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Hi all.

As I type this, I have just received the sad news that long-time Wellington Member (joined 1993), Denis Bulloch has suddenly passed. Denis had Cadillacs in his blood and had his own 'Cadillac Cave' in a special shed on his Trentham (Wellington) property that we were privileged and so grateful to have seen only last October as part of our 50th Anniversary. More on Denis in due course. Denis' Service details attached.

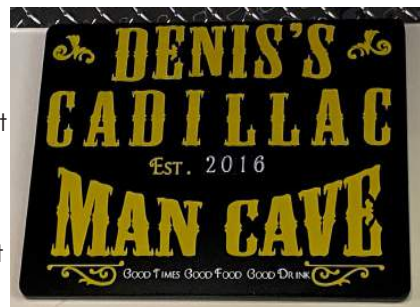
Meantime, I have just spent time in Austria (not Australia), well in my mind at least! You see a fellow CLC Member from Motown (thats Motor City Region in Detroit) recently sent me a LINK about an event in Europe, touted as the largest gathering of Cadillacs there. On my Editor page I will expand, but let's just say in all my years as Editor, I have never seen such a quality video expozay of Caddies. The photography is awe-inspiring, drone shoots are amazing. You will see virtually every model of Cadillac (well a least from 1940s up) but the footage in Austria with snow-capped mountains in the background and lonesome roads with only a cavalcade of Caddies cruising down them is something to behold. This is a must view recommendation. If you enjoy old car photos, check this out - wow. A shot from the 'BIG Event Movie' is featured on our front cover this month. And we could attend in August 2025! Is this a too bigger adventure for us Kiwis?

Meanwhile, back on the home front - I hope you've marked your diaries for our upcoming October NZ Cadillac Nationals to be held in Taupo. Details in this issue.

Lot's of other stuff here too in this edition, like - Andrew, Violet and Ollie Deam have been way down South; our social Taranaki Region has been viewing 100+ year old Caddies; Felonious Gru Curry makes an appearance plus Jason's Eldo appears in a short movie; Covergae of the recent Grand Nats in Gettysburg, USA and a few members needing parts! Can we help?

More tributes to Maurice (thanks Peter Ratcliff - CLC Australia) and a well-known Aust. identity, Phil Moses, passes. Our condolences to our CLC Aust. friends and Phils family. LaCad LINK inside plus other Global news; Kevs Kaddies and a great tail light!

Well that's all for now. If you attend an event over winter, email me a report and any pics of cool cars you see there. Take care on the icy roads and on wet days and until the next issue, stay safe and cruise likewise! Best regards, Ron, Ed.



Memories of Denis' Cadillac Cave from our visit at the 50th in October 2023. Denis was beaming with pride to share his collection with us - Ed



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Andrew Deam has been on a trek. Yet another member cruising south. Here's what he; partner Violet and young son, Ollie got up to:

Hi Ron hope all is well I've been meaning to do this for the last couple of months but I've been tied up with work and having to shift houses and things. In mid-March, my family and I embarked on a road trip down to Timaru for the Caroline Bay Rock Festival in my cherished 1963 Cadillac Coupe Deville. During our journey, we made delightful stops to capture precious moments through photographs. We even extended our adventure to Oamaru for some sightseeing. It was an unforgettable trip, especially for the vintage Cadillac, as we covered just under 3000 kilometers from Taranaki to Timaru, spending approximately \$1300 on fuel. We had an absolute blast along the way, creating lasting memories. I've attached some of my favorite pictures from our excursion, so please feel free to share in our experiences.

The Caroline Bay-Hop Festival was a relaxed well organised event down there. And there were quite a few other Caddies there too. The last photo is myself, partner(violet) and son (Ollie) 5months old in that photo. 'Nins Bin' is on state highway 1 near Kaikōura (beautiful drive) the Cookie Time HQ is just south out of Christchurch. The Trout and the mural is Rakaia and furs the old brick work is 'Steampunk town Oamaru!' The car show on the Saturday at Caroline Bay was huge and had a awesome selection of cars. Regards, Andrew, Violet & Ollie!

