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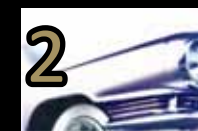


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*Inside 'COVER Caddy' - CLC Germany member Chris Rosener's fab Eldo custom convertible. 'Poster edges' image by Ed*

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# Rendezvous!

## F O R E W O R D

Hi all. We here at the bottom of the world were clear of Covid-19 for over 28 days in a row and then two people from the UK flew into NZ and were granted an exemption on compassionate grounds to attend a family funeral and turns out they were 'positive!' Hence we now have two more cases. Mind you we are better off than much of the world and as result we are almost back to normality at 'Alert Level 1' meaning we can go for a cruise, attend an event, go anywhere we wish bearing in mind our 'borders' are closed! Be that as it may, we have another jam-packed issue of stories and plenty of pictures mostly in full colour.

Fred's old memory salutes the 'Tucker' with pics and a video  
For the first time in several years, the CLC NZ is running another of it's famous 'July 4th Weekends' . Read about what's in store PLUS details of the 2020 Annual NZ Cadillac Nationals to be held in Raglan this year - organised by your National Executive.  
There's a great article on a fabulous LaSalle. Sure looks good in colour! And an interesting story about our 'Cover Caddy' and how it moved around the world before finally residing in Germany. And it's an interesting rare model too.

For a bit of light relief check out Charles Phoenix. Not only does he have some terrific old car videos to see, he certainly is passionate about anything Americana. He should be invited to New Plymouth one year by John Rae!

The local BoP crowd get out on a 'Covid-Breaker Cruise' around town.

Have you ever heard of 'Johansson Gauge Blocks?' Read about them here and their connection to Henry Leland

And you must of heard about the amazing Cadillac Mirage Sport wagon?

And a 'Feel-good' story is always a warm fuzzy read. Check out the 'Black Trans Am story'. Those that remember Enid and Brian Service ('Mr. & Mrs. CLC Auckland region!') owned one years ago. Great example too, 'flying chicken' and all!

With better 'Alert Level days ahead', safe cruising out there with sanitiser, maybe gloves and a happy disposition! Until next month, the August issue will feature 'Big Al' - who ever he is! The article is a "goodie!" Best regards, Ron - Ed

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

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# Fred's FAMILY of old cars!

In Memory of Fred Bausch, here's a couple of pages of memorable old rides! Ed

Deal and Davie Oldsmobile – Cadillac – GMC  
Another pic from 1107 Main St. in Susanville, CA, with more images taken in 1952. Last issue it was photos of a 1952 Cadillac Coupe in the dealership's showroom and parts department. The series of three buildings visible in these photos have survived. Photos courtesy of the UC Davis Library.



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# Fred's FAMILY of old cars!

Rainy day in Philly pic Wissahickon Drive Traffic Jam Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This featured "Philadelphia Evening Bulletin" press image was taken by Joseph Wasko on April 18, 1957, near the scene of an accident on Wissahickon Drive to document "Traffic Congestion" in the City. What appears to be the Wissahickon Creek is visible on the left side of the photo. The newest vehicle visible is a 1957 Plymouth two-door sedan at the head of the right-hand lane, the second car in the left-hand lane two is a 1956 Pontiac. The majority of the other vehicles visible in the photo date back to the earlier 1950s. Photograph courtesy of the Temple University Libraries.



Pastel-Colored 1950s Cars at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino. Mobster "Bugsy" Siegel constructed the Flamingo Hotel and Casino "The West's Greatest Resort Hotel" on the Las Vegas Strip and opened it for business on December 26, 1946. In this pic, fast forward about ten years to this view that was taken in the mid-to-late 1950s of the complex and it includes the famous "Champagne Tower" on the far right complete with bubbles and neon lights. The front row in the parking lot makes "Sin City" look like a GM town. Other than the 1956 DeSoto convertible third from the left of the photo, all for the other vehicles in this line are manufactured by General Motors. Note the pink or salmon-colored Cadillac convertible on the far right with what appears to be a "Carson Top." Photograph courtesy of the UNLV Libraries.

The two FORDS, Model N and Model A. 22 years apart. This image (at right) dating to the 1928 car model year was taken on the street in front of Lee Bigelow's Ford Agency in Aberdeen, WA. The car on the left is a 1906 Ford Model "N", and on the right is a 1928 Model "A" Ford sport coupe purchased by Doctor Chamberlain.

Oliver Motor Co. Chrysler – Plymouth Dealership Columbia, South Carolina features images from 2101 Main St. in the mid 1950s. The 1955 or '56 Plymouth sedan on the far right of the lead photo has a license plate dating to 1958, so it is assumed that was the year the photo was taken. In addition to selling Chrysler Products Corporation automobiles, the 1958 City Directory lists the sales agency as handling Chris Craft boats. Photograph courtesy of the Richland Library.



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1950 Fords Shipped by Barge on the Mississippi River. There are a number of interesting images of vehicles being shipped by barge on rivers although the two photos below taken close to ten years apart, show the dramatic changes in automobile styling in that short period. The black and white photo below contains 1949 Ford cars being pushed by a boat that was taken on August 19, 1949, on the same river. Arthur Witman photograph courtesy of the State Historical Society of Missouri.



Slip Sliding Away in Rochester, New York. Image taken in the mid-1960s in Rochester, New York. The vast majority of the automobiles in the photo of rush hour in Rochester date to the 1960s, although at least two of the vehicles date to the 1950s. Up front a '60 Rambler Super, a '66 Pontiac 4-door HT, maybe a '64 Falcon, a '56 Pontiac convertible and a '62 Chevy. The second '50s car seems to be a '59 Ford wagon seen over the top of the '56 Pontiac. In the lane to the right a '66 LTD, a '63 Chevy 4-door sedan, either a '62 or a '64 Nova Sport Coupe, a '66 Mustang, a VW, a '65 Chevelle sedan and a '65 Dodge Dart wagon. Going the other way a '64 F-85 Cutlass Holiday Coupe, a '63 Ford Country Sedan, a '62 Plymouth Savoy sedan, a 1st-gen Corvair Monza Coupe and a '65 Cadillac Calais or de Ville 4-door ht. behind a '63 Ford Galaxie sedan which might be beside a likely '57 Chevy sedan...the roof alone says mid-50s Chevy. Two cars beyond the '63 Galaxie looks like a '59 Olds Holiday Sport Sedan. Photo courtesy of Auto Photos.



