



HOLY SHIT, IT'S AN
ELDO!

RENDEZVOUS!



Hello from a cooler Papamoa this month. Old-man winter is upon us this issue and I expect lots more rain around and a few frosts too as we get into July and August.

Our Annual *Cadillac Nationals* is getting closer and there's a good chance there will be snow at the venue. Take your jumper leads and a tow-rope with you. Hopefully someone may even have a spare (grunty) battery to power up those big V8s!

I for one will not be in attendance this year. For the first time since I joined the NZ CLC, I will miss this year's hi-jinks and AGM. My son's wedding is coincidentally happening on the same weekend as the Nationals so with luck my Caddy will be doing some other duties! Please accept my and Andre's apologies. AND please take lots of photos in my absence and send them to me for use in our annual Membership Directory which has for many years featured photos of the 'just held' Caddy Nats and AGM!

To continue what maybe a record-run, we have the Curry Eldo taking top slot on the cover this month. As usual, Jason has ensured the colour palette perfectly compliments his Caddy. Well done mate! I have two more 'Kiwi Caddy cover images' lined up, so keep them coming. It's likely someone will have a nice pic or more 'snowy images' from the Nats to send me in early October?

Lastly, we again are flattered to share a number of stories and great photos this month from Kiwi members, including a Victoria outing complete with some super photos. Thanks Paul!

Until next month, keep warm, dry and safe. Ron [Ed]



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WHANGAREI DISCOVERIES

Recently, Noeleen and Mark Souber (Taranaki Members) discovered a number of unusual mascots and a real old Cadillac 'Service Car' that used to travel between Wellington and Napier, whilst up in the Whangarei area. Thanks Noeleen and Mark. The Packard Museum has got some cool old stuff. [Thanks for your article and photos - Ed]



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ELECTRIFYING CADDY!

For anyone like me who has tasted the speed and agility of a *Tesla* they will be on the same 'wave-length' (pun intended) as me when it comes to driving these Electric-speed demons! Cadillac fan, Rex Findlay sent me this interesting link for us all to read. The 'Lyriq' is just one of a new lineage of 'Electric Cadillacs' in the pipeline. That will make our own ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) Caddies even more rare and valuable.

From what I read, there will still be petroleum available for another 50 or so years. By then our grandkids (who might inherit your Caddy!) will probably buy some 98-Octane off the shelf in a bio-degradeable package from the Warehouse, or maybe receive it by driver-less Electric Courier truck having ordered it on-line! Click on this <https://www.hagerty.com/media/automotive-history/these-16-automotive-technologies-showcase-cadillacs-pioneering-spirit/> Ed

These 16 automotive technologies showcase Cadillac's pioneering spirit

Larry Printz
28 April 2021

With the Lyriq, [Cadillac's first EV](#) and [the herald of an all-electric lineup](#), GM is once again trying to restore the reputation of its luxury brand. GM has struggled to revitalize Cadillac for the last two decades, and, amid the hype of an electric revolution, it's easy to overlook the innovations Cadillac has already brought to the auto industry.



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THE NAKI SHED & COFFEE RUN!

Our most social Region, Taranaki ventured out during April for what appears to have been a wonderfully interesting jaunt as follows: On an April afternoon the club ventured out with a handful of Cadillacs plus some other nice old cars for a run and looksee at a couple of sheds followed by afternoon smoko. We all tried our best to keep up with Brian the leader in his new (old) car but he was too fast for us. First stop was a farm shed with around 100 old tractors. Maybe not quite 100 but there were a lot. Most going and some have done big road trips all around NZ. All are retired from farm work but occasionally some are used in a local event called the vintage hay day where a bunch of people get out their old tractors and farm gear and put on a working display for the public. Quite neat to see how things were in the good old days. On our way to the next shed we did our best to keep up with Brian to see a collection of old, old tools the sort your grandfather or his grandfather used. All very interesting and clean!! There was a beautiful old wooden workbench beautifully made with dovetails and mitred corners and two wooden vices one, with a hardwood wooden screw drive to open and close the vice. At 350 years old this workbench would have been older than Captain Cook's grandmother or Monsieur Cadillac who found Detroit in the early 1700s. Our last stop was the New Plymouth airport terminal which has undergone a multimillion dollar refurb for afternoon smoko at the café aripreso. Cups of teas and coffees all round with beautiful cakes etc. It was really nice and just when you thought the day could not get any better our old weather man Jim offers us guided tour of the war bird hangar. There was a Russian jetfighter from the Cold war, an early 50s Vampire jet, a couple of Trojans from WW2 and a couple of Russian Yaks. This was a great end to a great day. We are very lucky here as we often see some of these neat old war birds flying in formation and practising aerobatics in the sky out over the sea from the city. Thanks weatherman Jim and Brian and Maree for a great day, Ian Currie. [Thanks Ian & Paula Currie. Another cool day out - Ed]

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< Brian. The sharpest tool in the shed! ^ Mark & Noeleen's amazing '40 < Chrissy & Francis talking tractors > 'Naki crew "hanging around" the War Birds - Ed



CLC VICTORIA - 'LAKES ENTRANCE EVENT!'

