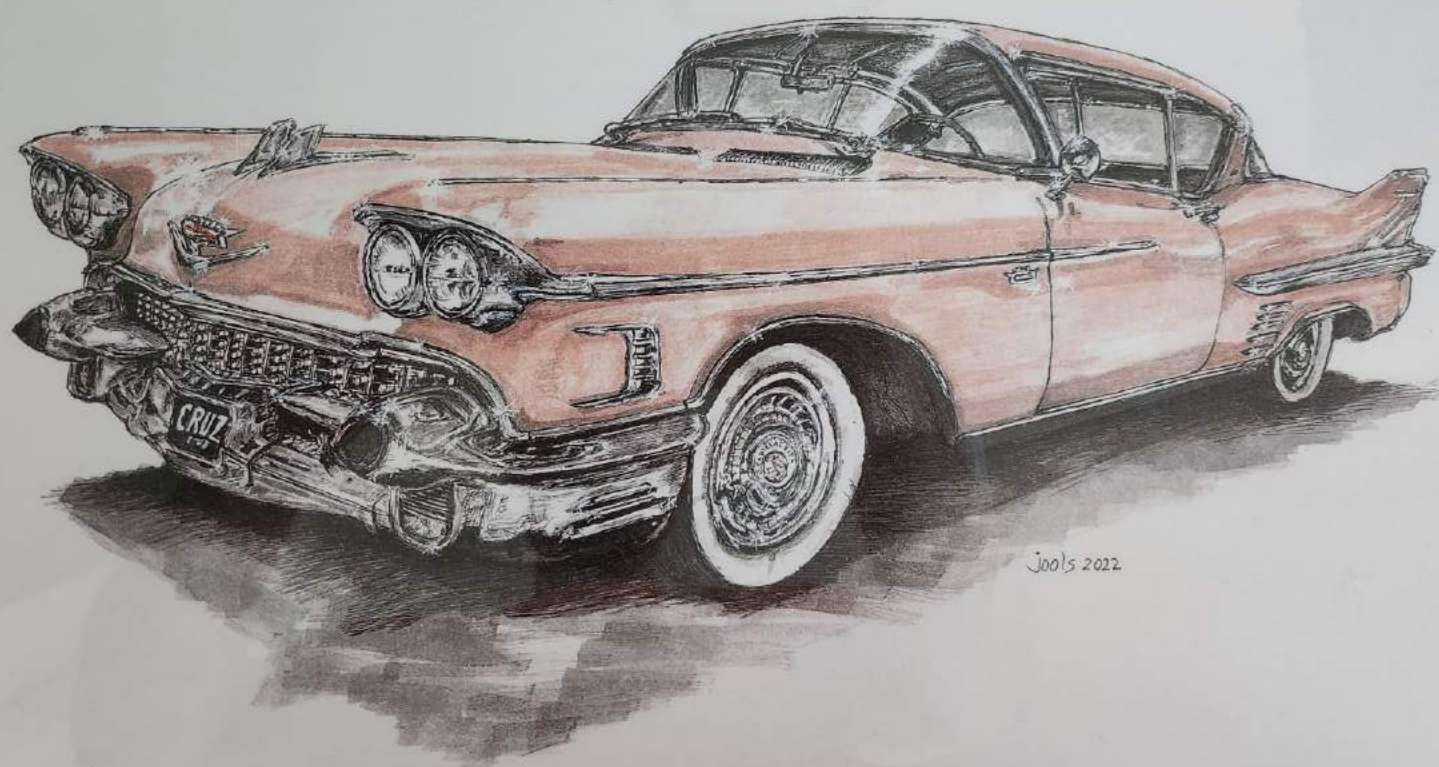




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As 2023 "draws" to a close we
acknowledge Doug & Dees
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Merry Christmas to one and all our special readers! Thanks so much for your awesome support during 2023 and a big shout-out to all those that attended our 50th or supported us in kind and in spirit and for the 'well-wishes' - many from overseas. We Kiwi members are very grateful for thinking of us and those that gave blessings - thank you to you too!



This year ends on a high and another 'hi!'