Rare Sight During World War II In A Philadelphia Parking Lot. This press photo taken on August 9, 1943, shows motorist's reaction due to a rationing board act aimed at easing driving restrictions in the Philadelphia area. World War II gas rationing had left most big-city parking lots empty due to non-essential drivers only receiving three gallons of gasoline per week, which for the most part ended commuting to work by automobile. This 24-hour parking facility located at Juniper and Locust Street in the City was filled close to capacity due to drivers abandoning trains and busses and using their cars. Typical of many large lots at the time, while a vehicle was parked, one could arrange to have a chassis lubrication performed, the car washed, and the gas tank filled. Today the lot remains a parking facility with a modern four-story parking garage. The photo is courtesy of PhillyHistory.



Model "A" Fords To Go This load of three new 1930 Model "A" Fords is on a semi-trailer manufactured by the Taylor Truck-a-Way Co. of Los Angeles, CA. At the time, a rig of this type was used for local and regional transport, and long-distance transport of automobiles was handled primarily by train. The invention of the semi-trailer is attributed to August C. Fruehauf and Otto Neumann. Photo courtesy of the USC Libraries.



# Fred's FAMILY of old cars! TUCKER special!

The following spectacular collection is indeed very special for TUCKER fans like me and you...!

Exclusive: Original Tucker Prototype Photos - The late Jerry McDermott was a professional photographer in the Chicago area who took these images of a Tucker mockup and a prototype chassis, which were provided by the Automaker for pre-production articles by the press and others. The touched up, and copy-ready three-quarter side view and the rear chassis photos below were used by the New York Museum of Science and Industry for an advertisement announcing the August 1947 appearance of the prototype. The Museum was located in the RCA Building in Rockefeller Center in New York City. Thanks to Jerry McDermott, who shared these original photos by his father with us. He accompanied him to the photoshoot in Chicago along with his brother. Prototype show chassis with the original flat-six engine that was not used in the production car. The press photo (below) is dated June 29, 1948, showing the Tucker engine assembly line and its workers. The original design for the Tucker engine design was not used for production, so Tucker ended up modifying the Franklin air-cooled flat-six which was made by Aircooled Motors. This 334 c.i. 166 h.p. engine was originally intended for use in the Bell Model 47 helicopter. Tucker's engineers made a number of changes to this engine including liquid-cooling to make it compatible for automobile use. After successful testing, Tucker bought Air Cooled Motors for a reported \$1.8 million and canceled the aircraft contracts. Since this appears to have been an established assembly line it is possible this photo was taken at the Aircooled Motors plant. At the bottom of the post is a two-part color film produced by the Tucker Public Relations Department. [Cool video - Ed] <http://theoldmotor.com/?p=31273>



*Colour images are from amazing video. At left, Tucker gets covered in champagne! Great pic of a groups of Tuckers almost in a stampede! At right, great close to the road photography for the time - Ed*





# Our Global FAMILY

GERMANY - Chris Rosener writes: From time to time I like to scan the 'WorldWideWeb' for nice, interesting Cadillacs. So in January I saw an Ad about a nice 'Sea Mist Green' Cadillac Eldorado from 1997. But converted to a convertible in the past. I saw pictures from this kind of car, but never saw one in real life. From the first picture I liked this shape when the Top is down. So I decided to look at the car and maybe buy it. I called the owner and we made a date in the evening. I know, when you want to buy a car, don't look at it in darkness, the wet, inside or freezing temperatures. But I wanted to see this rare car first, before other people got a chance to look at it. But the Owner didn't have time to prepare it! We had to wait for the road assistance, because the battery was flat. The Eldorado was sitting since October under Trees! Bad, really bad. But I saw the beauty under the coat of leaves, Bird droppings and green stuff on the canvas top..! (On relection, on the sour of the moment I decided to rescue this Cadillac, but I didn't know it at this time) With help from the 'ADAC' (not 'ACDC') the German road assistance as got it going. After a nice short test drive, no mechanical issues popped up and we talked about the price and on a handshake, sold!

## A CADILLAC GOES AROUND THE WORLD!



To bring home the new family member I asked my Nephew 'Daniel' to help out. So, two days later we made a start to Frankfurt/Main and the drive home was a great fun for me. I was able to check the car on the German Autobahn (and for Daniel, he got to drive my 98 STS. His daily driver is an Audi 80, built in 1993, so he knows how to drive older cars). It also gave me an opportunity to compare the coach-built Eldorado convertible with my other Cadillac and my stock Eldorado from 2000. I found that the structure of the open Eldorado 'moves' more than my 2000 Eldorado and my 1956 Cadillac convertible Series 62. Ok, the magnetic suspension is harder than the soft ride from my '56. The coach builder welded two big crossbeams under the 1997 Eldorado (and not built by Cadillac) but the quality of the conversion was good enough for Cadillac, that they allowed the 'Coach Builders Limited' company from Florida to sell these cars with a few Cadillac dealers in the country. With a hefty premium about 15.000 to 25.000 Dollars on top of the standard car price, I needed to purchase this Eldo too...! They converted about 600 Eldorados from 1996 to 2002. Thats the reason for the price range and that these cars today are really rare.

