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Hello all and welcome to the first issue in winter.

As many of you know, our Patron and longest CLC NZ and Lifetime Member, Maurice Hendry passed on 10th May 2024.

I was honored to be invited by Maurice's family to speak at his service on behalf of the Cadillac and LaSalle club. It was a very moving service and those of you that watched it online would have instantly connected to how much Cadillac and automobiles, bikes and aviation was part of his life and the influence his interests had on his family. A *Memoriam* to Maurice, follows.

As a salute to Maurice, his favourite Cadillac, a white '64 with red leather upholstery appears on this months cover. If anyone sees it about, it's old black and silver Registration plate was IF245.

Also, earlier this month I learned of the passing of long-time member Myrie Wotherspoon. Those of us who have been in the club for some time would fondly remember how colourful and cheerful she was at every Cadillac get together we saw her at. She and hubby, Bill (in their beautiful '66 Eldo convertible - still in the family under the care of son, Jamie) attended many of the 'meet-ups' we had in earlier days and I remember her well particularly at the Annual July 4th and Nationals around the North Island. A *Memoriam* appears for Myrie as well.

There is also mention of two other well known Cadillac Member passings, that of Phillip Moses, past President of Queensland & Ed Cholakian, proprietor of "All Cads of the 1940's and 1950's" based in Las Vegas. Our condolences to all the families and fellow CLC members who loved and knew Maurice, Myrie, Phillip and Ed.

Come October, our 2024 NZ Cadillac Nationals will be held in Taupo. Details in this issue together with news that we will be looking for a new NZ Pres. Thank you Ian for your tenure at the helm these past several years.

Well that's all for now. Looking at *The Fridge*, there's lots of Swap Meets coming up over these cooler months so if you attend one or two, email me a report and any pics of cool cars you see there or a cool find (not necessarily a car). Take care on the icy roads and on wet days and until the next issue, stay safe and cruise likewise! Best regards, Ron, Ed.



Maurice in his younger days, sporting typical NZ-era 'walk shorts and matching walk-socks!'

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Maurice Dominic HENDRY
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The following are excerpts from the writers Eulogy to Maurice.

On behalf of the Cadillac and LaSalle Clubs (globally and in particular, the New Zealand and US club) I was flattered to have been asked to say a few words about Maurice and his connection to arguably the world's most infamous car brand, Cadillac.

Maurice was one of the founding members who created the NZ Cadillac LaSalle club in Wellington in 1973. Just last year, the New Zealand club celebrated its 50th Anniversary in Wellington and a prerecorded video message from Maurice (and son Ian) was broadcast at one of our special 50th outings so in essence, he was there at the event, with us!

Maurice's extraordinary life was that of a true legend in the world of automotive history. By the early 1970s, Maurice's passion had blossomed into something truly extraordinary. His most well-known writing, "Cadillac – The Standard of the World: The Complete 70-Year History," was a monumental achievement, and the culmination of two years of scripting based on some 20 years of tireless research and dedication by he and his dear wife, Marion who if you can imagine in those days, recorded those manuscripts on a typewriter! It is said that the notes encompassed 18 Exercise books!

The eventual achievement resulted in a 400+-page volume that not only chronicled the illustrious history of Cadillac but also solidified Maurice's reputation as a pre-eminent automotive historian.

But Maurice's contributions to the automotive world extended far beyond his writings about Cadillacs. Over the years, he authored books on Pierce-Arrows, Lincolns, and Harley Davidson motorbikes, showcasing his versatility and depth of knowledge. His writing graced the pages of 25 publishers around the globe, earning him acclaim as an automotive luminary. It was reported Maurice had written several hundred magazine articles on cars, motorbikes, and aviation and into his 80s was working on a book about Rolls Royce in America, another likely historic milestone had it been completed.