The Victorian Region of the Australian Club had a long and relaxed weekend at Lakes Entrance at the end of April, to “make up” for the 2020 Nationals in Mudgee New South Wales, which were postponed for a year, and then subsequently cancelled in 2021 (as the next nationals in Queensland, scheduled for 2022, are fast approaching).

On Friday April 30th, most of the 25 cars and 50 attendees met at the BP Service Centre at Officer, just beyond the outskirts of South Eastern Melbourne, in preparation for our 300km journey to the Tasman Sea. Lakes Entrance is on the South Eastern “corner” of the Australian mainland, and pretty much directly under the flight path between Melbourne and Auckland.

The M1 Freeway allowed us to bypass all of the towns until we got to Yarragon, and after also passing through Trafalgar, Moe, Traralgon, and Rosedale, we took a northward deviation through some pretty country, including the towns of Tinamba and Maffra, before arriving at our lunch stop in Stratford for a well deserved break. After lunch it was onwards through Bairnsdale to Lakes Entrance, where we checked into our accommodation and begun refreshing ourselves and socialising, before all having dinner together.

Saturday morning we went to Nyerimilang Heritage Park, and had a guided tour of the nineteenth century homestead, which was built by a clothing baron from Melbourne, who apparently was also responsible for the creation of many of the (heritage) arcades that we still have in the Melbourne CBD. After our tour and Devonshire Tea we had the opportunity to explore the waking trails and various picnic areas, on the property.

Saturday's lunch was 25 kilometres away in a small town called Bruthen, which I learned that day was the site of a RAAF Sabre (jet) plane crash on 27 November 1958. The engine flamed out at 40,000 feet, and the pilot ejected at 500 feet. This was apparently the first time he had ever used a parachute, and the first time someone had ejected safely from an aircraft in Australia.

>>>Continued



^ Paul Dixon's long-time held '59.
Look at the backdrop!

> What a variety of club Cadillacs.
Note a number of white examples. A
great turnout for sure - Ed



CLC VICTORIA - 'LAKES ENTRANCE EVENT!'



As is always the case, our Australian friends enjoy a wide variety of classic Cadillacs from many decades. Look at the great examples here. Several '59s, a '50, '69, '60 and much more. Another well-supported Regional Event - Ed

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Sunday we drove 25 minutes to Metung where we were allowed to park on the Village Green, which attracted the interest of many locals and visitors alike, whilst we all had lunch at the (rather flash) hotel there, overlooking the water and yachts.

Sunday night the weather took a turn for the worse, it rained very hard, with the overcast and drizzle continuing into Monday, when we visited a large private collection, containing over 5,000 items of memorabilia, including 2,000 military items. The collections ranged from stationary engines to cars, trucks, tanks, firearms, all they way down to household items from eras long gone. The owner had great delight in showing and telling us about some of his favourite items, including some early twentieth century devices that used to be used to cure the affliction of "hysteria" (nudge nudge, wink wink).

Lunch was catered for by the local car club, before we were off to another private collection, this time of sports cars, including three Ferraris, E Type Jaguar, Aston Martin DBS, two Corvettes, Lexus, MX5 and a Lightburn Zeta (which created a lot of interest, despite not being a sports car!). Tuesday we made our way home, at our leisure. As far as our cars went, the oldest was 1953, and the youngest was a pair of 1974s, one sedan and one coupe. There was a great turnout of late 1950's, including four 1959s, with the 1960's well represented, including a pair of late 60's front wheel drive Eldorado's. All in attendance enjoyed catching up with each other during the extended timeframe offered, especially since this was only about our second event since our yearlong "break" from Club activities.

Paul Dixon. 1959 Fleetwood 60. Melbourne, Australia. [Thanks Paul for your article and great photos - Ed]

NZ CLUB HOUSE-KEEPING

Our Club Treasurer, has been informed by the Clubs Bank (ANZ) that cheques will no longer be able to be issued or received by the Club. Hence we are no longer able to accept your cheque for sub renewals. YOU NEED to either Internet-bank your subs or set-up an Auto Payment on the form attached.

Members who have previously paid by cheque should set-up an auto payment NOW (to commence 1st September this year and Annually thereafter) to pay your annual subs. This will alleviate you forgetting to make your internet payment.

For those members affected, an Auto Payment form is attached so you can set it up and take it to your bank NOW to process.