Now this is what made the car so extraordinary for me. While I counted the money on a table in Frankfurt, the foreign owner told me more about the history of the car. This car was sent from California to Australia, then from Australia to U.K.. He bought the Eldo, brought it to Germany and made it street legal in 2019. He showed me the contract from California with the Name of the Australian buyer. After checking the Aust. Club Membership Directory I found the members email address and I asked him about pictures and maybe a good story about the Eldo from 'Down Under!' No reply after some days, but I told a good friend of mine, 'Ian Robertson' from Adelaide, about this new family member and send him pictures. He replied fast and told me he knows the car and sat in it in the past! Even better, he knows the foreign owner 'John Cooper' and will visit him in the next week. A week later I got an Email from John with pictures and a small story from my new family member visit South Australia! For me, 'A Good Cadillac Never Gets Lost'. This Caddy is also a small antidepressant, due to my trip to Mudgee/Australia being cancelled. and meeting Ron Zahn and my many good Friends there Down Under... Chris





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## A CADILLAC GOES AROUND THE WORLD!

GERMANY - Chris Rosener amazing Eldo in pics!



A great exposé of photos from Chris. He certainly has a great selection of Caddies (excluding former girlfriends Black '59). Look at the large Cadillac lettering on the garage door - cool eh? Ed



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## A CADILLAC GOES AROUND THE WORLD!

Here's dedication for you! Chris engaged a good friend (who happens to be a pro photographer) to take some pics of his fabulous Eldo rag-top. Way to go Chris and thanks for sending them to me. Pass on my my congrats and thanks to your amazing photo friend - Ron [Ed]



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## COVID-19 Bay of Plenty Break-out Cruise!

TAURANGA - Fine weather, Alert Level 2 and we are allowed to gas up and go cruising! You gotta set these old cars free from time to time or their seals will dry out, hoses perish, fuel goes stale! The cure? Care-takers get on board! So it was decreed that on Saturday 23rd May Members from Bay of Plenty would take their American Iron out to stretch their legs! Nothing lengthy, staying in the boundaries of the city, no hurry, no rush - just cruise, take in the sights and allow these machines exercise themselves in the most mechanical way possible! Thanks to Steve Gill (driving the locally infamous silver Lincoln), Ron (Ed) driving the 'Black Caddy Fleetwood' (both cars owned by members Serge and Lilian d'Elias and cared-for by Ron) with Ron's brother-in-law, Mark riding 'shotgun!' (so to speak); Kevin and Chrstine Condor in their red '60 convertible and Graham and Lois Thrupp giving their gorgeous '66 Thunderbird a run. Interestingly enough all the cars were from the same 'Cadillac/Lincoln/Ford - Family tree!' We covered some 60+ Km's, enjoyed the sun, the scenery and a nibble at the end. To more cruising in Level 1! Ed



*Scenes down at Sulphur Point Marina with our 'land yachts' amongst the more traditional yachts!*

*Steve found what may have been a 'Coffee-caravan' to tow - it even had matching wide-whitewalls!*

*We could have called it 'Cadillac Coffee-time!'*





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## COVID-19 Bay of Plenty Break-out Cruise!



*Mount in the background and a thousand masts!*



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AUSTRALIA - Hi Ron. Another very interesting Finz Magazine. You certainly publish some interesting reports from round the world. Thanks very much for the posting about my 1938 Cadillac Limo in the last Finz magazine . I guess this model is rare in your country as there were very few brought into Australia. I am currently working hard on the V16 and making slow progress. Perhaps by the end of the year it will be nearer to completion except the trim. Doing the brakes now. Had to remove some lines from the limo as I have lost the originals from the V16. We moved house so that is where they went I think during the move. Fortunately the V16 is very complete otherwise. Keep up your good work mate. Cheers Irwin [Anytime, regards to Bev - Ed]

Hi Ron . Thanks again for all your dedicated work for our wonderful Cadillac family, and thanks for your support for Gudie and myself ,we appreciate your dedication. Regards Chris and Gudie [Thanks guys, my pleasure - Ed]

AUSTRALIA - G'day Ron, Thanks for the update. Good to see that you are eventually going to have a COVID 19 exit club run. I was reading through your magazine, and noticed the article from Christoff saying that Cadillac in Switzerland had Metric Speedos, but Imperial Odometers. My '72 Eldo has now been fitted with a Metric Speedo from Cadillac, and it has a Metric Odometer as well. It came out of a '73 from Canada. Bruce Reynolds, Tasmania

Hi Ron. Another great read ,many thanks for all your hard work. Hope your doing ok look forward to hearing from you next issue good health and good lovin. Kind regards, Chris and Gudie

Hi Ron, I hope you are well. Your June magazine is another great read. I have been watching the old episodes of The Rockford Files, which aired from 1974 to 1980, starring James Garner. I always liked him and it is great seeing the cars of that era. He drives Pontiac Firebirds and every episode has many cars. It is nice spotting Cadillacs. Did you ever see the show? Seeing Los Angeles in that time period is a stark comparison as to how it is now. Best regards, George Akele. [Hi George. Yes, I remember the Rockford Files with James Garner. We have two 'oldies TV Channels' and Jim was on last year. I love his bronze coloured 'Firebird Esprit' and of course being the era, one gets to watch (drool) at all the other old cars which of course are new or nearly new in these episodes! On our 'oldies channel' (called 'Jones') we currently have another re-run of CHiPS and 'The Streets of San Francisco'. A young Michael Douglas stars and he and his partner drive a brand new bronze Ford LTD. The series is full of Ford products as is another Series recently finished and that was 'Barnaby Jones'. He is a private Detective and drives a brand new late 1970s dark chocolate Ford LTD. His daughter-in-law, a red Ford Pinto and his nephew, a pale yellow earlier (like '66) Mustang notchback. Ed]

AUSTRALIA - From John Byrden (Editor 'Sallee Speaks')

*Aussie Invader team's pursuit of 1,000 mph now involves quest to change the FIA's land-speed record rules*