Amongst some 30+ cars and motorbikes once owned by Maurice was a Cadillac LaSalle previously owned by a former Auckland Mayor, the late Sir Ernest Davis and a rare 12-cylinder Piece Arrow, one of only two in NZ in the early 2000s. Interest also extended to aviation when he spent some time in the Air Training Corps during WW2. Maurice was a former Member of Society of Automotive Historians, numerous car clubs,

a Lifetime Member and Founder of The Cadillac LaSalle Club of NZ and a Lifetime Member of the American Cadillac LaSalle club in the USA. As well as North America, Maurice was well known within the automotive circles of Europe, the UK, Asia, and Australia.



Today, as we bid farewell to Maurice, we in the Cadillac and LaSalle club around the world will remember him with gratitude for the indelible mark he left on our automotive hobby. He was the one that did the research (and wife, Marion did the typing) to help us understand and learn about the history of Cadillac as well as many other brands he was so intensely knowledgeable about. His legacy will endure through the many automotive writings he penned and the thousands of enthusiasts he touched via the countless stories he shared.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the final chapter on Maurice has now closed, end of story BUT his writings will forever be read by us all. May you rest in peace Maurice and forever cruise in Cadillac heaven.

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Myrie Dawn Wotherspoon.

Myrie passed on 23rd April 2024. Much loved wife of Bill for 57 years. Cherished mum and mother-in-law to Jamie and Trudy, Netty and Dario. Crazy fun Nana to Sophie, Chloe, Declan and Florence; Great Nana to Roman and Oaklee. Much loved sister of the Morrow siblings.

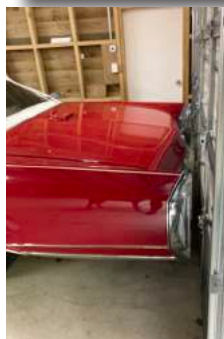
Member of CLC NZ 1991 - 2024



It is with great sadness I inform everyone that our NZ CLC Member, Myrie Wotherspoon (of Albany, Auckland) passed away on April 23rd 2024, at age 81 (21 June 1942 to 23 April 2024). Much loved wife of Bill for 57 years. Cherished mum and mother-in-law to Jamie & Trudy; Netty & Dario. Crazy fun Nana to Sophie, Chloe, Declan and Florence; Great Nana to Roman and Oaklee. Much loved sister of the Morrow siblings.

She and her husband, Bill, have been long-time NZ club members since 1991 and were both very active participating members up until the late 2000's where they cruised about in their beautiful 1966 red Eldorado convertible, now cared for by their son Jamie where he reports 'it just squeezes into the garage!'

In an Albany Chapel full to nearly overflowing, a happy and entertaining service was held (and 'Streamed online') to celebrate the colourful life of Myrie. She was born in Te Aroha and brought up in the family home in Cameron Road, Tauranga along with her other eight siblings, plus Mum and Dad, eleven in all in the one home! During Myrie's colourful service, family members recalled many fun times and memories that Myrie (affectionally known as 'Mouse' to her immediate family, as she was the smallest) like the times Mum and Dad took Myrie and her siblings to The Mount at New Years to watch the riots! (infamous in Tauranga many decades ago fuelled by intoxicated youths).



Myrie married Bill 57 years ago. In 1967 and they moved the North Shore of Auckland and would later sell up and move to their at Snells Beach to retire. Myrie was known as a very active community volunteer where her talents of being outgoing, energetic and never afraid to voice her view, earned her the respect of her friends and peers. She was very active in the 'Happy Wanderers' walking club and known to be a 'crazy full-of life' person, and a flamboyant, exuberant 'jack-in-the-box' as well as a kaleidoscope of colour and often got up to hijinks! Never afraid to laugh at herself, she was always full of fun and humour – sometimes 'mimicking other people's accents and she possessed a vocabulary of sayings. Amongst her favourites were 'Don't let me get my teeth out' and 'Black as the hops of Jerico' (referring to the colour of her cup-of-tea) and her fav, 'Lucky for some!' She was known as "Mama Critter" to friends and family and 'Tiger teeth' by her daughter and grandies.

The Cadillac LaSalle Club of New Zealand conveys our condolences to family and friends. Rest in colour and in Peace Myrie.