[Excellent, Andrew, Violet and Ollie. I have read where the Caroline Bay attracts huge numbers. Great pics, thank you. If any member attends a similar event, please report in, with pics. Your sharing could encourage others to attend next time! Ed]



Look at Caroline Bay crowd! Ed



Our GLOBAL Family

AUSTRALIA - Hi Ron. A great edition with many photos of wonderful cars. Tributes to Maurice Hendry reflect his stature in the world of Cadillac. Best wishes, George Akele

Andrew & Rachel, Editors of the Award-Winning, Australian LaCad published the following:

We would like to pass on our very sincere condolences to the lovely Mary Anne Hiscutt and her family from Queensland on the recent passing of Phil Moses. Phil was the Queensland President from 2017 until 2022 when he retired due to ill health. Andrew and I met Phil in Stanthorpe and a more affable gent who loved his family and his cars who would go a very long way to find. Condolences also go to the family of a Kiwi who many of you may not know, Maurice Hendry. Maurice Hendry wrote one of the definitive books on the marque we all know and love "*The Complete Seventy Year History*" which we have two copies of at home, one signed by Maurice to Cliff Rees (Andrews Dad). The book makes for a very interesting read and, if you can get your hands on one, a great source of historical information. Maurice was not only the Patron of the New Zealand Cadillac La Salle Club he was also one of the founding members.

David Rayner is delighted to have obtained virtually all the bits needed to repair the massive accident damage to his 1960 Eldorado. The source was Gus Carmont in Auckland New Zealand, who agreed to help David with the parts even though he does not normally sell stuff from his collection. The deciding factor appears to have been New Zealand FINZ editor Ron Melville approaching Gus. A big thank you to Ron. [Some parts still wanted, see end of mag - Ed]

Iconic Australian CLC Member, Peter Ratcliff writes:

Maurice Hendry lived in Auckland, New Zealand all his life, but he spent a year or so travelling in the US in the late sixties gathering material and interviews for his grand book "*The Complete Seventy Year History of Cadillac*" published in 1973. He interviewed many significant Cadillac engineers, designers and innovators, all of whom have since passed on. The book quickly became the world's standard reference for Cadillac history. I find it incredible that the first ever history of Cadillac motorcars was put together by someone from the bottom of the world, but there it is. As the years rolled on the many new editions of the expanded book became the Complete History and now comes in two substantial volumes. Maurice visited Australia in the early seventies, being shuttled around Sydney and Melbourne by volunteers at about the time his book was released. He also wrote regularly for Car Classics magazine in the eighties, and I loved his pro-American bias. His comparisons between Cadillac and Rolls-Royce were merciless. In honour of his writing, the US Cadillac & LaSalle Club implemented the annual Maurice Hendry Award as an incentive to any CLC member who "excels in journalistic contributions in furtherance of the purpose of the Cadillac & La Salle Club." Criteria for the award include excellence in writing skills, style, originality, content, research, and illustrations.'

Maurice died in May 2024 at the age of 94 years [Excellent synopsis, thanks Peter. Another cool article appears at right, some by Peter. Thanks to LaCad for allowing reprint - Ed]

Dear Caddy and LaSalle Club Members and Friends. Here is the link to the Winter LaCad Enjoy! Cheers, Greg Short. [An



Rik Hoving Custom Car Chronicles 2014
Rik Hoving is a historian of American custom cars of the forties and fifties. He is in the Netherlands and his research is amazing.

In 2009 Rik found a photo of this chopped 1947 Cadillac with a padded top. Asking around Rik found that Customizing King George Barris had built the car for himself in 1949 from a 1942 convertible and modified it to look like a 1947 model by adding 1947 fenders, grille and bumpers - it looked very new when it first hit the roads all customized and painted maroon in 1949.