[https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/06/08/aussie-invader-teams-pursuit-of-1000-mph-now-involves-quest-to-change-the-fias-land-speed-record-rules?refer=news&utm\\_source=edaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2020-06-08](https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/06/08/aussie-invader-teams-pursuit-of-1000-mph-now-involves-quest-to-change-the-fias-land-speed-record-rules?refer=news&utm_source=edaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-06-08)

Thanks John. Sure an interesting read. Good on you for flying the Aussie flag! Ed

John also writes : Hi All. Just a heads up. I have access to 1927 LaSalle parts including 4 chassis with running gear, some panels and jewellery enough to build close to two vehicles Of course condition of all is weathered to varying degrees although jewellery is fairly good. So question is, anyone interested in some of these parts If I get an agreement with the owner, I intend to build a vehicle but I will not be storing a lot of these parts as I do not have the room. Please advise of any interest. Regards John Byrden, Editor Sallee Speaks - 3 Otis Place, Eltham 3095 Australia [cjbyrden@gmail.com](mailto:cjbyrden@gmail.com) +61 (0) 423 780 537 Remember "Cadillac Engineering makes LaSalle Supreme"



CLC South Australian member, Ross de Laine sent me this LaSalle pic and I thought it ought to be placed under John Byrden's piece! Ed



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USA - Hi Ron, Just finished reading the June issue of your excellent newsletter "Finz." Another great issue I think! Thanks so much for what you do. Happy motoring, Mark Waterman - McKinney, Texas

From Cadman Joe (Gildea). You just slide across the picture to get the WW2 picture / current picture. - Joe  
Now this is an incredible use of technology - like traveling back in time! Directions: Just click on the photo anywhere and it will become 2014. Click again and it will go back to 1944. Read the notes below each photo. [Very clever - Ed]

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USA - Nice job on the XMTC Ron! The rest of the newsletter is fun to read too. Keep up the good work and Thank you! Tom Maruska, The XM Project

Ron, I don't know how you did 26 pages, but it was great. Stay safe and healthy. Lifer (Bill Levy, CLC North Texas Region)

WOW!!!! Super size. Great issue. :o) Jack Bracx, San Deigo

I like the cover car.....  
Jeff Shively!



more from AUSTRALIA! CLC South Australian member, Ross de Laine sent me this pic of an interesting 'car park stacker'. A pretty creative solution back in the 1950s! Spot the Caddies - Ed

FRANCE - Leland was not only a HUGE part of American automotive history, he set the standard for the world. He knew that to produce parts for his Cadillacs that could be fitted without the use of a machine shop, as was typical in those days, he needed the machines that made the parts to have exacting tolerances. He got to know Carl Johansson, the Swedish tool maker that had come to America and from him Leland bought the first set of Johansson Gauge Blocks, used to set up and check the machine tolerances. That original, first set of Johansson gauges are in the GM Heritage Museum. In Britain the man selling Cadillacs brought about a challenge, three 1908 Cadillacs were test driven, then dismantled, the parts mixed up, then rebuilt. The cars were then tested again, of course they worked perfectly. The British RAC awarded Cadillac the Dewar Trophy. It's often referred to as the standardisation of parts, someone in a magazine (I think) suggested Cadillac had set a standard for the world. Thus Cadillac took the decision to call themselves the Standard of the World. Cadillac won a second Dewar Trophy in 1912 for the introduction of electric starting and lights. No other company won two Dewar Trophies.

I recently bought a Johansson bore-gauge. It'll be recalibrated before being used to measure my own bores. I think that's what Cadillac call a golden thread of continuity?

Paul Bedford, CLC Great Britain member living in France



# Our Global FAMILY

NEW ZEALAND - Auckland - Article submitted by Rex Findlay of Auckland which he saw on [www.caddydaddy.com](http://www.caddydaddy.com) that he subscribes to. To expand on Caddy Daddy, I know a number of NZ and Australian members have sourced parts from this vendor and have personally found them to be efficient, speedy and economic. I recently acquired a fuel pump for fellow members Serge and Lilian d'Elias for their lovely '76 Fleetwood and it fitted perfectly, easy to order, arrived very quickly and cost less than some other places I had 'Googled'. The shipping from USA can sometimes be more than the cost of the item and in this case it was actually quite economical. I was pleasingly surprised. Ron (Ed).



1976 Cadillac Mirage Sport Wagon

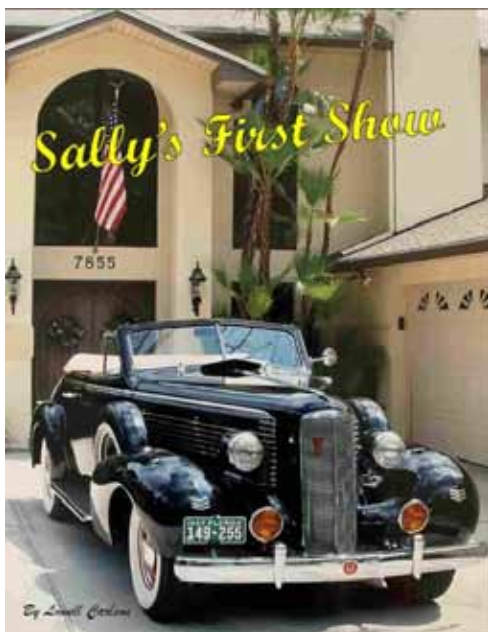
*"This month's featured Cadillac comes from Ross DeVore. His triple black 1976 Mirage Sport Wagon is very unique in many ways. Built by Traditional Coach Works from 1975 to 1976, there were only 120 Mirages made. Evel Knievel had two of these himself and received some screen time in "Viva Knievel!." Gene Winfield, a renowned customizer, spent several years working for TCW, while building these vehicles and other custom builds during the time. Ross believes his Caddy was built for "Speedy Bill" Smith, the founder of Speedway Motors and creator of the Museum of American Speed. This Cadillac holds a stock 500 CID V8 and has white walls with white lettering and salt flats"*



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Amazing articles like this are created  
by the wonderful members of  
The CLC Carolina Region, USA!

