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# RENDEZVOUS!



Hi there. I promised another 'Kiwi Cover' and this month's is very much topical (wintry scene) with Brian Gillett in his 'cool' (pun intended) '61 and Mt. Taranaki as the backdrop. If you took this pic Marie, then thumbs-up to you! It is creative, crisp and lots of colour. A great shot like a cover shot should be!

This month, we have coverage on a few outings, here in NZ and in Australia. Many thanks to our friends from across the ditch to send them to me. Very colourful indeed.

We feature new member Andrew Deam and his lovely light yellow Caddy and invite any other new members to do the same. Simply send me a pic or two and a paragraph about yourself and your Caddy. We'd love to know about you!

More updates appear regarding our upcoming Cadillac Nationals in spring (October). Read the 'Tartan-flavoured' attachment and note a special message from Frances.

The Club needs to make a 'Constitutional Rule change'. Please read the attachment so you can vote in support at the AGM.

Lastly I introduce a new feature about what's going on 'Around the (NZ) Regions'. It's my way of reaching-out to members. Have a read and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

As I write this, we are near the mid-way point of the year already and so far this winter it hasn't at all felt cold enough in my part of the country. In fact as I type this column, we have our front door open and it's a brilliantly sunny afternoon. If this is winter, what will summer be like?

Keep safe if cruising out there and best regards, Ron [Ed]



Taranaki members



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# TIME FOR A TARANAKI NIGHT AWAY!

## TARANAKI CADILLAC CLUB, TIME FOR A NIGHT AWAY

What better excuse do we need for a weekend cruise with 8 Cadillac's, 1963 EJ Holden, 2010 Dodge Challenger and a 1960 Buick Le Sabre.

First stop at the famous Viv's Kitchen in Sanson, home to the famous Cream Horns. You only need 1, they are so big.

In the afternoon a visit to Peter & Delilah Schimanski's huge shed in Feilding. Absolutely the ultimate man cave. Set out in a Western setting, displays of cars, drag strip etc. A lovely afternoon tea put on for us in the SHE shed. Of course us girls need a SHE shed.

We were then taken across the road to another man cave. This one had a mini diner and once again cars, cars and more cars.



Taranaki members



Our new members Andrew & Violet Deam's Cadillac and Ian & Jill Burroughs from Hawera

Next morning a visit to Kruzin Kustoms Rod & Kustom shop in Palmerston North. Unbelievable the work that is being done there. At least 40 classic trucks, cars of all makes, all stages, being in the process of modifications. Covid made this business busier than ever, so now employ over 13 people.

Next we head off to Whanganui to Caroline's Boatshed Cafe for our lunch. A place well worth visiting for a meal.

Thanks Brian & Marie for organising this man cave weekend and to all that came along. A few photos of our members



Kruising Kustom's Shop



*Now this is what a Regional Outing is all about! What Region can beat this one? Thanks for sending the article guys. Ed*



## NEW MEMBER, ANDREW DEAM

My story. Ever since I was a young boy at school I've always want to own a American classic car and I always said when I turn 25 years old I want to own something. And that is exactly what I did. Now my thoughts on a American classic.

It had to be a V8; have bench seats and still be left hand drive. So my search began. A few months past and I had viewed a few different cars and I finally found a beautiful 1963 Cadillac Coupe DeVille. When I went to view the car in person I fell in love with it straight away and did a deal with the previous owner. And now I just love getting it out of the shed on the weekends and taking it for a drive. It puts a smile on my face every time I get behind the wheel and I also love seeing other people's reactions when they see it cruisin' down the road! And that is my story on how I got a 1963 Cadillac Coupe DeVille at a young age! Many thanks for writing Andrew and nice colour and sharp example. Say hello to Andrew when you meet up with him. Ed



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# THE MUDGEE WAKE!