Welcome to our New Treasurer, Grant Davis who previously held the Secretary's role for many, many years (several years ago now) and is a Club Life Member. Great to have you back on the Exec. Grant - Ed

A warm Caddy Club WELCOME to two new members that have recently come on board.

- 1) Andy DEAN of Taranaki who owns a '63 De Ville
- 2) Gerald and Sharon FIETEN of Tuakau (South Auckland) and who also own a '63. Gerald tells me his '63's Auto is missing a gear. Does anyone have any suggestions for Gerald? Maybe other members who own a '63 could help Gerald? geraldfieten@gmail.com

Happy to have you join the NZ Cadillac Family and please email me a pic of your ride so I can share it with all our members.

And it is with regret, I have received the following email:

Hi Ron - I am unfortunately selling my Cadillac and so I am wanting to resign from the club for now. Health and other issues have impacted on my ability to participate but I hope this may change in a year or two. Thank you for all the updates and the few fun things I did manage to come to.

Kind regards, Yvonne Carleton - Auckland

[Hi Yvonne. On behalf of the Club, we are so sorry of your unwellness and if a fellow member would like to contact Yvonne regarding her Caddy, her details from our Membership Directory is: 027-484-6123 or y.carleton@xtra.co.nz



NOTE - Just a sample '63 at left and what a lovely example it is too! Ed

COUNTING DOWN TO CLC NZ'S 50TH & THE 2021 CADILLAC NATIONALS!

Hey folks - did you know there is just over 2 years to go to our 'Half-Century Club Celebration?'

Wellington Regional Delegate 'Jason Curry' has been busy behind the scenes for the last couple of years 'pencilling' ideas and checking out venues and places to go.

Whilst we are some way off from seeing the booking details, Jason and his team are inviting any suggestions that maybe out 'in the club domain' (so to speak) knowing that some of the best suggestions come from the members themselves at the 'coal-face!'

So if you have a sterling idea, drop Jason an email and tell him about it. You can email him at: curried@hotmail.com



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WINTER WONDERLAND WEEKEND
1ST-3RD OCTOBER 2021
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Booking Accommodation Information

Phone: 0800 242 832 or 07 892 3809

Access Code

G-Cadillac Club 21

Rate Code ED 15

Room Rate 15% of BAR

Registration Cost

\$70.00 (This is for the Saturday night 3 course dinner)

Friday night dinner and breakfast \$25.00 are extras, pay your own way. Some will eat on way over.

SATURDAY

Optional Cruise to Ohakune, Horopito Motors, Railway Museum, Tangiwai Memorial (more information later on this)

Saturday Night

AGM, Dinner and Auction.

Bring along your Auction goodies.

SUNDAY

Catch the Gondola to The Knoll Ridge Café. Early Brunch. Club can organise tickets for this. Then our goodbyes and safe trip home.

Have read at left, Noeleen's second Cadillac Nats promotional flyer of the 2021 Cadillac Nationals (1st to 3rd October) to be held at Chateau, Ruapahu. Also view the attachment. From Frances' desk is the following -

Thanks to Noeleen for brochure information.

Booking accommodation information: Ph 0800 242 832 or 07 892 3809

Access Code

G-CadillacClub21

Rate Code ED15

Room Rate 15% of BAR.

Programme etc. below to be confirmed at a later date.

Registration: \$70 (this is for the Saturday night 3 course dinner.)

Friday night dinner, and breakfast (\$25) are extras, pay your own way. Some will eat dinner on way over, others there on arrival.

Saturday drive to Ohakune, Horopito motors, railway museum, Tangiwai memorial or free to look around. Saturday night dinner and Auction.

Sunday, up gondola to café, (optional time, can do at a time to suit them after sleep in) . Or club can organise tickets etc.

I will supply later information on how to buy tickets for this. Check out the link below. This has all info on mountain

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=416098626167843>

Frances.

>PS - Noeleen and I decided on the weekend that this years theme will be "wear anything TARTAN!"

Don't ask why - just because we can. Haha A brochure will be created for the next mag with that theme.

Ron, in the next Finz please push for people to book accommodation considering first week of school .

Frances.

GLORY DAYS IN AN ELDORADO! ~PART TWO~

Earlier this year, Jason and his family went Eldo-riding down South. Jason sent me a superb selection of wonderful 'Dashboard Postcards' from their Epic Kiwi Summer Roadtrip around the South Island in the Eldo recently: Across to Picton on the ferry, down to Christchurch, Queenstown and Wanaka, over to Haast and up the West Coast to Nelson and back home!