I purchased Sally, a mostly restored, partially assembled 1937 LaSalle convertible coupe in October of 2005. She came with 35 boxes of unidentified parts. In the next 12 months, missing parts were ordered and installed; the interior, rumble seat, and top were fabricated and attached.

During that year, we decided to move from Florida to Hawk's Hill, a collector car community in the foothills of North Carolina. Before the move, I needed to sell my accumulation of unneeded parts. I acquired a vendor spot at the 2006 AACA Fall Show near St. Petersburg, FL. The coordinator of the event noticed that I had not registered a show car and asked me several times to bring one of my cars on Saturday. By three o'clock Friday afternoon, traffic at my vendor spot had slowed. I decided to go home, rinse off Sally, and enter her in her first show. After rolling up the driver's side window, I closed the door and cracked the window glass! I had raised the window too far, indicating it wasn't properly adjusted. Oh, well...

The next morning, while driving Sally to the show, the speedometer began to make a loud noise as the red needle began swinging rapidly from 0 to 110 mph. Then the needle flew off into the bottom of the glass! Oh, well... maybe Sally could earn the "Hard Luck" award!

I parked Sally in her designated class location. I rolled down the window with the cracked glass and headed for my vendor spot at the opposite end of the park. At 10:00 I went back to the car to check on the judges. They were nowhere to be found. I went back again at 10:30 and was told the judges were looking for me. I found them, apologized for not being there, and offered to open the hood and the trunk for inspection. I was told, "You had your chance." Oh, well...

At 3:00 I loaded the unsold items into my SUV and walked back to the show field where the awards were being announced. I opened Sally's door and discovered a large trophy on the passenger side of the front seat. It was for "First in Class." Well...!!!



*Sally's First Place Trophies*

I went to the awards area and waited for the awards ceremony to end so I could thank the show's coordinator. The last trophy was for "Best No longer Manufactured Automobile." Well... was I surprised when Sally won first place!!! I thanked the coordinator for his encouragement to show my car and for the unexpected trophies.

*Above Graphic Art by our Friend, Jerry Clemmons*



Sally proudly took me home with her broken window, her broken speedometer, and her two First Place trophies.





# Editor's choice

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

With the Pandemic coming to an end (hopefully) in our part of the world (NZ & Australia) so will the funnies that made us smile during this 'once in our lifetime' period.

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into the house, told my dog . . . we laughed a lot.

The cartoon below has a Cadillac connection



Our friend, John Byrden is always a great source of information and his contribution below is no exception - Ed. Voodoo Magic: how a handbuilt Cadillac-powered sports car was built from scratch. [https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/03/01/voodoo-magic-how-a-handbuilt-cadillac-powered-sports-car-was-built-from-scratch?refer=news&utm\\_source=edaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2020-06-08](https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/03/01/voodoo-magic-how-a-handbuilt-cadillac-powered-sports-car-was-built-from-scratch?refer=news&utm_source=edaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-06-08)

Check out 'Voodoo Magic' below. Looks fab in red - Ed



<<<1959 Cadillac: One of the few cars in which you can practice 6-foot social distancing!

**WELCOME** to NEW MEMBER, Dean Martin of the Taranaki Region. Dean owns a '59 Flat Top We all look forward to meeting and cruising with you Dean. Ed



Have you seen the new Hollywood Movie trailer on Netflix? New to Netflix, new series called 'Hollywood'. Depicted in the 1940s with period cars, fashion, cars, fashion, cars....

[https://www.viva.co.nz/article/fashion/hollywood-costumes/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=edm](https://www.viva.co.nz/article/fashion/hollywood-costumes/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=edm)





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Clarence Dixon Cadillac was at the 1440 Vine St. location until 1974 or 1975, when they moved to their newly-built facility at 5678 Sunset Blvd, remaining in business until 1990. Pic shows '60 with '59 in background postcard.



Fellow member, Kevin Condor from the Bay of Plenty sent me this amazing LINK of one 'Charles Phoenix' who after reading his website is obviously 'Mr. Americana!' This is one fine website, great old car videos and a step back in time. After one video you too will say "Oh, I know.....!" What car does this amazing steering belong to? Go to [www.charlesphoenix.com](http://www.charlesphoenix.com)



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Hi all. I recently read a great article (on my Daily [www.hemmings.com](http://www.hemmings.com) Email feed) about 3D creator, Dan Palatnik and his creative car art. Amazing illustrations and so real-life like (check out Norseman image and '56 Chev ensemble at right). The 'lost Norseman' is certainly great to ponder over and one can see elements that later made their way into future Mopar designs. One of my favs is the 2 door Kaiser. Beautiful lines and look at those tail-lights! Ed [https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/05/31/filling-in-the-blanks-of-automotive-history-with-3d-modeler-dan-palatnik?refer=news&utm\\_source=edaily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2020-05-31](https://www.hemmings.com/stories/2020/05/31/filling-in-the-blanks-of-automotive-history-with-3d-modeler-dan-palatnik?refer=news&utm_source=edaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2020-05-31)

Attached to this issue is the NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs (FoMC) latest newsletter. In this bulletin:

- > Greeting from Harry Duynhoven (President)
- > AGM date: Sun 2 August 2020 at the Wellington Vintage Car Club, Petone
- > Announcing the nationwide "Victory over COVID-19" (VoC) celebration day for all vehicle enthusiasts over the weekend of 11/12 July
- > Guidance for incorporated societies to produce the COVID-19 QR Code Posters for clubrooms and event locations. Sent by Chris Butler, Secretary 'FoMC'

NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs



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## TECHNICAL & MORE - Courtesy of FoMC, details of WOF disputes and negotiated Ferry Discounts

### INTERISLANDER & BLUEBRIDGE FERRIES DISCOUNTS FOR TRAVEL

Following on from FOMC's AGM in Taupo in May 2019 we have been able to arrange ferry discounts which cover both the Interislander and Bluebridge for FOMC club members through the MotorSport NZ Discount Booking Agent (MSDA) Tony Hirst.

