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Hello all and welcome to our first spring (September) issue. The very colourful cover Cadillac is owned by Mike Brittain, a fellow CLC member living in Colorado whose exceedingly beautiful '48 was a *Museum Calendar* car for the month of March, 2024 - read about both Caddies here.

In this issue we celebrate the life of our beloved Wellington member, the late Denis Bulloch. A quiet, unassuming soul, he was an authority on many things Cadillac and a devoted family man and granddad! My sincere thanks to Denis' daughter, Jaimee who approved our *Memoriam*. Yours truly watched the streaming of Denis' service. Grab a fissue, I am sure you will enjoy the very loving memories and funny stories shared by the family who are to be congratulated for sharing the fabulous collection of their precious photos some of which appear at right and on the next page. 'Sandstorm' is playing whilst I type this! Watch the Service and get the drift (guitar and synthesizer that is).

More tributes to Maurice, this time from the CLC USA (our article featured in their latest mag, *The Self Starter* - see attachment) and thanks also to Eddie Ford who made a tribute in his *Restored Cars* publication. Thanks Jeff and Eddie.

Memories from last year's 50th can now be had in a beautiful, hard-bound book produced by Waikato Member, Roni Martin. Roni, in conjunction with our VP, Jason have put together a special keepsake that you can order and pay for TODAY and pick up your copy at our Nats in Taupo!

New product from Cadillac is seemingly more frequent these days. It is hoped that the New Zealand release of Cadillac's *Lyric* (EV) will take place before year's end. Meantime, 'drawl' over the *Sollei*, an amazing convertible concept finished in a 1950s paint colour and a mix of retro styling seating and EV drivechain.

An URGENT call comes from our Super Secretary, Frances who advises that a number of Members have booked their accomodation for the Nationals but not Registered. An urgent plea to do so with Frances ASAP so numbers for catering can be confirmed. Simply, no Registration = No dinner! Just \$35 payment per person. Read elsewhere.

September is SUBS time. If you have an Auto Payment, you don't even have to remember! If not, pay your Sub now. Well that's all for now. I'm counting down to 'Day-light Saving', better weather and attending events. Until the next issue, cruise safe - Ron.



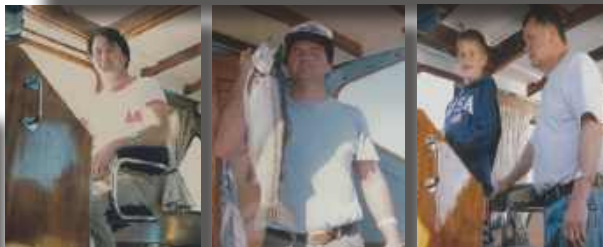
Denis was into his boats as much as he was into his cars. Bottom pic comes with a story. Denis purchased Geoff's Caddy with the proviso that when Denis became tired of it, Geoff would buy it back. That took place. Geoff's wife had a hard time seeing it go...!

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enis 'Sprocket' BULLOCH
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Immediate family members dressed in Denis' favourite Cadillac Jackets and his Cadillac Mechanic shirt (a lovely touch and acknowledgment to Denis' love of the brand) shared many personal family stories and memories with the crowd who hung on every word! Denis was not only a top Dad and Grandfather but had also inherited a high work ethic as a Toolmaker, Engineer and old-school work-aholic habit of working in the three-generation owned Engineering business. Eldest son, Wally spoke emotionally about his Dad's fondness for old American cars, from Fords, Mercurys, T-birds and lastly Cadillacs which became his favourite car love. Affectionately known to Wally as 'Farts', his connection with his Dad was very obvious during the service right down to sharing the story about the time Denis accidentally ran Wally over with a trailer! Daughter, Jamiee (known as 'Sweetie') shared many stories especially the many happy holiday times at the Taupo family holiday home where 'Hunting for Bears' amongst nearby woodland areas vividly came to mind as they drove past. Denis loved his trout fishing, and the family enjoyed a 'family-size' boat by the name of 'Simba'. He loved taking people (not only family) out on that boat with the view of landing a superb trout. Jamiee also spoke about her Dads deep fondness for his Cadillacs and the club he belonged, to the extent when once attending Trentham American Car Day, set his eyes on 'Colin the Cadillac' and said 'Sweetie, make that my final ride' – a promise that was fulfilled today. Self-confessed, Jordan, 'Baby of the family' underwrote the deep love for his special Dad by recalling how he