This is such a great car! Regards,
Jason

PS- Here are more fab photos from Jason's Family Adventure in the South! - Ed



There's nothing like cruising down the road in an old American car, especially if it's a Cadillac. Just beware the stock wandering! Glorious weather by looks and not much traffic - Ed

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Look closely at the old cars buried nose-first! Where have I seen this before? Note - This was not a Cadillac Ranch! Ed



GLOBAL FAMILY



FROM - NZ - BAY of PLENTY - Tauranga - My son, Ridge (known to many BoP members) recently sent me these cool LINKS. At right is this your dream property? In Montana. Ed

https://www.driven.co.nz/news/16-million-mansion-with-72-car-garage-is-a-petrolhead-s-dream/?utm_source=nzh&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=topbox



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FROM - NZ - Taranaki

Our Noeleen Souber emails:

WANTED

Good clear bright pictures of your Cadillac for the 2023 Club calender. Prefer not to have people in your shots.

Obviously, we can't guarantee all photos will make the cut.

This calender will be a fundraiser for our 50 year celebration

Please email to noeleensouber@outlook.com

[Great idea Noeleen and an opportunity for all our newer members to send you some quality high MB images of their pride and joy or more recent Caddies like the one below which entered club service in recent times! Ed]



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OUR GLOBAL FAMILY



FROM - USA - Terry Bird

Thanks Ron! As always I look forward to reading it here in Atlanta- where we are still “driving Miss Daisy”

Terry Bird - PS Whenever any of your fellow Kiwis are visiting Atlanta have them contact me for the Driving Miss Daisy tour! [PS - Former CLC NZ Pres. Steve, my son Ridge and I thoroughly enjoyed a surprise morning tea and cruise around the ‘Driving Miss Daisy movie’ sites when in the States, 2016. Awesome! Great memories, over five years on! Ed]

From Del Meyer - It’s fun reading, thank you for your hard work. Del Meyer

Bill Overend, Ron: Another great magazine from you. The mid 50s Cadillacs are the best. Probably the reason I fell in love with them at an early age. And, I got to work the power windows on a 52 fleetwood a family friend owned. My parents practically had to break my arm to get me to quit. I’ve never owned a car without power windows!

Hi Ron, Thanks for publishing and forwarding another great newsletter, Kindest personal regards, Julie’s Dad (Jack)

FROM - AUST - Hi Ron. Congrats on another interesting magazine, Cheers Irwin Sinclair

Ron - Not quite sure how you keep up the standard producing the magazine monthly, but well done.

Regards, John Byrden, Editor ‘Salle Speaks’ of the LaSalle Appreiation Society - Remember “Cadillac Engineering makes LaSalle Supreme”

Steve Westmacott writes: Just read yer fine periodical Maveron, as always a great read - proof being yet another Golden Quill - well done cobber. So, Stanthorp in ‘22 - had told myself Lucille ‘n’ me goin’ to give Nationals a miss after Mudgee sorta ‘broke the seal’ so to speak but keep gettin’ people tellin’ me I gotta be there. Still thinkin’ about it at this stage not sure ... horses seem to have totally taken over my life these days but I rave ol’ compadre - hope this missive finds you ‘n’ yours fit ‘n’ well, take care and again, job well done gettin’ yet another quill - The cowboy (Aka Steve Westmacott). [Always great to chew the fat with you Cowboy - Ed]

FROM - NZ - Whakatane: Our Cadillac friends, Terry and Adrienne Becroft have emailed me to advise: A new date has been set for 2022 Classic Car & Caravan Show at Ohope/Whakatane on 11th to 13th March. Further details to follow as they are confirmed. Regards, Terry Becroft. H: 07 312 5884 T: 0274 720 320. [Thanks Terry and Adrienne - Ed]

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FRIDGE Magnets!

JUN 5th - Palmy North HRC 50th Anni
20th - Tauranga swap meet
JUL 11th - Rotorua swap Meet
10th - Zone 10 Hot Road show Dunedin
AUG 7th - Palmy Nth Swap Meet Feilding
OCT - 1st - 3rd, NZ Cadillac Nats,
Ruapaheu, Central North Island!
NOV 18-21 NZHRA Street Rod Nats Rotorua



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FOR SALE/ WANTED

WANTED - No luck yet in finding my dream Cadillac. I think we should open up the field now. Can you place an ad for me? Cadillac Wanted, a good Sunday driver, 1949 to 1962.

ALSO - Wanted 1960 Cadillac parts, rear bumper, rear side trim, chrome trim for the fins. Anything repairable. Ph 022 625.6370. Ian Currie 333iancurrie@gmail.com

AND - Wanted wiper motor for 1968 Caddy. Can anyone help Gus Carmont? Ph 021-964-840 or email: suengus@ol.net



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TAIL LIGHTS FOREVER



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OUR FELLOW AUSSIE MEMBERS TEASING US ON A BIT OF AN OUTING! [PIC FROM PAUL DIXON]