The arrangement includes the following:

1. All bookings made through MSDA are fully flexible discount rated and payment is not required until one week prior to departure.
2. All bookings made through MSDA are fully refundable providing cancellation is made 24 hours prior to departure.
3. All rates are the best available at the point of booking.

To receive these rates and conditions the bookings need to be made by contacting Tony Hirst on 021 726 711 or email: [tony@cookstraitcrossings.co.nz](mailto:tony@cookstraitcrossings.co.nz)

Make sure when booking to mention you are part of the Federation of Motoring Clubs.

Some of the FOMC Executive have used the services of Tony Hirst already and found the rates and service offered by MSDA to be of a very high standard and therefore FOMC are recommending our members support the services offered by MSDA.



**BOOK NOW!**

**BLUEBRIDGE**  
COOK STRAIT FERRIES

### WoF DISPUTES PROCEDURE

by Murray McLean, FOMC executive member and retired vehicle inspector

When your classic pride and joy fails its 6-monthly Warrant of Fitness (WoF) check you have 28 days to rectify the problems and have it re-inspected at the same depot at no charge. If it then passes, you are legally back on the road (provided your rego is still current).

But what happens when your vehicle fails and you don't agree with the WoF inspector's reason for rejecting it? They don't know everything - do they? Is their decision final?



No, and you do have several options available to you.

1. Ask the inspector to show you the failed item and then if you think they may have made an incorrect decision, ask to see the VIRM (Vehicle Inspection Requirement Manual) which is available online. As all WoF inspection premises are required to have an internet connection in order to issue WoF's this won't be an issue.

The VIRM has all the legal specifications and requirements set out, and also outlines the various reasons why an item should be rejected and thus fail.

2. If still not convinced after consulting the VIRM, you can ask for the manager or another senior inspector to provide a second opinion.

3. You can go to another inspection centre (but you will have to pay the fee again) and get them to complete a check. If your vehicle passes the second check you have good grounds for seeking positive resolution of the disputed issue with the original inspection centre.

Most reputable inspection depots belong to the Motor Trade Association (MTA) or similar, and can provide access to a disputes resolution service through an 0800 phone number.

Another avenue for obtaining helpful advice is a Citizens Advice Bureau.

4. The Consumers Guarantees Act also states that a seller or service provider must be given the opportunity to rectify any problems.

As part of the requirements imposed to become an Authorised Vehicle Inspection Centre (AVIC), they are all subject to regular audits by NZTA inspectors. Having a disputes resolution procedure clearly displayed in the inspection premises is part of the audit requirements, along with the names of all the vehicle inspectors working for that inspection centre.

• VIRM: <https://vehicleinspection.nzta.govt.nz/>



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Long time CLC USA Member, Joe Gildea writes: Yellow school buses are a familiar sight on the roads taking students between home and school in any locale and it is the same in at The Milton Hershey School. The private residential school in Hershey, Pennsylvania serves children between the ages of four and fifteen who come from families of low income, limited resources, and social need. To enhance the family home concept, in 1962 modified station wagons designed to hold fourteen students were ordered for intermediate level student homes. The vehicles were regular Chevrolet Biscayne wagons that were sent to Stageway Coaches to be modified into fourteen passenger vehicles. The wagons were cut in two, an additional seat was installed, and then the frame and body was re-welded. In an article from the April 1962 issue of the student produced Spartan, it states that "each station wagon, similar to a family car, is equipped with power steering, power brakes, three-speed transmission, and a 250 horse-power V-8 engine." The fourth and fifth seat folded down so to allow meals could be transported from the central kitchen to the student homes. When asked about the new station wagons in 1962, the School Superintendent stated that the change in transportation "brings to a fuller realization the family organization of homelife created here." Contributed by Cadman Joe (Gildea) USA [I must confess not having seen them before. How cool are they? Enlarge the photo or 'Google' Ed]



## Cadillac & LaSalle Club Potomac Region Caddie Chronicle May 2020



1977 CADILLAC SEVILLE 'PARAKEET'  
BY AACA MUSEUM'S BEHIND THE WHEEL COLLECTION CHRONICLES SERIES

Cadillac is an American classic. The luxury brand traces its roots back to 1902 and has served as a division of General Motors since 1909. Cadillac earned the moniker "Standard of the World" due to a focus on quality and precision. With a career in television and entertainment spanning decades, Betty White is also an American icon. It is no surprise that the two have a history together.

Cadillac debuted the Seville in mid-1975 as a 1976 model. The name Seville was previously used by Cadillac to denote an Eldorado hardtop from 1956 through 1960. In an era of big boulevard cruisers, it was a radical departure for the luxury manufacturer. Designed to compete with contemporary European luxury sedans, the Seville was noticeably smaller. The smaller profile delivered sportier handling and better fuel economy than its predecessors and many contemporaries.

Cadillac marked its 75th Anniversary in 1977 by establishing a new record, selling 358,487 cars. Betty White's husband, TV game show host, Allen Ludden, contributed to that number when he ordered this Seville in a beautiful pastel color, Seamist Green, as a gift for his wife. Sevilles came standard with fuel injection and four-wheel disc brakes. This example still retains its aftermarket floor-mounted AT&T mobile phone.



Photos by the AACA Museum

White affectionately named her beloved Seville "Parakeet." In 2002, she donated the car to the Humane Society for a charity auction. It spent several years as a collector car before its donation to the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA by Nicholas Ferrantino of Houston, TX. The vehicle is currently "adopted" by the Potomac Region, Cadillac & LaSalle Club.

The Museum has nearly 200 vehicles in its world-class collection, and all acquired as donations. Adopting a car helps us preserve and maintain our collection. Clubs or individuals passionate or dedicated to a particular marque of an automobile can show support by adopting a car. [Click here](http://www.clicpotomacregion.org) for more Adopt-A-Car information.