will be missing the weekly coffee meetings, advice and tellings-off that seemed to occur regularly. Denis' older brother, Noel spoke of Denis' high work ethic and ability to procure contracts and in doing so, was highly respected by his clients. Many engineering feats are visible around Wellington. The company once even supplied 'coins' to Weta for use in one of their movies, such was the degree of standard afforded by Denis and the family firm. Former Cadillac club member and friend, Geoff Warren shared his longtime friendship with Denis, both having a mutually love of car shows, swap meets and Toy Fairs especially model cars (in which Denis has a large collection of stunning models 'parked' in his cave!). Denis had a particular interest in old junk shops and could ferret out a jewel of a piece amongst the rubble despite everyone patiently waiting nearly an hour for him to reappear! He was a real collector. Geoff enjoyed his weekly contact with Denis, in fact only last week they (together with fellow Cadillac members Gary and Murray) attended a local Toy Fair. Denis was looking forward to his official retirement on 31st July. Oh Denis, Geoff heartfully conveyed, 'Denis was a soft spoken, unassuming and quiet gentleman'. Geoff recommended to the crowd that everyone should join a club – it changes your life. Both he and Denis enjoyed many aspects of the Cadillac club especially the outings to such unusual places that one would never see otherwise, if it were not for the club! As the service drew to a close, both Denis' past wives, Christine and Heather shared fond memories lovingly, with the audience and their hug acknowledged their love for Denis. A fabulous slide show was shown featuring many of the memories spoken about. Count how many times Denis appears in a shirt or jacket with the Cadillac logo! The Cadillac Club of New Zealand conveys our condolences to family and friends. Rest in Peace Denis and may the BIG Fins cruise you safely to the Pearly Gates.



[Memoriam approved by Jamiee Frost (Bulloch)]

Tune referred to above: https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=y6120QOlsfU&embeds_refering_euri=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.voice.fi%2F&feature=emb_imp_woyt The Service recording can be seen here: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTcyMDg3MTgxNDMxODY5NiZvb-Vyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>





Our GLOBAL Family

AUSTRALIA - Hi Ron. I hope you are well. The past two editions of your great magazine have contained, again, fabulous images of many cars. The information and detail in the New Zealand 2024 Historic and Classic Vehicle Survey (July) is exhaustive and quite incredible regarding the financial impact old cars have on the economy. A very similar report was produced here in New South Wales, also demonstrating the huge impact on the economy. For the sake of everyone long live the Historic and Classic car scene. The images of the Austrian landscape were stunning, via the August edition. I couldn't help imagining the thumping throb of the big, torquey V8 Cadillac engines on those long country inclines. Best wishes, George Akele. [Thanks George. Yes, there's a lot of money swirling around 'old car circles' and there are numerous industries, parts stores, online items all dedicated to old cars. It is indeed a livelihood for some. Ed]

Hi Ron & thanks for your message. Believe it or not I had planned to drop you an email this weekend to let you know where I'm at with the '60 Eldorado. From the outset let me say that had I known what I was facing these past few months, I would have sold the car & had someone else take on all the drama. As you know I went across to Auckland in early April & spent a few enjoyable days with Gus Carmont on Waikiki island. This included staying in one of his units on his spectacular property, going to a great car show in his magnificent black '60 Eldorado & meeting some of his car minded friends. I was able to get the vast majority of the parts I needed including a left-hand fender &

door, the extra rare 1/4 panel mouldings, along with the big sill moulding & a collection of other smaller bits. The parts are in very good order and have been picked up by the freight company & the car is currently at the workshop of a Cadillac fanatic whose work is first class. I got the A pillar out of central NSW but after bead blasting it was full of rust & \$2,000 down the drain - a replacement is coming from the US. The crash pad is in Sweden getting recovered & I have others repairing some of the mouldings & hopefully two of the Eldo hub caps - two are beyond repair so I'm looking for two replacements. The left-hand door trim has to be completely rebuilt so there's plenty of challenges Ron. Whilst I'm not rushing to get the car back on the road, it must be ready for the Easter 2026 Victorian Nationals in Echuca. I hope you will be able to join us. Now that I'm finally getting somewhere with the Caddy I'll try to keep you posted but not much will happen until the NZ parts arrive September or October. Again, thanks for your help Ron which I sincerely appreciate. Regards David Rayner [Hello David. Whoa what a journey that's for sure, but I am sure it will look as good as new when Steve and I see it in Echuca! Reach out to me if you need more items. Folks this is the definition of belonging to a club and that is to try and help each other. Ed]

