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Anniversary
of the 'Stax'
Models

1965 - The first 'Stacked Headlight'
model that started it all!



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Welcome to the modernist era of the 1950s/ early 60s where the background is the quintessential *Palm Springs, USA!* Throughout the year we will be viewing the design, architecture, the pastel colors, people, fashion, font (Times Roman) and the old cars that depicted that very much retro feel of the 50s and very early 60s, pre the 'Flower-power days'. Maybe that's for a future issue?

During 2024 I was fortunate enough to undertake AI (Artificial Intelligence) training in my job which has equipped me with a few extra skills that I have incorporated into this year's mag! Who says you cannot teach an old dog new tricks? Jokes aside, AI is still very much in its infancy and some picture creations are not always perfect. See if you can spot the 'over creativeness of ChatGPT!'

All year-long, we will be celebrating the famous 'Stacked-headlight' examples that only ran four Cadillac Model years from 1965 to 1968. As you will read in this month's Feature story, Cadillac wasn't the only brand that promoted 'Stacked Headlights' in its model range. Interestingly enough, they were never to return (unless we get to see an EV wearing this headlight style!). For thousands of buyers of many brands and models, over nearly a decade, 'Stax' was the only way to go!

This month's 'Cover Caddy' is Kay and Dave Corin's outstanding 'Stacked '65 deVille Convertible'. Always looking sharp it was a no-brainer choice to kick-start the 60th Anniversary of 'Stax!'

Elsewhere in this issue we feature *People & Cadillacs; More about of Auckland Weekend spotlighting the 'Secret Mopar Stash!'; More Auckland pics; Rob's 'Jolly Green Giant '61!'; Kev's Kaddies is back as is news from our 'Global Family' and your Editor at the Wheel!* As always there's lots of colour and fun things to read about and plenty of Caddies to admire.

Not far behind, is your 2024/2025 Annual Membership Directory. A little late this year due to a few late payers. Subs are due on 1st September and all those with an auto payment will make their payment on that date. Others that make theirs by Internet Payment often do, eventually but in behind the scenes our Treasurer, Secretary and Editor are patiently waiting for your sub. If you could take on board a *New Years Resolution* for 2025, could it please be **SET UP AN AUTO PAYMENT WITH YOUR BANK PLEASE!** With Internet Banking these days, it takes merely minutes to do or visit/ phone your local bank and ask them to set one up for you.

Dig out your new 2025 Calendar/ and or Diary for we hope to have you eager to join a few events going on this year. New blood and new enthusiasm from two of our Auckland members namely Steve Barker and Ali Hendry - yes, it is *Maurice Hendry's* daughter will be 'brain-storming' together and organising a few outings. They will be contacting you Auckland members directly. Please support them and send me some pictures/ stories of what you get up to!

Our Annual *Cadillac Nationals* will this year be held in Palmerston North. More details to follow, but it will again likely be in October. A central location for those in the Wellington/ Manawatu/ Hawkes Bay/ Taranaki Regions and a little further for those of us in the Bay of Plenty and Waikato (Auckland members - please come along!), but a fun cruise in any case and an opportunity to stretch your Caddy's legs for a few hundred kilometres!

Meanwhile, The Bay of Plenty Region is looking to re-surrect the Annual 4th July 'American Independence Day' Weekend. Regional Delegate Steve and myself are tossing around ideas and venues now and hope to reach out to a few local Regional Members for support. More to come, but 'pencil-in the Friday 4th July Weekend' now. Like the old days (it was a winter favourite of mine when I joined the club in '05 and the event ran out of steam several years later after being so well organised and patronised for years before I came on board) it will be a winter treat! Either fine and frosty cold or wet and cold. Take your pick! LOL! We'd love to see our Auckland Members join in and we will try and have the venue maybe 2 and 1/2 hours from the big smoke and of course not too far for Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Taranaki cruisers!

Talking about Taranaki - attached is a special invite to yet another Neville Carter Birthday Party! The latest FoMC (Federation of Motoring Clubs) *Wheel Torque* dispatch is also attached together with the last AGM 2024 Minutes for your information.

Until next issue, send me your Christmas and New Year stories AND pictures! Take advantage of our summer time as a perfect opportunity to cruise to lots of places you love. And send in any ideas on any particular outings you undertake that could be adopted by other Regions as an excuse to get our Caddies out and about! Drive safe out there! Ron, Ed. :)

FEATURE STORY

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In '65 they stacked 'em high!

STACKED HEADLIGHTS on Cadillac's model range was introduced on the 1965 models. But Stacked Headlights were not new. Their beginnings started in the early 1960s with many a Mopar model with 'slanted stacked lights' that lasted a couple of years maturing to a fully vertical form. As can be seen below, nearly every marque sported the Stacked-fashion. In fact, one could debate that maybe Cadillac was the last brand to sport them, albeit they were probably on the Cadillac drawing boards since maybe 1960/61 given the longer lead-in times in those days?