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THANKS to our friends at the Potomac Region, USA for allowing us to re-print this cool article on Betty White's Caddy in which the Potomac Region is the 'Care-taker!' Cool Club members committing to this that's for sure - Ed





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

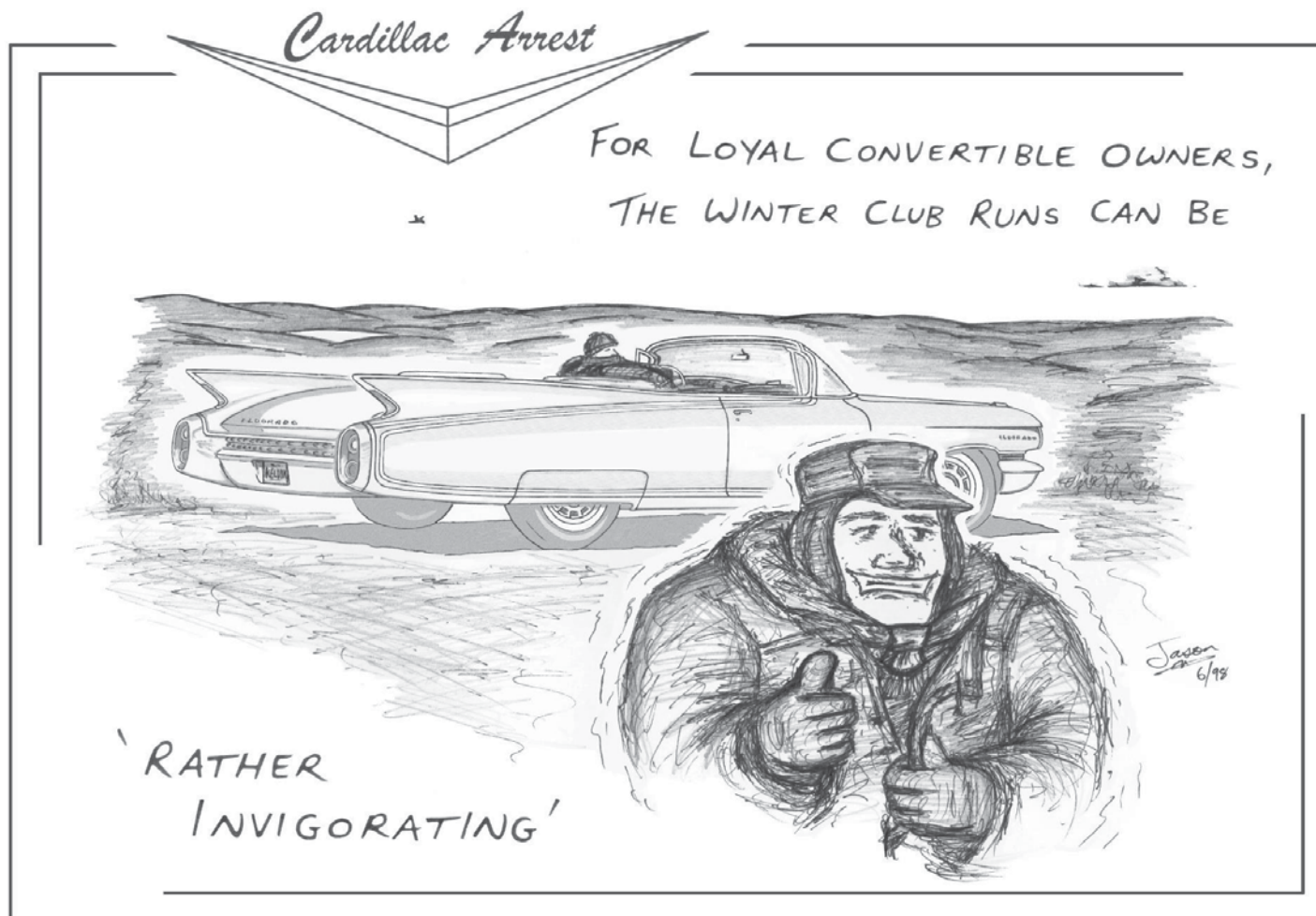
Twenty years on, we look back on some of the highlights of the series with the very best of *Cardillac Arrest*☐



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February 2001



Perfect timing - fond memories of past 4th July weekends! Ed





# Our Global FAMILY

CANADA - Thanks to Lorne Scott at CLC Canada for allowing us to re-print the following very interesting article on Collector cars and more - Ed

The outlook for Classic, Collector and Special Interest Car Prices, does it matter? By Mark Rossi (Courtesy 'The Chronicle' CLC Canada June 2020). What is a Classic Car? The word "Classic" in my dictionary states; first class; acknowledged excellence; outstandingly important. The Classic Car Club of America (CCCA) define it as a "fine" or "distinctive" automobile, either American or foreign built, produced between 1915 and 1948. This suggests a high-priced car when new, built in limited quantities, with custom coachwork and luxury accessories, such as power brakes, power clutch, and "one-shot" or automatic lubrication systems. Few vehicles can meet this standard. Most definitions have an age limit. The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) require the vehicle to be at least 25 years old. In Britain "Veteran" denotes cars built before 1905, "Edwardian" between 1905 to 1918 and "Vintage" between 1919 to 1930; since 2015 vehicles over 40 years old are classed as "Historic" and are exempt from paying the annual Road Tax.

In Europe the International Federation of Historic Vehicles (FIVA) produced a guide "Charter of Turin Handbook" in 2017 and feel that genuine Classic cars should not be used as a means of daily transport.

So called "Oily Rag" Classic cars are fundamentally unrestored, preferably with original paintwork and interior fittings, to maintain a sense of history, but mechanically sound and roadworthy. Interestingly these "barn find" Classic cars, being completely original, can command higher prices than perfectly restored concours examples.