USA - Hi Ron, Great issue and beautiful Caddies. Exciting to see so many Caddies overseas. :o) Best regards, Julie's dad (Jack Braxx, Florida) - [Good on you Jack, all the best to the family - Ed]

NZ - Auckland - Hi Ron My apologies for the delayed response! It's been a hectic week, but we're slowly getting on top of things. A bit of an update on how things have been, but overall feeling positive: We arranged to bring the coupe into a panelbeater last Saturday, but there were troubles getting her started. AA took a look and advised that it wasn't safe to drive as there was fuel leaking. This meant we had to get her on a tow-truck yesterday by hand. It was a real hell of a job navigating out of the garage without power steering around a tight corner! But we managed.

Fortunately the mechanics were able to get everything tidied up and she's back operational. Chalk it up to a few things being shaken loose during the impact perhaps? I've now taken it to the panelbeater who is also open to doing the general rust work. The hunt for parts continues while awaiting for space in his workshop. It might be a situation where everything is repaired except the bumper (which seems to be the main expense), then when a replacement is found it's the finishing touch.

At this point, I want to say thank you again for all your help. I'm really impressed with the website which you sent through - looks like they have absolutely everything that we need! I've just sent them through a shopping list now, so fingers crossed. I had sent a message out to a different outfit (<https://www.chicagomusclegarparts.com>) last Friday but haven't heard back from them. I also reached out to the members you suggested. Andre was really helpful and able to direct me to a 1977 Fleetwood Brougham sitting in Paraparamu in what looks to be a paddock. The body parts / sizings were identical, so I sent the owner a message and it could be a go. But I'm also still waiting to hear back. Attached are a couple of photos showing the before and after - complete with the new feature of stylish flouro ratchet ties! With a bit of time and love we'll get her back to how she was. Best regards Daniel [Hi Daniel and Mary. Glad to have helped. I am always blown away how belonging to a club can lead to someone knowing something or someone that sometimes leads to something positive! Keep me posted. A great story in the making. I'll have a nosy at that Chicago site. In need reach out to our Vice President Jason Curry who lives in Wellington. He might just drive up the road and look in a paddock for you! Ed]





Our GLOBAL Family

USA - Colorado - As I often say, being part of *The Cadillac and LaSalle club* means one is part of the "Global family" where you discover many friendly and accomodating members who love to share memories and pics of their Caddies and their back stories! Michael Brittain of Englewood, Colorado is yet another one such Cadillac Family member! Some months ago, the writer made comment in the US Club's *The Self Starter* of a special '48 that appeared in the *Annual Cadillac and LaSalle Museum Calendar*, a fine publication that I have purchased for many years now, the proceeds of which go to the Museum (above) - a great cause. Anyway, Michael and I corresponded several times and I learned that not only does he own his incredible '48 but also an amazing '57 (pictured here and on the spring cover, this month) and a '78. In this issue, I'd like to share some info and pics from Michael on his beautiful '57.



Hi Ron and thanks for the email. Your FINZ magazine is a great publication of which you can be proud. I have some interesting pictures of my '48 in aeronautical settings, including the attached photo from 2007 of which I am quite proud. I had to first get permission to drive the car into the museum, then make do with the indoor lighting with just the hangar door open using a very early point-and-shoot pocket camera. They gave me a ladder to get the vantage point I wanted. The museum has become a lot more formal now, so wouldn't have the same access these days. I bought the car in South Africa in January 1982 and it returned to its country of origin when we emigrated to the US in 1986. I've travelled twice to your lovely country, once work related, and once touring with my son over twenty years ago. Our memories remain very

fond and vivid. Here are four pictures of the '57 I dug up, Ron, including one with my 16-year-old grandson enjoying a turn at the helm. It has the uprated engine with the 2x4's and batwing aircleaner and a/c. One of the pictures is of a section of my garage wall with advertising signs reflected in the bonnet of my '48. An eagle eye will pick out the Arrol Johnston dealer sign from NZ! At least one of the neighbouring signs was also picked up in your neck of the woods. Can't remember which of the Mobiloil, Atlantic, Castrol Wakefield and Esso came from NZ. The '57 colour is officially 'Amethyst Irridescent,' but looks more like lavender. The is the original factory colour but a very expensive repaint a few years ago. Best wishes, Michael - Life Member, CLC USA. [Many thanks Michael, you are very generous in sharing your personal photos with *FINZ Magazine*. Readers should note I will share that very 'special' Calendar pic of Michael's '48 that initially started this article when space allows. Infact I have been 'sitting' on Michaels photos more many months, hoping to share them come our spring and timing worked out perfectly - Ed]