Myrie's son, Jamie wrote me following my condolences to the family: "Hi Ron. Thank you for your kind words. Mum and Dad both loved their days with the Caddy Club. I have attached some pictures of the Caddy. The first is it being used as Santa's sleigh. For years a fire engine used to deliver Santa around the community throwing our lollies to the kids. When the fire engine was sold a few years back a call went out for a replacement and

the Caddy was the perfect choice for a new sleigh! The other two pictures show how tight the fit is in our garage; but don't worry we currently have the designs for a new garage in with council for consent and we hope to start building soon. It is going to be a six car garage with room for a pool table and dart boards (16.5m x 12m). Kind regards, Jamie." [Thanks Jamie, kindest regards Ron, Ed]

Martin's **Repro**
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Thanks Martin for a great spread, from pedal cars to old bikes. low riders and Rods, trucks and pantina paint to paint jobs fantastic. The whole spectrum is covered, even a Whangamata Montage! In the middle of the page is an DeSoto Firedome topless with Continental Tyre kit and next to it, a Mopar Imperial. Ed

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Last month we learned more about Martin. He sent me so much (and via his Facebook LINK) I managed to acquire numerous great footage of meet-ups that he and Wendy have attended in the past. Great photos, Martin - Ed.



As we know, Martin has a bit of Ford blood flowing through his veins so it's no surprise he attended a wonderful Ford event earlier this year. The tour took in Pinton's car collection which featured a great number of old cars (including what looks to be a lovely '76 Caddy) plus many signs, memorabilia and petrolina. Good one Martin. Ed



Our GLOBAL Family

AUSTRALIA - Hi Ron. Thanks for the great editions you have been doing. You do a great job. Don't know whether you are aware Philip Moses our Queensland President recently lost his battle with cancer. He was great gentleman and I know he shall be missed. Thanks Again Ron. Regards, Rick Grimaldi CLC Qld [Thanks Rick. Our condolences to all you CLC Members and Philip's family. I met Philip several times during my visits to OZ. He was a 'getting on and doing it' sort of guy and led by example. A great loss to your Region and the CLC - Ed]

Hi Ron, I hope you are well. Thank you for your magazine. Always great to read, and very colourful with the photos of the cars. It was American classics as far as the eye could see. And that many in New Zealand is impressive. I do have to say that American classic cars are a joy to behold. Their styling is from an era never to be seen again. Congratulations on the receipt of another well deserved award. Best wishes, George [Thanks George. Our *FINZ Magazine* is viewed 100s of times on the main CLC US website, rubbing shoulders with those fantastic American publications! Ed]

Hi Ron. Here is Ross Morgan's 1934 Aerodynamic Coupe. This model was Originally built for the 1934 Chicago worlds fair in 1934. Ross's one is one of 20 built, 8 of which were V16's. This (V16) is one of 5 left known to exist. Debuted at the 2024 Oz Nationals in Perth WA. Cheers. Paul Dixon, CLC Victoria [Thanks Paul. Ross' '34 Aero is truly a piece of art. Steve Gill and I saw it under construction the last time we were in Perth at the previous Australian Muster at Margaret River. Coverage of your event will be fab. Ed]



Just one of five known survivors. It deserves every superlative! An amazing design shape when new and now re-born thanks to the amazing talents of CLC Member, Ross Morgan's team of 're-creators!' Ed

NZ - Hello Ron. Amazing text what you have done, wow - impressive I'm more than happy with that what you wrote, my friends in Germany was surprised and said- they need more people like you ...I appreciate this what you have done. Very good RonThank you very much ...Have a nice weekend. Martin and Wendy [You're welcome Martin. Many thanks for what you wrote and sent - excellent. Keep taking more photos and send me more sometime. Ed]

Hi Ron. Great job on the publication! Not sure of interest etc, but John Charpentier is in NZ for 3 weeks. He is keen to check out my RHD V while here visiting his daughter. I'm catching up with him this weekend. It's been 30 years since he's been in NZ, so getting to the South Island and fitting in the a few scenic spots best he can. He has been involved with Cadillac for some time. Cheers Peter Ellmers - Past CLCNZ Pres. 1983-1988. [Thanks Pete. I did try and catch up with John but we did not connect. I checked out his FB page etc. and he sure is a big Cadillac V fan thats for sure. Ed]