My definition of a Classic Car is a vehicle that an enthusiast chooses to retain and maintain to a level close to the original specifications, beyond its expected life span. Sparingly made, discrete modifications on safety grounds can be accepted. The Acid test may be when an unmodified car first stops depreciating and starts appreciating in value.

The Classic Car classification according to Martin Buckley, an English enthusiast and author, as given in his 1997 book: "The name "Classic" stuck, a useful catch-all, ill-defined genre that in just 20 years or so has blossomed from an eccentric pastime in to a multi-million-pound industry."

The Classic Car movement began in earnest around the late Sixties to early Seventies. As the Classic car hobby expanded, the unsustainable price growth has inevitably led to a decline in prices over the past several years. Other factors are Pollution Legislation denying gasoline propelled cars entry into some cities and banning their sale from 2040. As electric propulsion replaces the internal combustion engine, the availability of gas stations will diminish, making the ease of re-fueling a concern.

For pre-war Classic/Collector cars the demand from senior buyers is falling, as their motoring days are behind them.

Baby Boomers, born between 1946 to 1964, tend to collect Classic cars they remember from the Fifties, Sixties and Seventies. They favour manual transmission, naturally aspirated engine, simple maintenance, no computers so analog instruments and the hands-on driving experience. .

Generation X born between 1965 to 1980, prefer cars from the Seventies to the Nineties, having less regard for originality and embracing modifications, including electric propulsion.

Millennials born in the Eighties to Nineties, do not have the same affinity for Classic cars and many have yet to own a car. Perhaps they are waiting for affordable self-driving electric cars!

Prices are a reflection of how interesting a model was when new, how many were made and remain, competition racing history and celebrity association. Beautiful Classic cars are considered artistic sculptures and can attract staggering prices.

The effect on Classic car prices of the Covid-19 pandemic's impact on lifestyle and altered public transport post recovery, are too early to assess. However, my prediction is that Governments will favour infrastructure changes that persuade motorists to become cyclists and walkers. Maybe our love affair with the automobile is at a tipping point.

Most Classic Car collectors want fun over investment. For me it is trying to recapture the excitement of my childhood, when as a family on Summer Sundays we drove to the coast for a day out. The simple pleasure was undiluted by all the audio-visual, on-board entertainment systems and gadgets that cars of today have!

To the collector the value of a Classic car is measured by the pleasure derived from driving the automobile, "time travel" to a bygone period preserving our cultural motoring heritage, sharing the joy with our passengers and admiring on-lookers, and the social benefits of belonging to a Car Club amongst like-minded folk. In that sense they are priceless. END



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# NZ July 4th Weekend back on again!

*After an absence of several years, our proactive Taranaki Region is organising a July 4th Weekend away >>>>>>>>>Read details below, it sounds as if it will be a blast!*

Hello fellow members! We have planned a trip to Te Awamutu, on the 4th of July. We will leave 3A corner at 10.30, arriving at Piopio for lunch, you can bring your own or have it at 'The fat pigeon' then travel on to the Asure, Albert Park motor lodge where we will stay the night. Tauranga members are keen to meet us here. Those wishing to join us please [book your accommodation at Asure Albert Park motor lodge](#) phone, 07-8702995 rooms held under "B Gillett Cadillac Club". The rooms are only held for 2 weeks, so if you intend coming please book. Petrol hasn't been this cheap for years, so let's cruise. Please email back if you are joining us. Regards - Brian and Marie [biree@extra.co.nz](mailto:biree@extra.co.nz) and 06-75 66 136 or 027-478-1225



## 2020 Cadillac Nats all go!

Great News! Your 'National Executive' has organised this years NZ Caddy Nats to be held in RAGLAN.

Hello folks. The Raglan Sunset Motel and Conference Centre is booked for us **on the weekend of 09 – 10 – 11 October.**

Everyone can phone and make own booking - just mention Cadillac Club. They will hold all rooms for us. Make contact at: 07-825-0050 OR email them today: [book@raglansunsetmotel.co.nz](mailto:book@raglansunsetmotel.co.nz) Breakfasts can be optional, their dining room or down town, or take your own. We will advise details of what we will be up to on the weekend at a later date. It should be a low-cost event, in keeping with the expected change in the economic conditions! Book your diaries and the Motel NOW! (Mine is booked!) More soon. Regards Frances, Club Secretary



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## What's on the FRIDGE?

JULY 4th CLC Weekend and Cruise

Te Awamutu

OCT - 9th, 10th & 11th CLC NZ Caddy Nats -  
Raglan - 'Surf's up at Raglan!'

NOV - 25th - 29th, Beach Hop Whangamata  
Twentieth Anniversary Event

2021 - APR 26th - 30th 'The Golden  
Mudgee Muster', CLC Australian 50th  
Anniversary, Mudgee, NSW Australia  
Email Ron or Steve about attending!

## Stuff -4- Sale

1960 Cadillac Fleetwood parade car this car has been customized to no top. This Cadillac is a be seen kind of car. Great car to be used as a limo, weddings, air bag it. Car has been professionally customized. Trim and upholstery fit perfectly. See pictures for complete view of the car. Sold as is where is with no warranty or guarantee. US\$27,500 Palatine, Chicago. <https://chicago.craigslist.org/nwc/cto/d/palatine-1960-cadillac-fleetwood/7122802427.html>



## Stuff -4- Sale



MAKE AN OFFER PLEASE!

Hi Ron - Could I include this in magazine? \$800.00 and I can transfer entitlement of the personalised plate to purchaser. Bought it years ago with the intention of another Cadillac for me. Wayne's (husbands) plate is PRZLEY. Regards Frances. 027 688 0677 [frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz)

## Wanted <<<

On the hunt for a '65 or '66 Coupe De Ville. Contact Brett. [info@coastalautos.nz](mailto:info@coastalautos.nz) 022-0400646



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