Can you see the NZ signage?
Atlantic is pure Kiwi-ana!
The factory 'Amethyst' colour
is one of my all-time favourite
Cadillac colours - Ed



Our GLOBAL Family

NZ - Waikato & Wellington - Jason Curry, our VP writes: Hi all - Ten months on, and we look back on the Golden Anniversary nationals in Wellington last year with fond memories! One of our Waikato members, Roni Martin, has taken the initiative to put together a large 100-page 20x28cm hard-cover coffee table photobook of images from the 50th weekend as a personal memento of the event. After receiving interest from members, Roni has graciously offered to make this photobook available for others to have the opportunity to purchase for their own bookshelf - thanks Roni! This book is full of photos covering virtually every aspect of the weekend, including:

- Road-trip convoy to the Nationals by the Waikato region members
- Round-the-bays and Wellington City cruise
- Wellington waterfront public show-and-shine display
- Golden Anniversary formal dinner
- Drive-in movie night with carhop waitresses on roller skates
- Visits to the Helter Skelter vintage market, the Wellington Vintage Machinery Clubhouse, the secret Cadillac room, and the Cars Inc and Southward car museums

The cost of this photobook is \$90.00. Please note that this is not an official Club initiative, but a not-for-profit personal project - no funds from the sale of these books will go to the Club, but will be just to cover costs. Read the next page for a full colour promo of this exciting book. The plan is to have these books printed and ready for collection from our October Nationals in Taupo to avoid additional postage logistics and costs.

If you are not planning to attend the Nationals, please arrange for someone from your region who is attending to pick it up on your behalf. Any difficulty with this, please contact Roni to make alternative arrangements. This fantastic souvenir to remember the weekend. Jason [Thanks guys. A real credit to Roni and yes I have ordered a copy! Ed]



USA - I am saddened by news that I just confirmed and felt that I should share with the CLC family. Our dear friend Mike Book passed away July 27 from complications due to his exposure to agent orange. He was extremely sick in his last days before passing away. His final wishes were to be cremated and to hold a special service with immediate family only, which has occurred.

Nancy is having a hard time dealing with the situation and has moved in with their son David. She requests that we respect her privacy and not to be contacted. David can be reached on his cell phone number 614-715-6796 and will relay messages.

Ronnie Hux
President
Cadillac LaSalle Club

[Mike and Nancy BOOK looked after the Admin and Membership side of things for many years and those of us that belong to the US club would have had contact with one of them at some time. Ed]

NZ - Otago / Southland - Hi Ron. Find attached details of a huge car event to be held here in Dunedin on the 19th October. Regards, Rob Mccann, Regional Delegate for Otago/ Southland Region [Thanks Rob. Nice to hear from you. Please send us some pics of the event when you attend. Should be nearly summer by then! Best regards, Ed]

This year's charity is  Otago Kidney Society

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Payments must be received by 1 Sept to meet the one-off print run deadline.

Books to be collected from the Taupo Nationals in October. If you're not attending, someone from your region can pick up for you, or you can make alternative arrangements - contact Roni

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of images from the 50th Nationals

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- Golden Anniversary formal dinner
- Drive-in movie night with carhop waitresses on roller skates
- Best 1959/1960 Cadillac Trophy judging by special guest Chuck Patton
- Visits to the Helter Skelter vintage market, the Wellington Vintage Machinery Clubhouse, the secret Cadillac room, and the Cars Inc and Southward car museums

SNEAK PEEK

NOTE: This is a personal not-for-profit project, not an official Club initiative





From the Editors seat!

Spring must be with us given the recent good weather (in our part of the country at least) - the daffodils and freshias are out, dancing in the sun; the Reserve Bank has lowered its official Interest Rate (by 0.25% a good start) and the Government has announced 'the post-Covid period' is nearing an end! And if you recieve the daily Hagerty News feeds (www.hagerty.com) you will enjoy a 'warm and fuzzy' story like 30-Year-Old Victoria Bruno's Dream Come True of fixing Vintage Ferraris!