After years of planning and organising the Mudgee Nationals were finally put to bed. As a memorial to the 2020 Nationals some of the NSW members celebrated the Mudgee Wake during the deferred Nationals dates in April 2021. There were no tears, wearing black or the laying of wreaths, it was just the chance to catch up with some of our local state members and spend a good few days with our Cadillacs. The Wake was flexible and members attended for as long as they could. Some stayed for 2 days, some stayed for 3 days and some stayed for the duration. We all met at McDonalds Eastern Creek on Saturday morning (our convoy consisting of: Rick & Maria Grimaldi, Malcolm & Lyndal Graham, Rob & Mary Mitchell and Zaff Chevik and his partner Doris) where we drove up through the Blue Mountains to the Tin Shed at Lithgow for lunch. After a delightful lunch and a quick fuel stop we all ambled to our accommodation in Mudgee via the Castlereagh Highway to link up with other members who had travelled there directly. Rod Moxham made it out there in his 81 Eldorado Biarritz Coupe from Coonamble and well as Des and Sally Green who travelled from Mandurama who are currently restoring a 38 LaSalle Series 50 Sedan, as well as our local Mudgee members Russell & Christine Holden. We all met for dinner at the Vines restaurant Parklands Resort on Saturday night. On Sunday morning we were joined by Michael & Gabby Alabaster who had travelled out there from Sydney at sparrows to join us for our day at the historic township of Gulgong. We all enjoyed the nostalgia visiting the local museums, the historic theatre and enjoyed a great lunch at the Prince of Wales Hotel.



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*Ladies at lunch Caption: Lunch at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Gulgong. Left side front to rear: Christine Holden, Lyndal Graham, Mary Mitchell. Right side front to rear: Gabby Alabaster, Sally Green and Doris.*



*Guys at table, Prince of Wales Hotel. Left side front to back: Michael Alabaster, Rick Grimaldi, Zaff Chevik, Rod Moxha. Right Side front to back: Russell Holden, Des Green, Rob Mitchell, Malcolm Graham.*



*Above: Russell & Christine's 1918 Type 57 7P Tourer*



# THE MUDGEE WAKE!

Monday morning saw us all set out for a 60km jog to visit the Kandos Museum that opened specifically for us thanks to Russell Holden. The museum was very nostalgic and very well preserved, bringing back childhood memories for all ages. After a tour and talk we all headed to the Globe Hotel for lunch on the grounds in the sun at Rylstone. After lunch Malcolm & Lyndal and Sally & Des departed and returned home. We returned to Mudgee and visited the Baker & Williams Distillery where we sampled some of their products. Quite a few bottles were acquired. Apologies Sally we realise this was one of the stops you had wished to attend. Dinner on Sunday was at the Red Heifer Bistro in the Lawson Park Hotel which has a great reputation for its steaks.

The next day being Tuesday was the day everyone was looking forward to, Russell & Christine Holden's spectacular car collection (unfortunately some members had to leave prior to Tuesday due to other commitments). It certainly didn't disappoint. Their collection of cars both fully and partially restored is simply magnificent and a testament to them both. As a side note Russell was announced as the first Australian to be named on the board of the Horseless Carriage Club of America as one of only fifteen board members. This club is one of the oldest in the world and represents vehicles manufactured pre 1916.

Russell and Christine extended their welcome and we had lunch on their deck overlooking Mudgee and further extending their welcome with dinner at their home on the Tuesday night. We cannot thank them enough for their hospitality and also for assisting the committee with the organisation of the 2020 Nationals and also for this Mudgee Wake. Wednesday morning saw all of us depart for home except John & Rhonda Walton who remained in Mudgee for the rest of the week (lucky ducks). It was wonderful to catch up with old friends, spend time with new members over the few days in a great location and we were blessed with exceptional weather. Thank you again to all those members and their partners who attended this wake and made it a very enjoyable experience.