Bill Gaylord had a famous upholstery and Customizing business in LA back in the 1940s and 1950s and was well known for his padded tops fitted to custom cars. Gaylord had a photo in his collection from when he did this padded top for Barris.

Right - Business cards featuring the 42 Cadillac.



Rik writes that the 42 was a simple custom car with just the right number of Custom touches to make it extremely elegant.

The just right chopped windshield and perfectly shaped Gaylord top, most of the trim on the body removed, except for the horizontal fender side trim, which helped make the car look even longer. The smooth trunk looks amazing with the shape of the padded top and the sharp-edged tear drop shaped moulded in rear fenders.

The only thing we still must figure out is why this stunning car that was Barris' personal car was never featured, nor mentioned in print. Barris was a promoter and entrepreneur and the many cars he built were featured in US magazines and books. Except this one. Rik knows every US custom car magazine and he had not seen this Cadillac anywhere.



Rik's website "Custom Car Chronicles" carries a huge set of histories of US custom cars and displays an amazing amount of historical research done on each one.

Peter Ratcliff



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NZ - Taranaki - Noeleen reports (at right) on another great Taranki outing. ['Hats off to you guys' for yet another interesting event. Amazing to think some are more than 100+ years old! - Ed]

Bay Of Plenty, Tauranga - Hi Ron -For Cadillac parts we have discovered a new supplier here in New Zealand who takes the uncertainty and worry away from dealing with the traders in the USA direct. He got us parts in 5 days!!! His name is Simon from Airride NZ Ltd. in Napier Phone: 021 234 1198 he works through Trade Me which is secure for both parties. So if anyone needs parts try him. Regards
 Kay Corin [Thanks Kay. I had a look and it looks great. If any members come across sources for parts etc., let me know and I will share their details - Ed]

Taranaki Cadillac Run

July 2024 Monthly Run.

On route to one of our monthly events, we opened our shed for the members to see the progress of our 1904 Single Cylinder Cadillac, which they had been asking for a while on how the progress was going. They were impressed with the progress where Steve was up to the running gear stage, wheels, engine in, all the pipe work. Attached are some of the photos. Steve hopes to start on the wooden body at Xmas time. We also showed some of the members the other veteran (pre - 1918) vehicles that we have.

Then it was onto Taranaki Aviation Transport & Technology Museum (TATAM). We were put into two groups and shown around the complex of the old printing machines, telephones, TV's . In the other buildings there was the Butcher shop with its butchers' wooden big block, Dentist, to name a few.

Then it was to our lunch stop, Quails Nest Eatery where we had a good lunch and chat.

Thanks goes to Noeleen and Mark for a great day out.

Signed

Veronica Oliver



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Steve Oliver's Cadillac Shed. A work in progress. A credit to Steve



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Auckland - From: Craig Christ ccnole@gmail.com to Jason and forwarded to me for publishing: Hi Jason and Nirosha, this is Lou Johansen's husband Craig. I have finally completed the arrangements for Louise's celebration of life. It will be held on Sunday, August 18 at the RSA building in Warkworth. The address is 28 Neville street in Warkworth and the hours will be from 1-4. We will have sandwich, cheese, crackers, chips and fruit trays with a cash bar. I have sent a message to Ron for inclusion in your newsletter. I hope to finally meet some of these folks I have heard so much about. Thank you, Craig Christ 0212226944 [Thanks Jason and Craig. If any of our Auckland members would like to give your Caddy an outing, a run up to Warkworth will blow out the cobwebs. Please email Craig with your intentions - Ed]