John Charpentier

USA - Thomas Pirog (CLC New Jersey writes) Beautiful issue of FINZ Ron. Thank you. Regards, Tom [Good on you, Tom. Ed]

Hi Ron. Ed Cholakian , proprietor of "All Cads of the 1940's and 1950's" passed away last Sunday in Las Vegas. Long time member of CLC. Thanks, Tim Pawl CLC Motor City Region [Thanks Tim. Steve and I visited his operation in LV whilst there for the GN in 2016. Great guy, terrific place. Condolences to his family and to all you guys who knew him. Ed]

UK - Hi Ron, Congratulations on another Golden Quill, richly deserved. You must have enough for a complete wing by now. Sorry to hear Maurice isn't too well, I've obviously never met him, but I see his name every day, his book is on the desk in front of me. It's going to be interesting to see how well the Lyriq does outside of the USA, both in your part of the world and Europe. I'm sceptical about how well it will do in the UK, not because of the car itself, but the lack of GM infrastructure. There's just the one dealer and their main signage has SSang Yong written all over it. They sell Cadillac (in theory) and Corvette. Phil Hole, Editor *Standard of the World* - Magazine of The Cadillac Owners Club of Great Britain. [Thanks Phil. The Lyric to be released here soon in NZ. Will be interesting given EV values are 'tanking' here in NZ. Want to buy a used Tesla? Ed]



Our GLOBAL Family

NZ - Good morning Ron my turn to report on the Taranaki region April outing. Sunday 28 April was a bright sunny Autumn day. We had 19 members arrive in New Plymouth for a half hour (approx) cruise around Surf Highway 45 to Rahoitu where the "Highway 45 Cruisers Classic Car Club" hosted a Show & Shine on the fields of the local rugby club. As you can see from the photos there was a great turn out approximately 120 vehicles on display. Of our group we had 7 Cadillacs, 1 Impala, 1 Challenger, 1 Holden and a Mercedes. The Rugby Club offered great facilities including Bar, Coffee and eats. I believe everybody enjoyed themselves. So until next month. Cheers Grant. [Great turnout guys under blue skies. Love the 'Highway 45 Cruisers Club sign' - Ed]



Clear blue skies welcomed the Taranaki Region as they participated in the 'Highway 45 Cruisers Club' show & Display. Some nice cars were present including this 'last year' Aussie Chrysler Charger. Colour scheme very retro complete with brown chocolate interior! Looks like a grand day - Ed.





From the Editors seat!

Many thanks to Auckland Members, Steve Barker; Richard Glasson and Peter Jenkins who attended Maurice Hendry's funeral with their lovely Caddies. A longtime friend of Maurice's family, Duncan Fox also tagged along in his sharp turquoise '62. Edwin Jensen (Member since mid 1980s and also past Pres. (1990) made the service. Thanks guys, we 'The Club' and I know from speaking with Maurice's family afterwards, appreciated your attendaance also. Maurice's son, Ian organised a lovely Cadillac Hearse, very befitting as you will all agree. Some photos hereunder plus another of Maurice 'leaning on the hood of his last Caddy'.



Maurice's casket was surrounded by Cadillac Memories - His authored Cadillac book; his 50th CLC NZ Loyalty Award; special 'layered craft Cadillac card' (below) by Mrs. Andre Melville; CLC US past Award to Maurice upon authoring first History of Cadillac book.



Maurice's son, Ian found a Cadillac 'Wreath emblem' to place at the 'head' of the casket similar to that of one that adorned Cadillac hoods! [Nice touch Ian. You will see one on Maurices Caddy below - Ed]



Another longtime NZ-Registered Caddy. Is it still about, I wonder? Ed





From the Editors seat!

As I pen this, Kiwi car racing driver, SCOTT McLAUGHLIN has won Pole at Indy 500. The race is being held in Indianapolis (USA) on Sunday 26th May - US time, Monday 27th May, NZ time.