*Many thanks to Rick Grimaldi (CLC Aust) for sending the above for us to reprint and use. Rick, as one who had booked to attend, it sounds as if we missed out on a great venue and what would have been a great event. Best, Ron [Ed]*



Dinner on Sunday evening was at the Oriental Hotel where John & Rhonda Walton also joined us from Sydney in their 79 DeVille Coupe.



Above: Some of Russell & Christine's collection. Sign above says 'Holden's, Cadillac & Chevrolet'

*It was nice to see all the Caddies parked up at the Red Hill Mining Centre.*



# FREDS OLD CAR MEMORIES!

Rockland Maine: Fireproof Garage – (top right). This vintage photo has been taken in the City of Rockland, a small seacoast community located in the area referred to as Midcoast Maine. Its population of residents is less than ten thousand, although it is a fishing, commercial, and cultural hub of the area. The image was shot in January of 1952 and contains an Oldsmobile two-door sedan and a Cadillac four-door sedan in the showroom-service area of the Fireproof Garage located at 21 Winter Street. The description “Fireproof” as part of the name was common for masonry structures constructed in the early 1900s that were more resistant to fire damage than wooden structures. The building has not survived.

A 1952 Oldsmobile two-door sedan on the left, and a 1952 Cadillac four-door sedan in the Fireproof Garage showroom-service area at right.

Cape Cod: Everett H. Corson Cadillac – Oldsmobile  
Everett H. Corson Cadillac – Oldsmobile was founded in 1927 by Everett H. Corson in New Bedford, MA. Later in the 1940s Corson opened a second dealership at 1040 Barnstable Rd. in the Village of Hyannis, MA, a Cape Cod tourist destination located in the town of Barnstable and home of the Kennedy Family Compound. Corson’s son Rodney Corson took over the business in 1972 and operated it for thirty-six more years closing it in 2008 after a total of eighty years in business. This photo is circa 1957; note the Buick dealer next door on the far right of the image. Photograph courtesy of Digital Commonwealth.

Oceanside Cape Cod Golf Course - Hyannisport Club, in Hyannis Port. This image, from the early 1950’s is a press photo from the weekly “Barnstable Patriot” published in Hyannis, MA. There is a wide variety of vehicles in this photo ranges from late-model luxury convertibles to a panel truck and a motor scooter! Photograph courtesy of Digital Commonwealth.



# 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.

## URGENT - Please Read

I have attached a separate page for you to read regarding a proposed change to the Club Rules as a result of a Banking issue.

Hence, formal notice is hereby given to Amend the Club's Constitution in terms of Rule 13 (Amendment of Rules).

The Amendment will be voted on at the 2021 AGM. Please make yourself familiar with what is proposed.

Ron Melville - Editor



Dear Ron,

It has come to our attention that members are receiving emails purporting to come from CLC officers, requesting assistance with the purchase of gift cards and similar items. These are just scammers trying to trick you. The giveaway is that the sender's email address is NOT the officers actual email address, although it may be very similar or have some legitimate cachet. Please review any email requesting any kind of payment carefully. In general you should contact the person who allegedly sent the email by the address known to you, NOT by replying to the email.

As far as we know, no email systems have been hacked, instead the scammers use publicly available information to harvest names and email addresses. The names of our officers are on the publicly accessible part of our site. They then look for the emails of people associated with the club or Cadillacs. Members' emails in their profiles are protected, but there are still many places where email addresses can be found, for example contact details for a region or chapter, etc. Also, if you participate in the Cadillac Forums and put your email address in a post, that can also be harvested as non-registered guests can view the Forums.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the CLC Office or the webmaster. You can send either an email or use the Contact Us link at the top of every page on the CLC website (not on the Forums).

Regards - CLC, USA



# 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](mailto:curried@hotmail.com)



Noeleen's Third Cadillac Nats promotional flyer of the 2021 Cadillac Nationals is attached - this month it is 'Tartan! The Nats run 1st to 3rd October to be held at Chateau, Ruapaheu. 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.