The New Zealand club has enjoyed a massive year and as you will see from our latest Membership Directory (attached for Financial Members) the numbers in our ranks have increased, we think mainly because of the sterling achievements undertaken by our VP (and Wellington Regional Delegate) Jason Curry during his amazing 50th Event organising. Jason has been extremely proactive in recruiting Cadillac fans resulting in more members. So 'Hi' to you newbies! It's great to have you on board and welcome to our official NZ club Magazine, FINZ which has been around for many decades in various formats. The FINZ name is a 'play' on the Cadillac 'fins' but with a 'Z' to denote 'NZ' being part of the word spelling! (CLC means Cadillac and LaSalle Club. There being two GM 'high-end luxury' brands; Cadillac founded in 1902 and LaSalle, a sister car introduced in 1927 which stopped production in 1940).

FINZ Magazine is read around the world thanks to our NZ club being the only regular non-US-based e-Magazine being uploaded on the US Cadillac and LaSalle Club website - go to www.cadillaclasalleclub.org and then click on the Forums section and look under Newsletters. Our little newsletter from the very bottom of the world has received the coveted 'Golden Quill Award' eleven times now and the CLC International Newsletter Award in 2015. FINZ stands alongside the very best margue club and CLC magazines in the world! This all due to our members submitting regular stories, news-worthy Cadillac and old car stuff and great photos. More of the same is always welcome, especially 'Tech articles' and 'sources' where to get Cadillac stuff!



I did notice (during the 50th) some younger blood cruising around in their very cool Caddies, filming 'travelling Caddies' down the highway and shared lots of images on the New Zealand Cadillac Owners Facebook page - it is worth 'Googling'. This Facebook page has no affiliation to the NZ CLC but is a great source of interesting stuff - just ask Jason!

This months Caddy cover is our Kiwi member's, Doug and Dee (Denise) Campbell's very original '58 Coupe DeVille. Have read about this cool cruiser elsewhere in this month's issue.



Elsewhere in our mag this month we read about...

- > More fin-tabulous pages of photos from our 50th!
- > Global news from the Cadillac Family from France & elsewhere
- > A Cadillac EV could be coming to you here in NZ? Shelby Court Case
- > In Memoriam - CLC Member, Bruce Jefferies
- > CLC Museum & Research Center USA - Cadillac First Pres. & Crest articles
- > Miss Lane past and future Caillac Nationals & Xmas pics
- > And as always, another one of the best Tails in Town

Until next years 2024 issue, keep Covid-safe and enjoy your summer cruising! Send me your summer stories and photos to finzmagazine@GMail.com Best regards, Ron (Ed)



Showcase Caddy!

Here's a good 'case-in-point' where following an approach from me, a member replies with a cool story about their Caddy accompanied by a few photos. This not only makes great reading for fellow members, but also an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate another members ride! Many thanks Doug and Dee (Denise) from Whitianga, Bay of Plenty members for dropping me a line. Lovely Caddy, thanks for sending in your story. Ed [Hey members, send me a story - Ed]

We've owned the car for three years having traded our 70 convertible and a fair bit of cash. First imported to NZ in early 2000's it got complied and sat in a private collection for years. When the owner of the collection passed it went through a couple of quick changes of ownership before we got it. Upon purchase we had a complete service including all oils and filters, rebuilding the carburetor, rebuilding the brake master cylinder, rebuilding the vacuum wipers and the vacuum pump driven off the oil pump in the sump, new lifters and all ignition components replaced. The fuel tank had been replaced prior to us getting the car but we took out the sender unit and fuel gauge to have them calibrated. As far as I can tell everything on the car is factory spec the only exception is a transistor assist to take the voltage out of the points. We've travelled many miles throughout the North Island including Americarna and a couple of Beach Hops and three Cadillac Nationals. Our only breakdown was when the fuel pump decided it had had enough while returning from a trip to Stratford. Luckily a new pump was available quickly from overseas and we were able to return to the Naki a month later for the Americarna! The sketch was done by Julie a friend of ours from Whitianga who does sketches of cars and dogs 0274516406. Regards Doug and Dee [Many thanks guys, great story for a great Caddy. Happy summer cruising to you both - Ed]





More Pics and Captions from our 50th!

Sign at right with 'arrow' says SLOW DOWN!



CARS IN C!