Hi Ron - Hoping this email finds you well. Unfortunately I have some bad news to share. Last Friday (early July) the unthinkable happened. The 1978 Coupe Deville was involved in a collision with a Ford Ranger, and came off the worse of the two to say the least. Thankfully everyone involved is unharmed and the damage is not catastrophic. The front bumper was swiped from behind on the left and taken half off. In turn this torqued the bumper into the front-right fender, denting it. The front-left headlight and its housing were also irreparably smashed. But the radiator narrowly avoided destruction. At the moment I'm looking into panelbeating. I wanted to touch base in case you or any of the other members knew of any 5th gen coupe devilles within New Zealand which are able to be parted out. I m also interested in whether there are any passionate

panelbeaters who might be interested in taking a look and quoting the repairs. On a related note, she wasn't perfect before the accident. I'm also contemplating whether it might be a good time to also look into general body work (rust, other dents). I know it's a tricky one but I'd be grateful if you are able to keep an eye out or have any pointers to share. Another tough question, and I certainly wouldn't quote you on it, but out of curiosity / in your experience, what do you reckon is a rough ballpark figure for the main repairs? (No pressure!) All the best, Daniel Perich (and Mum, Mary Perich) - 0272644794 [I replied with some suggestions and Daniel replied] Thanks Ron! Really appreciate your support and the informative writeup. The coupe is garaged at the moment, with the major damage on the light fittings / bezels taped up and the bumper tied to the engine bay to keep everything secure. But I'll snap a few (better) pics when I unravel the bandages, as the ones taken weren't particularly good. Fortunately we are insured, but haven't followed up with them yet. I've also sent an email to a nearby petrol station which had a camera pointed in the general direction. Fingers crossed it captured the accident. We'll be sure to let you know how the journey goes! Cheers Daniel. [If anyone out there has any suggestions for Daniel or can assist with parts, please email him at: mperich88@gmail.com 021-173-9298. Keep me posted Daniel and Mary - Ed]



Sample pic of a '78. Note the front that would have suffered the impact - Ed

Bay Of Plenty, Tauranga - From Dave Cummins [Back story - Dave and Trish' '47 trans has suffered a major melt-down. I made a few suggestions to Dave and sent out an email for help. Here is a response from Dave]: Hi Ron Just an update on the gearbox. I reached out to the Vintage Car Clubs both here and Hawkes Bay and low and behold 1 day later I received a call from a gentleman in Katikati of all places. He had a hydramatic box which was part of a static setup with an engine which he sold a while back. Long story short money changed hands and I am now the owner of a Hydramatic gearbox (probably around mid 1940 era) ex tank we think! Stripped down there are a couple of parts they may be of use. Fortunately through Fatsco Transmissions in New Jersey, USA I am/have sourced all the needed parts for a complete rebuild at the very reasonable cost of 1300 bucks USD. Shipping included. So I am just navigating through the time difference (11 hours behind NZ time) and hopefully the parts will be on their way soon. Thanks for your help. Ron, the gentleman in Sydney was also very helpful. Dave [Thanks Dave. Glad to hear things are progressing positively. Send us some pics of your 'tank' trans! Once you are back on the road, the '47 will track like a tank! It is interesting to observe a few CLC members we know have had a need for parts of late - Dave Rayner, Aust with his '60. Daniel and Mary Perich with their '78 and Dave with his '47. Kay and Dave Corin also needed parts recently as well and have shared their reliable source. Belonging to our club means we can 'brain-storm' possible solutions or ideas for you and in some instances actually find parts. I know this from first hand experience from a couple of years ago, now. Image below of a Tank Hydramatic Trans from 80+ years ago! They built 'em strong! Ed]



This World War Two Hydramatic 250-T Transmission was seen at the now defunct Ripkey Armor Museum in Crawfordsville, IN. The transmission is attached to a Cadillac V-8 and would have seen applications in the M5 series tanks, M5 motor gun carriages, and the LV7C3. Author's photo.



