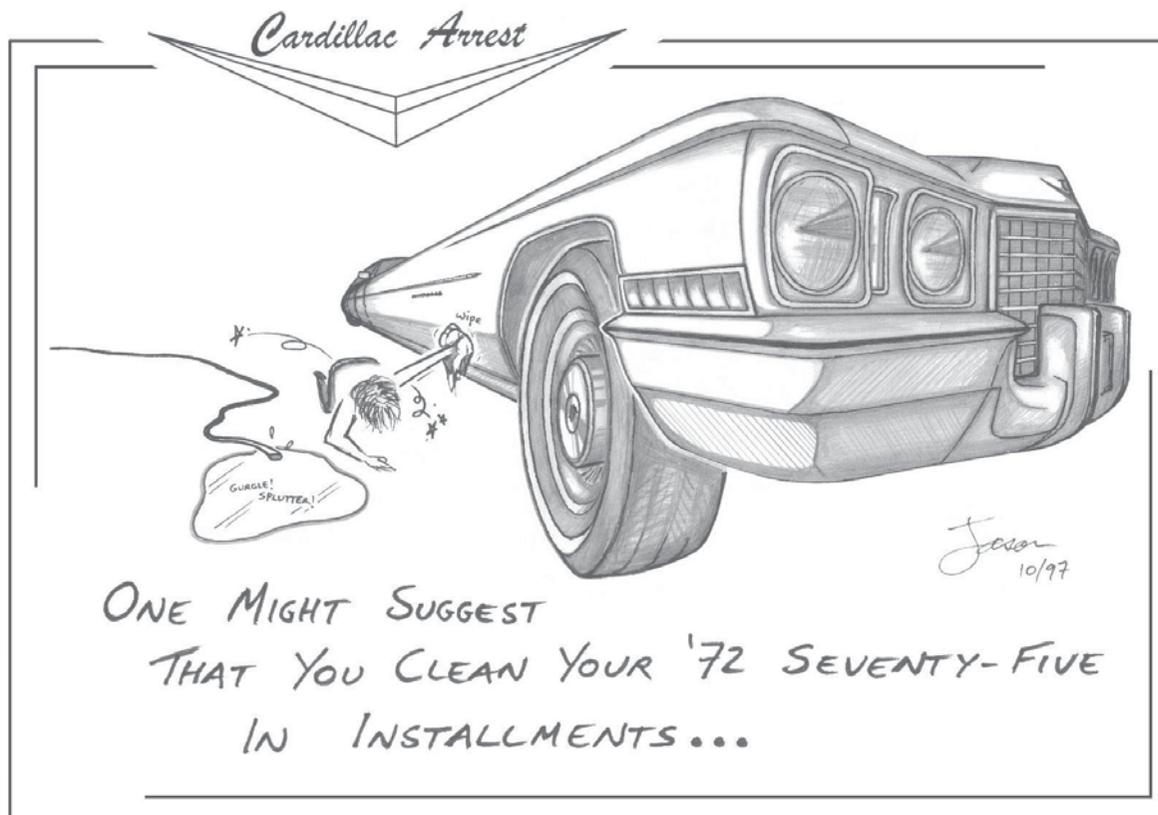


**FINZ Special feature** - Who remembers these NZ-drawn cartoons from over two decades ago? The creator, Jason Curry remains a loyal member of our CLC NZ club and has consented to allow a 'retro re-run!' Here's the first of many, and thanks to Jason for allowing the re-print - Ed



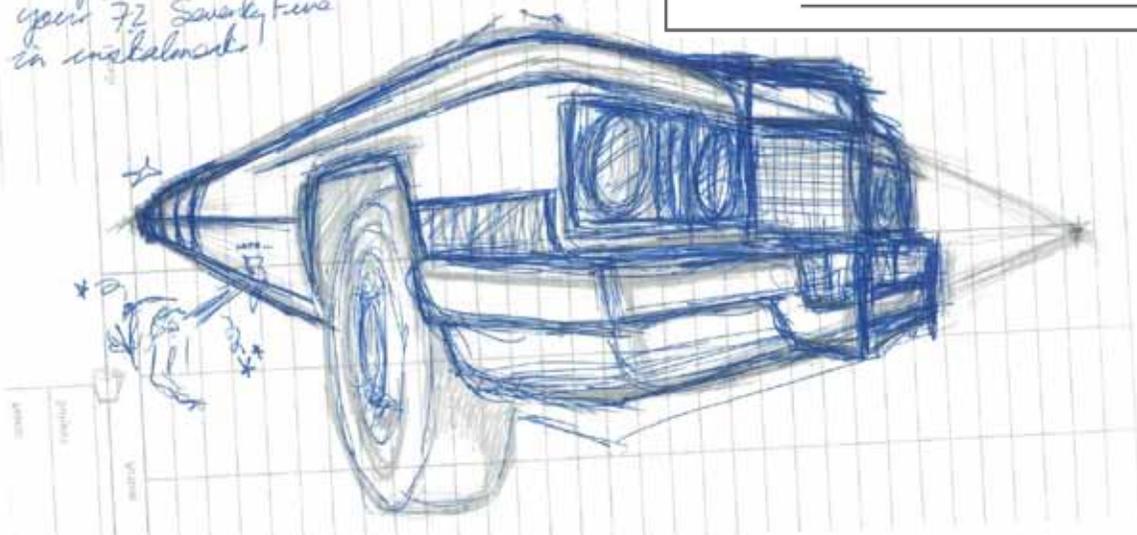
Throughout the late nineties, the CLC(NZ) Magazine published a monthly cartoon created by member Jason Curry.