Michael Coleman Waterfront pics



Girl at left looks like the actor from those Genesis Energy ads?
The places you find great photos! Mens & Ladies doors at the Waterfront Pub & Cafe. No 'signage' just legs! A case of "Legging it to the bathroom?!"



Ian Bradshaw's long, long Limo. One of two Limos at the 50th and great to see!





Movie night magic!

The Drive-In was simply magic! Food excellent and delivery simply rolled with the punches, no make that fries! A great night out, even the weather was kind!



<< Left, Fi & Ray's colourful Caddy!

Below, where are you in this drone-eye view?



Servers mimicking the movie!

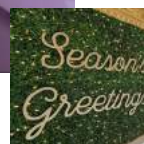


Ron & Andre wrap up warm!



< Left - Great sunset shot by Martin Armbruster

Below - Even Fi & Rays dogs enjoyed the movie and this server helper!



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AUSTRALIA - Hi Ron. Great to read your latest mag as always some nice articles hope you liked our Caddy Shack, over Xmas we are doing major Reno's another room lengthening mezzanine lots of painting etc, we'll be selling some cars as its a bit crowded, hope your doing great. Looking forward to the next read, Kind regards Chris and Gudie {Thanks C & G. Let's know what you plan to sell. You never know who may read the mag! Merry Xmas to you both & send me some reno pics - Ed}

Hi Ron, Saw your great magazine. Congratulations on being awarded Life Membership. A well deserved honour, and recognition. It sounds like the Nationals were a great event. To see, and participate with, so many classic and stylish Cadillacs is a joy. I cannot imagine Nationals being held for all the "whitegoods on wheels" cars being sold today. Often I have to look at the badge/emblem to determine the make! Your experience in your Calais would have been worrying, not initially knowing the problem and whether the car would keep going. However, and thankfully, it was a relatively simple fix. And I hope you have recovered from Covid. One souvenir that you didn't want. Best wishes, George [Many thanks George for your kind wishes and yes, a souvenir I didn't want! Merry Xmas to you too, George my most avid email writer. I always enjoy your notes. Best, Ed]

Hi Ron a huge congratulations from Gary and myself on your life membership presentation. I have lifetime membership in Victoria Australia and it is a huge honour for your club to bestow this on you. Enjoy well deserved....Janet Hazeldene [I was indeed flattered Janet and Gary. To be presented at the 50th too made it that more special and memorable. All the best to you guys, enjoy Xmas and have a healthy 2024. Kindest, Ed]

USA - Hi Ron, I just read the latest issue of FINZ and was highly complimented that my '73 Coupe DeVille is this month's cover car! Thank you so much for such an honor. I also noted that you ran a couple of the photos from the Back To The Fifties show in Minnesota. It was a lot of fun but with nearly 10,000 cars there's no way anybody could have seen them all. Perhaps that is a lot of the fun, because it seems endless! Happy motoring, Mark Waterman {Hi Mark, always great to hear from you. Your Caddy is simply magic and the colour fab! 10,000 old cars is hard for us Kiwis to comprehend. Our two major yearly shows, Beach Hop & AmeriCARna sport maybe 1,000 each and we think it is unbelievable! All the best for Xmas and write again sometime, with pictures of course! Ed]

Ron, Great issue. :o) Happy Fiftieth Anniversary, Omer Brackx (Jack) [Many thanks Jack. Best wishes to all the family for Xmas and 2024 - Ed]

NZ - Wellington - Wow you put that together quickly - what a great issue! I loved the Miss Lane shout outs - that was a nice touch! Jason Curry [Good on you Jason. The upside of my Covid was doing the mag in bed! LOL. Ed]

EUROPE - From Dirk van Dorst. Hello CLC Friends. This past weekend CLC France participated in <https://epoquauto.com/> in the Euro expo halls of Lyon, France. Lyon is on the south side of France, what attracts another, new, public then we already had from Paris. Lyon, close to the Swiss border is the #2 classic car show, with 95,300 visitors this year after Paris Retromobile. In total 23 Caddy's and 1 La Salle (Francois Bruere) ranging from 1910 till 1985 were presented. Here, an example to give you an idea of the show who was really big CLC France signed up more than 10 new members ...one of them owns the 58, 59 and 60 BroughamsRegards, Dirk. [Wow, amazing show Dirk. All the best to you and your family and CLC friends for Xmas and 2024. Send me some snow pictures! Ed]



Having a great time in Lyon, from Left: Pres. Pierre Gravel; Office Asst. Loic; Patricia von Dorst; Beatrice Gravel and Dirk van Dorst



"Eldorado Hall" photo by Dirk



'Epoque Auto Show' photo by Dirk. Dirks Seville in fore ground.