Yes, I know this is a Caddy mag, BUT this is one of those positive-buzzy articles that an enthusiast never gets tired of reading. Check it out for yourself at: <https://www.hagerty.com/media/people/fixing-vintage-ferraris-is-30-year-old-victoria-brunosdream-come-true/#comment-14378>

Back to Cadillac land (!) and news that Cadillac is ending its partnership with Chip Ganassi Racing after the 2024 season of the World Endurance Championship (WEC). The automaker has announced the outfit that will campaign its two factory-backed Hypercars in the 2025 WEC season with Hertz Team Jota. Next year will mark Cadillac's third straight season of competition in the WEC, a global series that incorporates three classes of cars, with varying degrees of similarity to production cars. Cadillac is racing in the top class, in which cars are built from scratch with hybrid powertrains using purpose-built race chassis supplied by a limited number of manufacturers. The Dallara-based Cadillac V-Series.R prototype shares just a few visual cues with the Cadillacs you can buy—upright taillights and headlights, a pointy nose—but the strongest connection to the V-Series production cars is the format of its powerplant: A 5.5-liter V-8 called the LMC55.R, infused with secrets that Cadillac guards very closely indeed. Check out the LINK here:

https://www.hagerty.com/media/motorsports/cadillac-racings-2025-wecpartner-is-hertz-teamjota/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_DailyDriver_Monday&hashed_email=566fc738c2fa4cd2bb5e5080d142955d3fef70e99960153a19d4911e360e08b8&dtm_em=566fc38c2fa4cd2bb5e5080d142955d3fef70e99960153a19d4911e360e08b8



The Cadillac Lyriq EV successfully completed the Tour de France (June 29-July 21).

Cadillac Lyric on the 2024 *Tour de France* - not to be confused with Lycra! General Motors' European subsidiary says the Cadillac Lyriq at the 2024 Tour de France helped the race's EF Pro Cycling team from start to finish.

The tour ushered in a new era of all-electric support vehicles for the first time in its 121-years. "The Tour de France is the most demanding course we've put the Cadillac Lyriq through to date – testing its limits in the real world on all types of roads," says GM Europe president and managing director Jaclyn McQuaid.

"The Lyriq traversed nearly 3500km through all types of terrain, and we saw its sleek design, innovative technology, and performance shine throughout, loudly demonstrating that EVs can be the right choice for any type of journey." EF Pro Cycling team rider Richard Carapaz won the yellow jersey on Stage 3 and the polka dot jersey on Stages 19 and 20.

The Cadillac Lyriq's 1751 litres was used by the EF Pro Cycling team to transport critical equipment to support the riders on each stage.

Additionally, the Ultium battery pack and its WLTP-estimated 530km range, as well as advanced energy regeneration systems, made the Lyriq shine at the Tour de France, says GM Authority. During Stage 3 – which is the longest – the Lyriq did 230km or less than half its total range.

Cadillac says the support Lyriq EV will return with the EF Pro Cycling team for the *Femme Tour de France* from August 12-18, 2024.



Cadillac SOLLEI Convertible Concept



The flagship electric convertible has door pockets and charging mats made out of mycelium. Cadillac wants to prove to the world that it's more than capable of making ultra-luxurious cars in an age where material quality and craftsmanship have been replaced by the software experience on the priorities list. And what better way to showcase your upmarket game than through a one-off, bespoke allelectric two-plus-two convertible based on the already sleek and hard-to-get Celestiq? Say hello to the Cadillac Sollei. It's beige, it's adorned with handcrafted accessories, it has a massive retractable roof and it's exactly what a Cadillac should be in the 21st century. Cadillac's diverse EV portfolio While the entry-level Optiq will start from around US\$54,000 when it goes on sale later this year, Cadillac is no stranger to expensive models. The Escalade IQ will wear a price tag of around US\$130,000, while the highly exclusive Celestiq starts at roughly US\$340,000. But first, let's get that fungi thing out of the way. As you can probably imagine, it's not actual fungi that's growing inside the car. Instead, Cadillac turned to MycoWorks to come up with a mycelium-based material (that's the root structure of mushrooms) that was used for the Sollei's inductive charging mats on the console and door map pockets. The result is called Fine Mycelium and you don't need a prescription on hand to touch it. Mycelium has also been used in furniture making and artificial leather, so there's a chance you already came in contact with it but had no idea. Now, the name. "Sol" means sun and "lei" comes from leisure, so Sollei is Cadillac's "optimistic inspiration for an open-air, leisurely lifestyle." To make that lifestyle possible, the good people at GM's luxury brand gave the battery-powered convertible a wide stance, long coupe doors and a low rear end. There are no door handles—discrete buttons are used instead—and the color chosen by Cadillac for its bespoke droptop is called "Manila Cream," a shade that was originally used on the company's models in 1957 and 1958. Inside, the Sollei features the same 55-inch pillar-to-pillar screen that's available in the highly exclusive Celestiq sedan but takes things up a notch with unstained wood veneers, open-pore surfaces and multi-zone ambient lighting that offers no fewer than 126 color options for each zone. The fine Nappa leather features a pink iridescent pigment, which is also present on the beverage chiller door and glass tray in the rear compartment. The metal finishes have a so-called "Aurora" tint which color shifts to mimic the aurora borealis. The leather-wrapped seats have sunburst motif perforation, quilting and embroidery patterns. For all the bird lovers out there—apparently rich people love watching birds—there's a custommade brushed metal and leather-wrapped case that houses 3D printed acrylic bird calls, a leather-bound journal with hand-painted bird illustrations and a leather tool roll for pens and pencils. Cadillac says the accessory box allows enthusiasts "to capture their bird-watching experiences." That's nice, I guess. But while the US\$340,000 Celestiq can be bought with real money, the Sollei convertible is just a concept for now, but who knows, maybe Cadillac will change its mind and make it a reality for all those deep-pocketed bird-watching enthusiasts out there. [Above commentary circulated across many websites and courtesy of our fellow Members of the Motor City Region for being one of the first to 'post' the news. I personally love the concept, the 1950s colour and that interior - wow! Thanks Cadillac for not painting it black and giving it a name vs. ST-X or some obscure alpha-letters! Ed]