Our GLOBAL Family

NZ - Wellington - From Jason Curry comes a FB page worth looking at. Jason's Eldo (and daughter, Jessie) feature in a short film. [Some images below - Ed] <https://www.facebook.com/753128000/videos/pcb.10161617829273001/7857066291006672>



More Jason - Is there no creative bounds that our VP cannot not conquer? Quite despicable really! - Ed.



...And Maritime moments with an equally nice blue T-Bird - Ed



USA - Hi Ron. On May 11th I attended the annual Wood Waves and Wheels car show at the Fort Worth Boat Club (TX). It is a beautiful setting on the scenic shores of Eagle Mountain Lake. I drove my 1973 Coupe DeVille to the show which featured classic wooden boats and classic automobiles. There were a few other Cadillacs there, including a 1939 Cadillac coupe and a 1969 Sedan DeVille. Chris Craft, Century, and Clarion were some of the boats shown. It was a beautiful day with some beautiful vintage transportation on display! Hope you enjoy the photos. Happy motoring, Mark Waterman, CLC NTX [Hi Mark. Always great to hear from you. Doesn't nice boats, like nice Caravans/ Trailers blend well with old cars? Ed]



Ron I have enjoyed your monthly magazine for years (viewable on CLC Forum in USA) and it is time I contribute. Attached are two photos that CLC member and close friend Joe Northrup is auctioning off on BaT (Bring-a-Trailer.com) for charity to support young people who have been involved in an auto accident with a drunk driver and sustained brain damage. The charity is in the name of John Foust who ran a very successful vintage Cadillac parts business in Texas before his untimely death several years ago. Both John and Joe knew the initial recipient personally as a Texas A&M student prior to his accident Again thanks for all you do for the Cadillac LaSalle hobby. I promise not to stay away in the future Bob Smits. CLC# 2426 Texas Region. No Reserve Auction of a 1978 Cadillac Eldorado Custom Biarritz Classic for Charity <https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1978-cadillac-eldorado-coupe/> Was sold on 29th June for US\$16,600 (NZ\$29k approx.) [Thanks Bob. Joe is a very generous man! Ed]





Our GLOBAL Family

USA - Hi Ron. I am sending these photos which include some of my great friends from Down Under... Talk about a long road trip to the Grand National...! There is a photo of Warren Hawtins and Keith Cubbin from Kensington New South Wales waiting on a tour bus. Warren and Keith after the Grand National will be heading to Yellowstone National Park before heading home. (Kiwi) Paul Dixon from Melbourne Victoria in the Hostility Suite and last but not least, Paul's beautiful twin girls Hannah and Lauren Dixon enjoying cake at the Welcome Reception. After spending a week in Gettysburg Hannah and Luran are taking their parents to Disney World. :-) :-) before heading back to Australia. Thanks, Lynn Gardner USA [Thanks Lynn and great Grand National photos too. These are just a few of the amazing collection out there on the web! Go to www.cadillacclubofnz.org - Ed]