Merry Christmas from Europe



Cadillac LaSalle Club France

From the Editors Drivers seat!

Hi everyone. It's that time of year again when the big jolly man in the red suit comes-a-calling and we find out whether we've been naughty or nice this past year! Jokes aside, the NZ media is awash with Cadillac Lyric publicity right now and it's likely we will see these amazing EVs on our shores maybe next year. I read where GM will have a special Cadillac "Shop" up in Auckland somewhere to sell and service these beasts! The opening of NZ's first Cadillac dealership would be something our Auckland members could visit and show them what Cadillacs past was all about! Here's a story below. By the way, did you see this article (at right) appear in our weekly car insert, found in the NZ Herald? Look at the headline I have circled! LOL. Wishing all our readers a terrific Christmas and an exciting 2024. Here's a Xmas wish: 2024 NZ Cadillac Nationals in the "TRON!" Ed.



[PHOTO caption] (pictured) Ernesto Ortiz, GM president and MD of strategic markets, alliances, and distributors, Jess Bala, GM Australia and New Zealand MD and John Roth, VP of Global Cadillac.

Following a brief sortie in the New Zealand market in 2009 with factory-built right-hand drive CTS sedans, Cadillac is returning with the all-electric 2025 Lyriq crossover utility vehicle which is built on a dedicated right-hand line in the Spring Hill plant in North America.

Hamilton-based Ebbett Group acquired the entire inventory of Cadillac CTS vehicle and spare parts from General Motors when the brand's launch in the Australian market was postponed indefinitely in 2009.

Now, luxury EV buyers in New Zealand (and Australia) will be the first to purchase the righthand drive Cadillac Lyriq following its global reveal in Australia on November 15. The move has been long-expected, with multiple outlets predicting the move, including AutoTalk.

GM Australia and New Zealand managing director Jess Bala says the Cadillac EV portfolio in both markets would begin with the Lyriq, and grow with more entries.

"Cadillac will be in a position to offer a fully electric portfolio by 2030," said Bala. "Launching our Cadillac EV business in Australia and New Zealand positions us well to be able to select the right models for these markets – just as we are doing with Lyriq."

General Motors will open a Cadillac Experience Centre in Auckland, as well as one in Sydney and Melbourne to facilitate this. In a sit-down with media event Bala would not be drawn on what form the centres would take, other to confirm 'it will not be a traditional dealership.'

Together with an online presence that will enable customers to explore and buy, Bala says these will be the foundations of the retail strategy for the Cadillac EV business in Australia and New Zealand. "Our Experience Centres will be destination locations, where customers can discover more about Cadillac as a modern luxury brand and explore, test drive, and buy a Lyriq," Bala says.

"Whether customers want to shop fully online or in-store, we will provide experiences that engage the senses, anticipate desires, and enable our customers to go on extraordinary journeys," she says. Cadillac global vice president John Roth says the introduction of a right-hand-drive Lyriq will enable new opportunities in important markets where EV adoption is strong.

The car itself is big – sized marginally bigger than an Audi e-tron – at nearly 5-metres long.

While not confirmed, the only drivetrain option expected for Australasia is all-wheel drive with dual motors outputting a combined 370kW and 615Nm. Range is rated at 506km from the 100kWh battery.

For customers who would like to be the first to put their hand up to purchase a Lyriq when it arrives in Australia and New Zealand, they can visit www.cadillacanz.com/register



A Court Battle Victory is a Win for Shelby Owners

After a long-standing legal dispute, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California has ruled in favor of the Shelby Trust in its battle against Denice Halicki over the rights to the "Eleanor" car. This decision marks a significant moment in the automotive industry, particularly for the legacy of the revered Shelby vehicles.