Twenty years on, we look back on some of the highlights of the series with the very best of *Cardillac Arrest* ☐



One might suggest that you clean your '72 Seventy Five in instalments

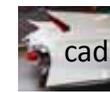
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# Our Global FAMILY

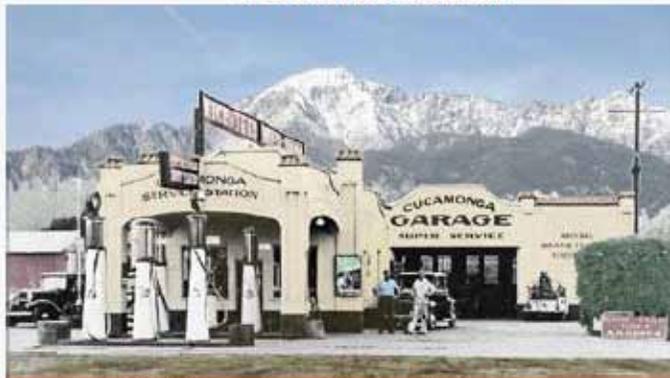
**CANADA** - Lorne Scott from our CLC Canada prints and distributes an awesome e-mag each month and the article at right and below caught my eye. It is Lorne's son and daughter-on-law he refers to! Re-printed with permission - Ed

Isn't it great what your kids will do for you? My Son and Daughter-in-law captured these photos at an unexpected car show find while on holidays on a Las Vegas/Laughlin/Route 66 trip recently. Many thanks Tina and Ron!!!



Hi Cadillac Friends,  
These pictures were taken in Laughlin at the Avi Resort and Casino, [www.avicasino.com](http://www.avicasino.com) and the car show was called "Bassin out at Forbidden".  
Have a great day, Regards, Tina and Ron Scott- Victoria BC.

## Old Service Stations



OK, Where is CUCAMONGA??

Rancho Cucamonga is a suburban city situated at the foothills of the **San Gabriel Mountains** in **San Bernardino County, California**. It is located 37 miles (60 km) east of Downtown Los Angeles.



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*Your favourite pic!*

Marie & Brian Gillett's beautiful Burgandy '61

## **Marie & Brian's 'Sparkling Burgundy' 1961 Coupé de Ville story by Marie & Brian Gillett**

Our 1961 Coupe de Ville. Her new price was \$5252.00 off the factory floor. This car was model no 6337 of Coupe de Ville's made. She was found in the state of Washington USA. She was brought into New Zealand by Ian Currie of New Plymouth and was first here registered on the 13th of July 1993. Then in September 1993 the car was purchased by Mark & Noeleen Souber, Taranaki club members with the mileage of 69856 miles on the clock. The exterior of the car was off white in average condition the interior was light blue and very well worn, the back seat was so worn that we believe it had to been owned by a family with many kids. The backseat springs are still a point of conversation. From 1993 to the year 2000 normal maintenance was kept up on the car. In 2000 Mark and Noeleen decided to improve the interior of the 61 Cadillac. Ray Inwood was enlisted to do the painting. He painted her dash and the hood lining then her steering wheel had a makeover. Ray made a fantastic job, he is a very skilled tradesman, and a Taranaki club member. From there she went to the upholsterer Tidytrim and the front and back seats were transformed with the Cadillac emblem embroidered into the armrests of the seats, her interior looked amazing it certainly transformed her. Marie and I got to know some Taranaki Cadillac members and they started to move into our hearts, we also started to fall for the cars they drove. I would look in wonder at how could they form the rear guards of the 61 Cadillac, such wonderful lines she had, and those fins wow! Such a large piece of steel in one sheet.

We joined the Cadillac club 2002 and participated in many Taranaki club cruises.

We were enjoying the friendship of club members and loved riding in or travelling behind the 61 Cadillac eyeing up the fins. We were heading to states with three other couples from the club. I spoke to Mark about selling one of his cars to us, I said you can't drive two cars and if you do sell us one I won't need to look for one in America. He said, yes he would sell us the 61 Cadillac and he kept his lovely 56 Coupe for them.