1934 Coupe
1985 Seville is below Left



< 1935 LaSalle Convert.
> 1937 LaSalle Coupe



< 1939 LaSalle
> 1953 Eldorado



Warren & Keith

Below - Paul & at right, under is Hannah & Lauren



< 1953 Eldorado
> 1956 Coupe deVille



< 1959 Coupe deVille
> 1962 Coupe deVille



1927 Roadster



1987 Fleetwood Wagon - Very unusual



< 1970 Coupe deVille
> 1976 Calais



1932 280 Phaeton



< 1976 Coupe deVille
> 1976 Eldorado





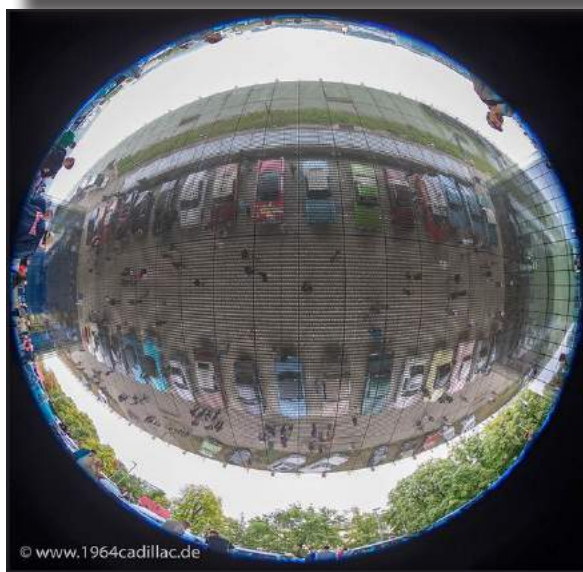
From the Editors seat!

Hi and Willkommen (Welcome, in Austrian!). Your mission, this month, is to check out these amazing LINKs: <http://www.cadillac-meeting.com/english/> and <https://www.eldorado-seville.com/home/>

Gerald Loidl is the Movie maker who I reached out to and secured his permission to share with you just some of his website content. Enjoy the few images here. According to Gerald's website "I am a professional TV- cameraman and editor for a TV station in Austria, and together with my wife (Afra) we do run our small film and photography production company. I can't get rich from doing this, but I would not want to do anything else for a living. I spend 90% of my average income for my cars, therefore having to live a very humble life. I'm lucky that my wife is very supportive to my hobby, otherwise it would not be possible to play with my cars that much ;-). I do not have a professional car background in any way. I had to learn everything by myself by reading articles, shop manuals, watch videos, ask friends and by just trying... I messed up lots of things and I'm about 10 times slower than any professional mechanic most of the times, but I can't afford to pay somebody to fix my cars and I want things to be done perfectly. That's why I am always trying to do everything by myself. I'm married to my dear wife Afra since 2006 and our son Elliot was born in 2010. So far it looks like that he already has the Cadillac virus in his blood as well ;-). [Thank you so much Gerald, Afra and Elliot - your a Cadillac Family that rocks! Keep up the outstanding work, Ed]



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Ron Zahn, CLC VP Int'l Affiliates, lower right!





Just some of the amazing images from the BIG Event Movie and Gerald's website content. Lad taking photo is of Elvis' Caddy (note plate). Meanwhile, Elvis' custom Caddy Wagon is above. Simply fab drone shots throughout the movie. Brilliant weather. Must have been a great event, CLC VP Int'l Affiliates, Ron Zahn was there. He only goes to the very best - Ed.

2024 NZ Cadillac Nationals



KEEP THIS WEEKEND FREE - The 51st meeting of Cadillac Club of NZ

To be Held Taupo 4th - 6th OCTOBER 2024

AT MILLENNIUM HOTEL AND RESORT MANUELS, 243 LAKE TCE.

Accommodation is here also, 20 rooms held at the moment, **booking reference #63117**, Cadillac Club. Booking for breakfast is optional. There is a restaurant and bar and conference/meeting facilities here, so everything one place. No extra driving. Phone 07 378 5110

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.*

UPDATE re new Pres: VP, Jason Curry has been nominated for the Pres. role and we now include fresh nomination form for the President position & Vice Pres. role. Please complete and return to Club Secretary, Frances ASAP at: frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz



KEVS Caddies and other great shapes!

(Kev's finds are sharper than this Cadillac Cacti!)



Kev has reached back into the 50s (except the customised '41 done in grape) but all are hanging (low) fruit! Keep Caddy hunting, Kev!





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10 Regions across NZ
9 Active



AUG 3rd - PalmNorth SwapMeet
25th - VCC Daffodil Rally for Cancer - Nationwide runs
SEPT 8th - Henry Ford Memorial Display & Swap, Hamilton
21st - Spring Car Show, Greerton
Tauranga (Street M & Customs)
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 flown, not forgotten

Stephen Brown, Past Regional Delegate - Marlborough/ Canterbury/ West Coast - South Island - Member 2001 to 2023
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