The conflict centered around the use of "Eleanor," a code name given to various Mustangs featured in H.B. "Toby" Halicki's films including the original "Gone in 60 Seconds" and its 2000 remake. Denice Halicki, Toby's widow, claimed that all cars referred to as "Eleanor" across these films constituted a single copyrightable character and that her rights to this character were infringed upon by the Shelby Trust's activities.

Halicki went to the extent of suing Shelby GT500 vintage manufacturers and car owners, alleging that their vehicles infringed on her supposed copyright interests because they resembled the "Eleanor" car from the 2000 movie remake.

This aggressive stance by Halicki forced the Shelby Trust to initiate legal action to protect its licensees and the owners of Shelby GT500s.

The court, in a detailed judgment, dismissed Halicki's claims, finding her representations about the movies to be misleading or embellished. It concluded that the "Eleanor" vehicles depicted in the movies do not qualify for "character" copyright protection. This verdict is a relief to the Shelby Trust and its affiliates, who can now continue their operations without fear of litigation from Halicki. [Information supplied by www.hagerty.com a great website for all newsworthy things old and other car stuff. Sign up to receive great e-newsletters- Ed]



In Memoriam ~ Bruce Jefferies CLCNZ Member 2013 to 2023

Last issue I mentioned about saluting past members who have departed us. Our 'Roll of Honour' appears on our very important Directory page, meanwhile I have been permission to share some memories of Bruce Jefferies, BoP Region.

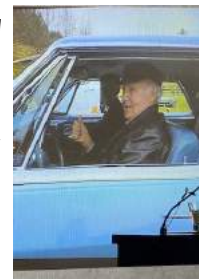
It is with great sadness we inform everyone that CLC NZ Member, Bruce Jefferies of Taupo (BoP Region) passed away on October 23rd, 2023, at age 83. Bruce was born to Lance and Viv Jefferies in Feilding in 1940, the eldest of three children (sister Julie who was at the service and brother Noel – previously deceased). He was married to Beth who sadly passed away when son, Cameron was eight. Some years later, Bruce remarried to Trish and were together over 30 years. Both have been members of the CLC NZ since 2013. In addition to the CLC, Bruce also held a long membership with the Model Ford A club and the Bay of Plenty VCC. Bruce was born on a sheep farm near Feilding and later ran the family farm for many years and had a passion for ploughing, competing in NZ championships and even attending the 50th World Championships in Canada. He was also known as having the straightest fence post lines of anyone! Bruce was very good at fixing stuff and widely known as 'a fixer' and loved cars as a kid. He joined the VCC Manawatu in 1995 solidifying his love of old cars with a passion for the 'Ford family'. He and Trish attended the 100-year Anniversary of the Model T in Dearborn, USA in the early 2000s and Trish recalled (in her sermon) that Bruce was 'in his element' as the hotel where they stayed even had images of Henry Ford on the walls of their room! Cars gave Bruce one of his greatest pleasures. Only this past Labour weekend, Bruce and Trish took their Ford Pickup to a Ford Truck event in Wanganui, a meeting that Bruce enjoyed immensely. In a hangar storage unit by Taupo airport, he had several Fords from a Model A to 1930s, 40s, and a 50s Mercury Monterey and what friends and family called 'the land yacht' - his '66 Cadillac Sedan DeVille (which as Cadillac enthusiasts know is part of the 'Henry Leland/ Henry Ford Family Tree' as is the Lincoln intertwined within the branches of Ford history). Bruce and Trish enjoyed driving their cars to meets and events travelling together and spending time with their man carfriends and grandchildren. A very active man despite a quad-ripple heart bypass 28 years ago, Bruce only recently talked about walking up to the top of Mt. Maunganui. Bruce is survived by Trish and son Cameron, daughter-in-law Erin and grandchildren in Tauranga. Rest in Peace Bruce and may you meet up with your two Henry idols.

Complied by Ron Melville via Taupo Funeral Services online Service (due to the writer being in Covid isolation). Bruces casket was loaded into his immaculate 40s Ford pickup and camera coverage 'panned' many VCC members cars in attendance. In lieu of dropping rose petals, lavender, or the like on the casket (sitting on the back tray of the truck) everyone was given a 'Ford' sticker to 'peel and adhere to the top, side or end of the casket.' A very novel and appropriate farewell to Bruce.