In July 2005 we paid a deposit for her and paid the rest when we returned from six weeks in the States.

Now owning her we continued to enjoy more Cadillac cruises and made regular trips to the AGMs and what a car to drive. She is a luxury car that looks and performs well and a dream to drive. She has become part of the family. In 2011 we gave her a makeover. We employed Keith Steele another wonderful Naki members to do the work. Her body was taken back to the bare metal exposing her private parts and a big dent in her hood. I stripped all her bumpers and the chrome work off that needed re-chroming and the rest went off to Keith's shed. For the next five months Keith did an amazing job on her, stripping her down to bare metal. Keith toiled away day in day out, after four months she was ready for the paint shop. She was trailered down to the paint shop in Hawera, because the cops were ready to pull Keith over for driving while sitting on a nail box, as he had been caught before. I supplied her paint as I have a son that sells car paint in Melbourne. While over there visiting family, I helped mix the eight litres of Sparkling Burgundy.

We sent it over by plane, the cartage was more than the paint. Never mind it was great to mix my own paint.

The paint went on her, and back to Keith's shed for her to be put back together, and we were glad Keith new what he was doing. Just before we got her home Keith had his 70th birthday party in his shed, he had put her up on the hoist, and wow!!! I couldn't keep my eyes off her, the sparkling burgundy glistened. She arrived home in December 2011 and put in her shed with her new cover Marie made.

The next major work has been a full recondition of the automatic transmission. She has now got 105,000 on the clock and running well.

Life goes on and we continue to enjoy driving her around in her new pristine condition.

Marie and Brian Gillett

PS - Next month we will look at the resto that was done. Ed

# Miss Lane

## Miss Lane's Pin Board

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<Beverley Clay, aka 'Marilyn'



Tauranga Armitage Hotel

Here we go CLC'ers. **Mark your diaries NOW.**

Tauranga, 12th-14th Oct. 2018.

Theme is "Salute to the 60th Diamond Anniversary of the US CLC".

Ladies = 'Diamonds are a girls best friend' and Men, = 'Diamonds are Forever'.

Dress accordingly for the Saturday 'Theme night'.

See attached form for more details including early accomodation booking instructions. Registration form NOW ATTACHED. See you there [Regards BoP Event

Organising Commitee]. PS - Our thanks to Beverley Clay of CLC Australia, aka 'Marilyn' - will she be there?



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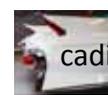
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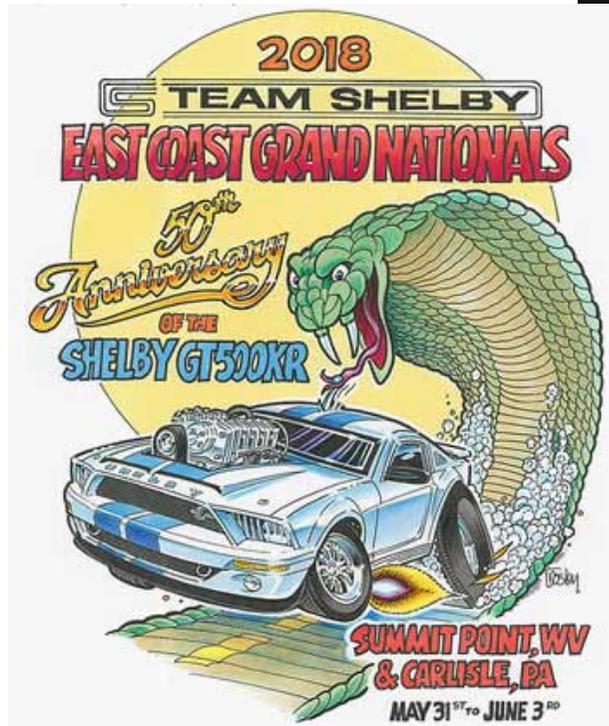
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## CLC Grand National - Jun 5-9, 2018 San Marcos, TX



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- > May 31st to June 3rd Team Shelby East Coast Grand Nationals , PA, USA
- > June 5 - 9th, CLC USA 'Grand Nationals', San Marcos, Texas
- > October 12, 13, 14th - CLC NZ Cadillac Nationals, Tauranga



Because I visited the Shelby Factory in Las Vegas when André and I were there in 2016, I regularly receive their emails. I thought I would share the groovy cartoon at left. Hey Jason - what could you create for our Tauranga Caddy Nats? Ed.  
<http://www.teamshelbynortheast.com/upcoming-events/>





# Tail lights



WOW - when I saw Yann's email I knew it *had* to be on this month's 'Tail Lights' page! What ever happened it Yann? Ed