It was reported, as Pole winner for the Indianapolis 500 Scott McLaughlin, averaged 234.220 mph for his four qualifying laps, a new track record. It is the first Indy pole for McLaughlin, whose previous best start was 14th. "Indy hasn't been kind to me," McLaughlin said, "and a lot of it was my doing. I need to work on things. This is the first step." [Wishing Scott the very best of luck. Fellow Kiwis, Scott Dixon (past Indy 500 Winner) and 23-year-old, Cantabrian, Marcus Armstrong starts his first Indy from 16th on the grid. Ed]



Our good friend, George Ake from OZ writes that our own Kiwi Rocker from the 50s, Johnnie Devlin recently celebrated the 60th Anniversary of playing support to the Beatles back in 1964, in NZ, plus it was Johnnie's 86th Birthday recently too. Congrats Johnnie from your friends at the Cadillac LaSalle Club of NZ.



Above, Johnnie; Radio Station friend and George.

Cadillacs and likely Mustangs are the most that regularly feature on TV/ Movies etc. So it came as no surprise that a number of them appeared in the the old Sopranos series. Google *The Many Saints of Newark* which is a movie 'prequel' of the infamous *Soprano* series. Lots of great Caddies in both. See if you can spot a 'young Tony' making a name and reputation for himself in the Newark film! Ed

The Cars of The Sopranos



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Ever wondered about how some car names came about? Did you know *FIAT* is not really a name but made up of four words with the initials *F.I.A.T* ?

This is a really interesting read and Cadillac features also!

Cadillac



Brandon O'Keefe

In 1701, Antoine Laumet de La Mothe Cadillac founded the city of Detroit. Two hundred and one years later, the Cadillac Car Company was founded by Henry M. Leland in that city. The first Cadillac was introduced at the New York Auto Show the following year. Interestingly, Leland would go on to found Cadillac's luxury rival Lincoln in 1917.

38 Car-Company Names and Their Origins

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There is alternative accommodation next door as well at the "Oasis" if wanting cheaper, although no restaurants/ facilities on site. Registration for this event is very reasonable at \$35 per person, Saturday night dinner will be paid by the Club, all other expenses are on you, sorry. Account for registration will be 060689 0055887 00 and please email frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz with your intention of attending this annual get together. Suggestions welcome for the day programme if you know of something interesting, I am working on this as well with local members and friends. Regards, Frances - Club Secretary

IMPORTANT Message from our NZ Club President

To our members of the Cadillac Club of New Zealand, it is time for a change and to that end, after serving our club for a few years as your President it is time to make personal changes and form new directions wherever that may be.

It has been a pleasure to hold office for the club and more so as your President, but I know I am leaving this position to be filled by someone who will bring new and fresh ideas to keep the Club in good hands moving forward.

I therefore will be stand down as President at the upcoming AGM to be announced shortly in Taupo 2024.

In joining the club over 10 years ago both Elsie and I have had the pleasure of meeting and making lifetime friends and we look forward to those relationships continuing as we enjoy our chosen love of a motor vehicle of choice a Cadillac.

No doubt many of you may think a President position is not for me, but it's about putting your hand up to be part of a committed team of caring chosen individuals who care for the existence of the club.

Don't hold back it's about being in the team to make the Club strong, and I look forward to nominations for President to be forthcoming.

To the executive team and the support, you have provided, I am eternally grateful and intend to remain a club member in whatever shape or form.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming AGM and no doubt it may cost me a few beers no doubt.