Trish later communicated with me and added these wonderful details:

Bruce's sister Julie was at his service, and we have just celebrated her 80th with her. She resides in Whangamata. Also, after laying in front of our lounge window (Bruce) for nearly six days enjoying his much loved view, he was also taken to the chapel on the back of his beloved '47 Jail bar truck. The gentleman who originally restored that truck (87 yrs. old now) was at the graveside when Bruce was laid to rest at the little churchyard next to his farm. Everyone hoed in with shovels and filled his plot for him. Our history with cars has always been that they become members of our family. None ever kept less than 18 years, except the one he won at Americarna. The Caddy is a much-loved member, as the rest are.

Our condolences to Trish and family and we extend an invitation to Trish or Cameron for the club to help in anyway in regard to advice or information regarding Bruces Cadillac or any of his extensive memorabilia. Ron



In what can only be described as a very cheerful and dedicated service, a celebration of Bruce spanned over two hours and featured numerous family and event photos, just a slither of Bruce's life. Here is a selection - from Top right:

Bruce in his workwear, his 'Ford Blue overalls!' (this pic from the local VCC as 'Mr. Parts-man extraordinaire!'). In his '66 Sedan DeVille. His immaculate '36 Ford. His collection. A past International tractor (likely used in one of his many ploughing comps).

At bottom, Bruce's immaculate '47 Jailbar pickup. Bruce's casket laid in the back of the pick up and it is covered in Ford oval/ logo stickers - how befitting a 'True Blue Ford man'. Some of the local VCC members cars at the service.

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How's this for an interesting article? As it says below "...it's like being united for the first time with the mothership!"

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VISITING THE VILLAGE OF CADILLAC BY JACK MCCLOW

On a recent trip to France with Frank & Martina Butler and their son Frank, Jr. and his wife Endia, we were able to visit the Château ducal de Cadillac, home of Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, in the heart in the village of Cadillac. It was like being united for the first time with the mothership!



From L to R: Jack McClow, Bob Norrid, Frank Butler, Jr., Endia Butler and Martina Butler

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Ghosts of good decisions

It's as clear as Bowen, Murphy, Black, and White

Often in life, we second-guess decisions that we have made because we wonder if things could have gone better.

But what happens when things go more than right? Consider it is 1902. You are Lemuel Bowen, a major investor in what had originally been the Detroit Automobile Co., reborn the previous year as the Henry Ford Co. You've had a major falling out, and the young Mr. Ford has left for various reasons.

With a shell of a company and a few automobiles on hand, you decide to call in an expert to appraise the remains. This expert, Henry Leland (although he could have called Horace Dodge, as both were building engines for R.E. Olds), advises the four directors (Lemuel Bowen, William Murphy, Clarence Black, and A.E.F. White) not to liquidate. Rather, the excellent chassis produced by the company could be coupled with his own, better-quality, single-cylinder engine to create a viable car company. **What decision do you make?**

We all know that the Cadillac Automobile Co. was thus born. Lemuel Bowen became Cadillac's first president. Henry Leland was the general manager. He was still listed as the proprietor of Leland & Faulconer Machine Co. on the members' list of The Automobile Club a year later in 1903. This firm was the supplier of engines to Cadillac as well as other automobile companies.

What? We have always heard Henry Leland started Cadillac, so who was Lemuel Bowen? Bowen was a well-connected businessman in Detroit. He had been treasurer and general manager of D.M. Ferry Seed Co. He was a vice president of the Security Trust Co., a director of the Michigan Fire & Marine Insurance Co., and a vice president of the Standard Accident Insurance Co.

So, how did he know Leland? Were they neighbors? Did they go to the same church? Maybe he knew Leland by reputation or by some stroke of luck. Perhaps we will never know. Wilfred and Henry Leland showed up with the appraisal documents and also a tested and reliable 9.5 HP engine. Leland signed a contract to supply engines, and Lemuel Bowen agreed to purchase them. Alanson Brush and Ernest Phipps, who worked for Leland & Faulconer Machine Co., massaged the chassis.