**It is importance to book your accommodation NOW! Limited supply. (school holidays and booking fast) Mention Cadillac Club for 15% discount off room rate. Please let me know when you have booked to help with numbers for catering. Email to [frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz) or text. 027 688 0677. You are also welcome to pay the \$70 per person for Saturday night dinner now as well to 060689 0055887 00, "Chateau dinner" for reference. Thanks in advance. - Regards Frances.**

# OUR GLOBAL FAMILY



FROM - NZ - Auckland - Our local Auckland member Mr. André Rabbitte writes: [andre.rabbitte@southaucklandmotors.co.nz](mailto:andre.rabbitte@southaucklandmotors.co.nz)

Hope you are well. I recently purchased a car (Sadly a 79 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL not a Caddy!) from a collection of the S. Truet Cathy (Founder of Chickfila fast food chain in USA). The Historian that I was in correspondence with has been advised of another car that Mr Cathy had in his collection, that the current owner is interested in selling. Thought it might be worth putting in the club mag? Thanks Andre R. [Thanks André. Interestingly enough, it appears identical to our BoP Members, Serge & Lilian d'Elia's Silver '79 Lincoln Continental! Caddy pics below, Lincoln below those - Ed]

Hi Andre, Just for your information. This gentleman is interested in selling this Cadillac. It was part of Mr. Cathy's collection.

"Good morning Martha. I found the proper docs in the trunk. I am a collector, had planned on painting this car black at some point. I have receipts totaling near \$20K that I have in the car, I would want \$35K for the car...it starts and drives as it should and the car is in a temperature controlled storage garage in Cartersville Georgia. If you or anyone else would like to physically see it, that can be arranged. Your welcome to phone me if you'd like to speak more about the car, have a great day. Mike- +01-678-414-6226.

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*CLC BoP Members, Serge & Lilian's Lincoln is identical to André's new blue one below, snap!*





FROM - NZ - Taranaki - From Taranaki **4th of July run.**  
Hi all we are having a 4th of July celebration Cadillac cruise,lunch and a movie at the nostalgic Opunake Theatre. Leaving Inglewood at 10.15 and then meeting up with New Plymouth members outside Spotswood college ready to leave at 10.45.

FROM - NZ - Taranaki

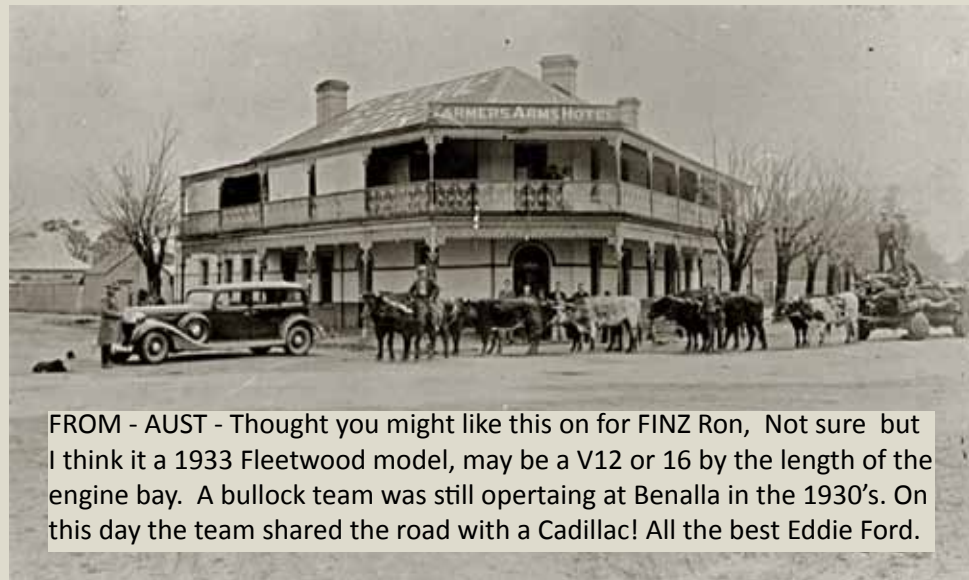
Our Noeleen Souber emails:

WANTED

A man and a woman are standing next to a vintage 1930s car. The man is wearing a plaid shirt and jeans, and the woman is wearing a light-colored sweater and dark pants. The car is dark-colored with a prominent grille and round headlights. They are outdoors, with trees and foliage in the background.