Ian Lind, President *The Cadillac LaSalle Club of NZ Inc.*

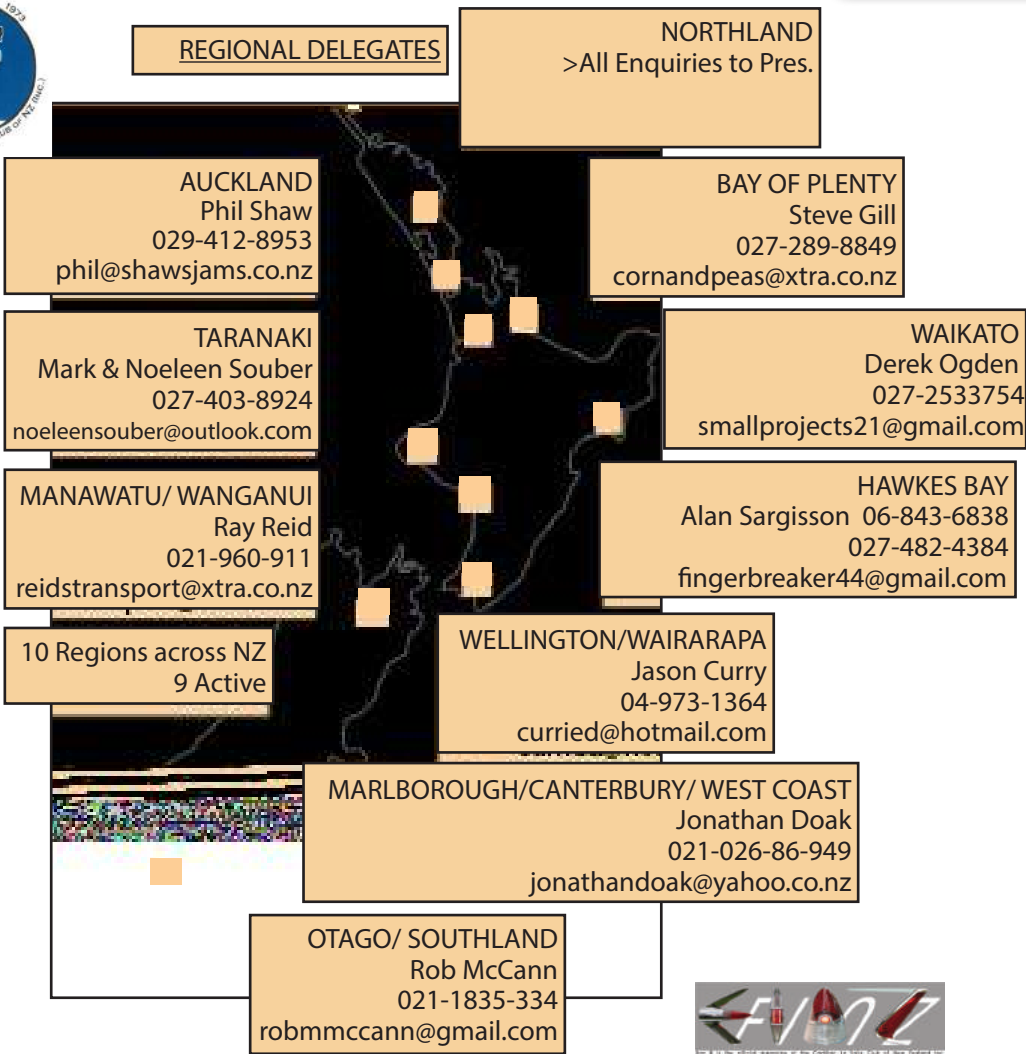
A Nomination form for the President position is attached. Please complete and return to Club Secretary, Frances ASAP at:
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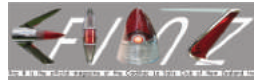
KEVS Caddies and other great shapes!

(Recommended by Pam [Christine's sister] as a 'must view!')





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 JULY 14th - Rotorua Swap Meet
 AUG 3rd - PalmNorth SwapMeet
 OCT 6th - Tararua Rodders Chrome n' Custom Show, Levin
6th to 9th - NZ Cadillac Nationals, Taupo
 25th - 28th - NSRA Nats, Bulls Manawatu



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CLC NZ - Roll of Honour
Spirits flow, not forgotten

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Maurice Hendry surveys his life of writings he has shared with us car aficionados through his penning of many literary volumes. And we will remember him frequently as we turn the pages of his life long passion he held for our Cadillacs and we are glad it was his destiny to achieve what he did, for us.

"For I know the plans I have for you." [Jeremiah 29:11]

Maurice Hendry
2 Nov 1929 - 10 May 2024