Hussey provided the early bodies. William Metzger signed on as sales manager, used the artwork from a Hussey Body Co. ad for the first Cadillac advertisement, and took them to the New York Auto Show, where he secured 2,000 orders, declaring the first year of production was "sold out." What a continuous string of good decisions!

Fast forward to 2020, when Helen Bowen Osterwald of Kalamazoo, Michigan, approached Art and Janet Riley, inquiring if there was any CLC Museum & Research Center interest



DONOR HELEN BOWEN OSTERWALD with a picture of her great-grandfather, Lemuel Bowen, the first president of Cadillac.

in portrait artwork of her great-grandfather, Lemuel Bowen, the first president of Cadillac. Although the artwork is from a time later than 1903, it now hangs proudly in our gallery.

Thank you, Helen. Special thanks to Art Riley for researching and obtaining this wonderful donation. ■

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The crest has landed (and so has one of the first LaSalles)

The fabulous hand-carved limestone Cadillac crest that had adorned the Cadillac Sales and Service Building in downtown Detroit at 6001 Cass Ave. has landed at the CLCMRC. For over 100 years, it stood guard at the top of that nine-story building, braving the elements and pigeon droppings. After being removed from the building designed by noted architect Albert Kahn, the crest sat forlornly in a former service bay of what was the used-car prep area for the past seven years.

Finally, in March 2022, the building owners called to say that it was available, but would have to be removed at our cost. The crest, which weighs an estimated 10,500 pounds, was expertly handled by Lee Machinery Movers, and stored at their Pontiac facility while plans could be made for mounting. A plan was devised by Curator and CLCMRC Past President Tim Pawl to design a mount that incorporated much-needed bench-style seating. Earley & Associates of Kalamazoo was contracted as masons for the project. Its team expertly excavated, poured the foundation, and built the forms for the new base.

On a warm and sunny September morning just a few weeks before the Cadillac Fall Festival, the crest was moved onto the bench/cradle for dramatic drop placement. The fact that the two pieces had never met lent to the excitement. With a few *abracadabras*, they fit together perfectly. The masons were in awe of the hand-carving and commented about the attention to detail, including a front face that leans forward about six degrees with a slight ledge at the top so that the pigeons could never make deposits on the face.

Special thanks to Don Ghareeb and family, who generously funded the entire move and installation; Sue and Ed Pashukewich, who followed through checking its whereabouts during the seven-year quest to obtain it; Alan Haas and Paul Ayres, for their time to inspect and document; Tim Pawl, for managing the project and designing the bench/cradle; and the staff of the Gilmore Car Museum. In addition, Denis Binette, Mark Brodsky, Len Constance, Tony DeLellis, and Stephen Page have stepped up as we continue to landscape, make signs, and perhaps re-create the crown. The original drawings of the crown have been found at the Albert Kahn Legacy Foundation.

It has become an instant photo opportunity for all visiting to take a picture at the crest.



ABOVE: The crest being gently moved into place.

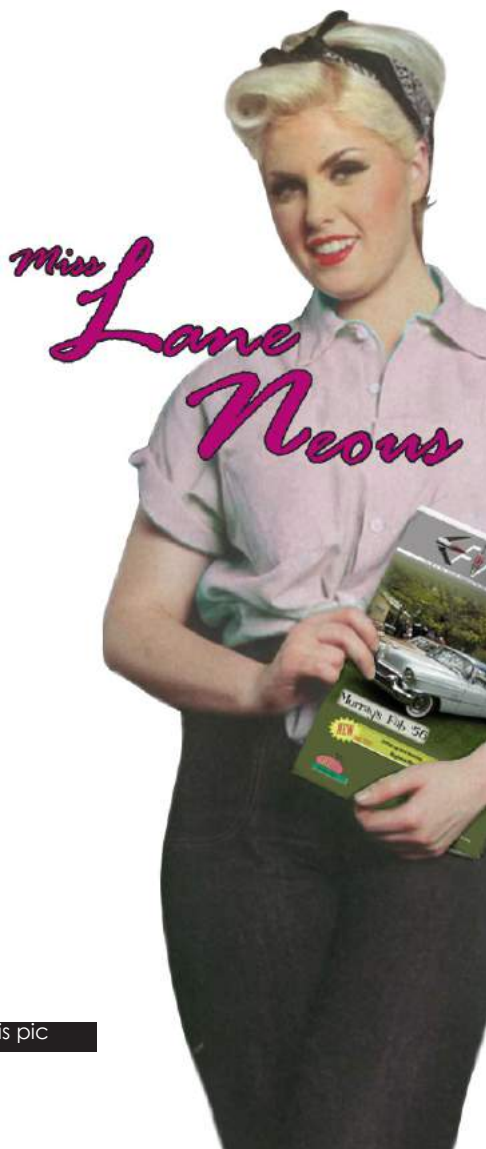
LEFT: The "new" 1927 LaSalle.