From the Editors seat!

Hi all. Lot's of interesting stuff coming up in months to come like the NZ Cadillac Nationals and the start of a summer season of great car events here in NZ.

We can also go online and watch things from our own living room like this:

Rare California Auction - Legendary car collection hidden for decades to be auctioned in California

"What Klein amassed here is one-of-a-kind, and we know that many of these cars will live on for generations, powering new projects, or preserved in their original state. It's a really exciting opportunity for collectors, and the sky's the limit with this collection."

The cars will be offered in a series of auctions, both live and online, in October 2024, with a complete online catalogue announced in September. [An event worth viewing when you consider whats on offer. The red vehicle tucked behind a beat-up Merc is an Italian 'Iso Grifo'. If you collected and played with the infamous Matchbox 75 Series you will immediately recall that metallic blue paint job with white interior and opening doors! [Article and pics courtesy of my DRIVEN email feed. Sign up today at www.driven.co.nz - Ed]

<https://www.drivencarguide.co.nz/news/legendary-car-collection-hidden-for-decades-to-be-auctioned-in-california/?lid=umwqai3xe5>

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The online scrapyard has sat untouched since Rex Klein passed away in 2001 and has become a place of legend among car enthusiasts.

Thanks to past member, Rex Findlay in Auckland, comes a suggestion to check out an extensive cleaning job of a 1951 Caddy that had been a 'barn find' after parked-up for more than 30 years. The result, pretty jolly amazing!



https://youtu.be/BKB5BGGj_T4?si=U0d9Z1sZrnTf00jz

2024 NZ Cadillac Nationals



**URGENT - Members must Register with Frances & PAY \$35 ASAP.
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Accommodation but have not yet Registered. SEE DETAILS below.
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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.*


UPDATE re new Pres: Don't forget anyone can be nominated for the new Pres. The eventual President is confirmed at the AGM. If you've been thinking about 'throwing your hat in the ring', get yourself nominated today and return to Club Secretary, Frances ASAP at: frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz



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10 Regions across NZ
9 Active



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
19th - Autospectacular - Dunedin
25th - 28th - NSRA Nats, Bulls Manawatu

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(Founding member)

[Corrections to:
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CLC NZ - Roll of Honour
Spirits flow, not forgotten

Stephen Brown, Past Regional Delegate - Marlborough/ Canterbury/ West Coast - South Island - Member 2001 to 2023
Lou Christ, Auckland Region - Member 2001 to 2023
Bruce Jefferies, Bay of Plenty Region - Member 2013 - 2023
Brian Cullen, Auckland Region - Member 2008 to 2023
Myrie Wotherspoon, Auckland Region - Member 1991 to **2024**
Maurice Hendry, Auckland Region - Founder Member of The CLC NZ, Club Patron & Life Member 1973 to **2024**
Denis Bulloch, Wellington Region - Member 1993 - **2024**

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