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FROM - AUST - Thought you might like this on for FINZ Ron, Not sure but I think it a 1933 Fleetwood model, may be a V12 or 16 by the length of the engine bay. A bullock team was still opertaing at Benalla in the 1930's. On this day the team shared the road with a Cadillac! All the best Eddie Ford.

AROUND THE

REGIONS  
OF NEW  
ZEALAND

'Around the Regions of NZ' is a new series brought to you by your Editor. I have commenced contacting members in the NZ CLC to chat to them about their well-being; what they are doing with their Caddy and invite feedback on whether we as a club (E.g. Magazine and Communications) are living up to their expectations. Have a think about what you would like to talk to me about when you hear from me in the near future. Ron, Editor.

So far I have learned:

- > A printed FINZ Magazine would be good to receive. Yep, this option is available. Cost is \$55 per annum (covers printing and postage) and you need to make an internet payment to the club before I can start snail-mailing to you. The Treasurer will confirm payment to me and I will start sending it to you
- > Best wishes to Auckland member Brian Cullen who has had eye issues of late and has another cataract op coming up. Can anyone help with the water pump seal on his '62 Eldo?
- > Our thoughts are with Auckland member Dave Bayes whose lovely '60 Caddy sustained damage from someone not looking whilst changing lanes recently. I hope it gets fixed ok soon Dave and your insurance company can sort things.

CAN YOU HELP OUT WITH ADVICE OR SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR FOLLOWING NZ MEMBERS?

- > Auckland Member, Neil Cheesman (021-130-1956) is looking for a new Power Steering seal, replacement W/W tyres for his '71 Eldo Convertible (Regn on hold). Can anyone suggest a reliable (American Car-friendly) mechanical firm for servicing/ general work/ WOF? He lives in Alfriston, Manukau
- > Auckland Member, Brian Cullen (09-443-4912) is selling his 1925 Chrysler Roadster ('Maxwell' model). Brian says is in 'mint' condition, totally restored. Blue and grey in colour. Offers in the \$40k range invited. 'Sample photo' below
- > Auckland Member, Yvonne Carlton (09-426-9964 or 027-484-6123) is selling her lovely '63 DeVille Sedan. Turquoise inside-out. Yvonne tells me in lovely order and will send me actual photos next month. Meantime, 'sample photo' below. Offers in the \$30k range invited.



*Sample pics only of 1925  
Maxwell Roadster and  
1963 DeVille Sedan*





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## FRIDGE Magnets!

JUL 4th - Taranaki Run - All welcome!  
11th - VCC 40th Rotorua swap Meet  
10th - Zone 10 Hot Road show Dunedin  
AUG 7th - Palmy Nth Swap Meet Feilding  
22nd - VCC Daffodil Rally for Cancer -  
Nationwide Events [www.vcc.org.nz](http://www.vcc.org.nz)  
SEPT 11th & 12th Autofest Feilding  
12th - Henry Ford Day, Hamilton  
OCT - 1st - 3rd, NZ Cadillac Nats,  
Ruapaheu, Central North Island!  
22nd to 25th - National Mustang Conven.  
Tauranga  
NOV 18-21 NZHRA Street Rod Nats Rotorua

## 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](mailto:333iancurrie@gmail.com)

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



## FOR SALE

1940 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan  
Registered and warrant.  
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Taranaki

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