BELOW: Tim Pawl taking a rest on the bench.



Another new addition to the CLCMRC collection arrived in October. A much-coveted, first-year 1927 LaSalle Series 303, Model 7380 Five-Passenger Sedan was donated by Leonard Piszkiwicz of Santa Clara, California. This wonderful example of the first car designed by Harley Earl for General Motors is featured on page 32 of *LaSalle: Cadillac's Companion Car*, and is one of just 5,001 built. ■

Tim Pawl is curator and a past president of the CLC Museum & Research Center.



eller for this pic

Miss Lane writes ~ Merry Xmas to one and all.
It has been such a wonderful year and great to re-visit after some time.
Many if you may remember me from the very first FINZ e-Magazine where I proudly held issue One! (see left) There has been lots of variations over the years as Editor Ron put a fresh face on mag and it was great to give away so many A3 covers with many of the members at the 50th. In fact I noticed it was a 'rush' to collect those precious souvenirs!
Next year will be the 51st year of the NZ Club and many members I have spoken to are looking forward to meeting up for our Nationals somewhere we may not have been before. Can anyone 'rattle off' all the places past Nationals have been held? I can only recall - Wellington; Gisborne; Ruapehu; Raglan; New Plymouth; Tauranga; Cambridge; Whangarei; Wanganui; Taupo; Christchurch; Rotorua; Pukekohe; Palmerston North...Where else have we been? Noeleen/ Grant/ Murray/ Ian?
It might be a case of 'where haven't we been?' A few locations come to mind: North Shore/ North Harbour (Auckland); Kumeu/ West Auckland; Whangamata/ Coromandel/ Thames; Masterton/ Wairarapa; Foxton Beach/ Shannon; King Country/ Taumaranui/ Waitomo? Suggestions anyone?

Well thats it from me. Have a super 2024 and stay safe, kindest regards Miss Lane. Email me sometime C/- finzmagazine@gmail.com simply address your email, 'Dear Miss Lane....'



Woo-hoo, she started!



Guess the snow Caddy!





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What's on the Fridge?



DEC 1st - Tauranga Toy Run
2024 JAN - 19th - 22nd Wgtn
Chev 50th Anni Upper Hutt
FEB 4th - American Vehicle Day
Trentham Racecourse U/Hutt
11th - Morrinsville Motorama
MAR 2nd - Great USA Day -
Dunedin
3rd - Mopars in Morrinsville
14th - Caroline Bay Rock & Hop,
Timaru
20th - 24th March - Beach Hop
Waihi & Whangamata/
Coromandel

CLC NZ Roll of Honour

Spirits flown, not forgotten

Stephen Brown, Past Regional Delegate -
Marlborough/ Canterbury/ West Coast - South Island
Region - Member 2001 to 2003

Lou Christ, Auckland Region - Member 2001 to 2023

Bruce Jefferies, BoP Region - Member 2013 to 2023



Wanted to BUY

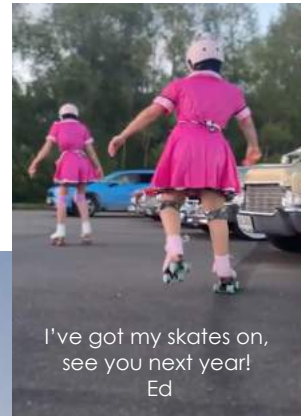
"1958 Cadillac
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arm rest 6 way seat
switch."
Working or not
021 863260
Ian Lind



Tail Lights

The Best Tails in Town!

Doug & Dees wonderful Caddy at sunset,
a great pic to end the year as we enter summer - Ed



I've got my skates on,
see you next year!
Ed