One of your Editor's first favourite American cars was a 1966 Pontiac Grand Prix, red (and the 'real' red) with white interior, lots of chrome, wheel spats and vertical headlights! Maybe some of those features stuck in the sub-conscious given my Calais is cream interior, wheel spats, lots of chrome and vertical headlights?! Let's begin the 'Story of Stax!'



Editors personal collection of Stacked Headlight brand images

28 Sensational Stacked Headlight Coupes Sedans and Wagons featuring Amazing AMC, Dazzling Dodges, Pretty Plymouths, Darling DeSotos, Fabulous Fords, Lovely Lincoln and the Popular Pontiacs were among the marvellous models to headline stacked headlights until they faded in the late sixties!



Here in NZ there
65s!
Below yellow
65 owned by
Kay & Dave
Corin of Mt.
Maunganui, NZ
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STACKED HEADLIGHTS featured on most of the Cadillac model range with the exception of the '65 Limos. A new additional model, the Calais was introduced for 1965 and would remain into the 1970s. The Calais was created as a more affordable entry model that would enable new Buyers to 'Step Up to Cadillac' and that included GM's Buick and Pontiac brands which were in themselves highly spec'ed but 'never a Cadillac'. Cadillac was the revered marque amongst all brands. That's not to say your fantastic Chev or fabulous Ford LTD are not nice, it's only 'It will never be a Cadillac!' But of course Cadillac came at a price which mean't a new Caddy was out of reach for most car buyers, hence the Calais was the model to bridge that gap. Calais models were virtually indistinguishable from a DeVille, but generally had less chrome jewellery and less 'standard features' which of course could be 'ticked' as options! Enjoy the pictures. Ed



Above, Calais Sedan and Hardtop Pillarless Sedan

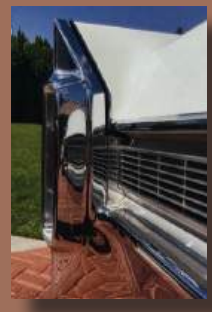


1965 Cadillac Fleetwood Eldorado Convertible Coupe

Owned by Paul Dybinski • Orland Park, Illinois

1965 FACTS

<h4>World events</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first U.S. combat troops arrive in Vietnam. By end of year, 190,000 American soldiers are in Vietnam. 	<h4>Economics</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. GDP is 1965 dollars \$793 billion Federal spending \$162.3 billion Federal debt: \$322.3 billion Consumer Price Index: 21.5 Unemployment: 5.2 percent First-class stamps: 5 cents 	<h4>Entertainment</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Movies: "My Fair Lady" (Jack L. Warner, producer) wins Academy Award for Best Picture, "Dr. Strangelove," "A Thousand Clowns," "Darling," "The Sound of Music" (one of top-grossing films of 1965) Record of the Year: Stan Getz and Astrud Gilberto for "The Girl from Ipanema" Album of the Year: Gato Barbato, Stan Getz and Joao Gilberto (Mercury) Song of the Year: "Hello, Dolly!" Jerry Sherman, songwriter ABC pays unprecedented \$52 million for five-year contract with NCAA to broadcast football games on Saturday afternoons
<h4>U.S. events</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and more than 250,000 others arrested in Selma, Ala., during demonstrations against voter registration rules. 	<h4>Sports</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Series: L.A. Dodgers defeat Minnesota Twins 4-3 NBA championship: Boston Celtics defeat L.A. Lakers 4-1 Stanley Cup: Montreal defeats Chicago 4-3 Kentucky Derby champion: Lucky Debsone Wimbledon: Margaret Smith defeats Maria Bueno 6-4, 7-5 (women) Roy Emerson defeats Fred Stolle 6-2, 5-4, 6-4 (men) 	<h4>NCAA Basketball Championship</h4> <p>UCLA defeats Michigan 91-80</p> <h4>NCAA Football Championship</h4> <p>Alabama (AP, FW-50) 59-17 and Michigan State (UPI, NF, FW-50) 10-1-0</p>



Some referred to the '65 tail light as the 'Cathedral tail light'. Fleetwood Eldo at right owned by Al Haas, CLC USA



Some images courtesy of The Self Starter.



GM launches Cadillac F1 team and engine

General Motors and TWG Global have agreed in principle with Formula 1 to bring a Cadillac team to the series in 2026. GM is also launching an F1 power unit that will allow the Cadillac Formula 1 Team to become a “full works” team, building its cars and engines by the end of the decade. Cadillac would be the first new team to join F1 since 2016 and the eleventh team on the grid. General Motors and TWG Global have reached an agreement in principle with Formula 1 to bring a Cadillac team to the series in 2026. This GM Design rendering of the Cadillac Formula 1 Team’s conceptual theme pays tribute to the brand’s American heritage. Launching an F1 team will promote the Cadillac brand to a diverse international audience and showcase GM’s technology and design capabilities. “As the pinnacle of motorsports, F1 demands boundary-pushing innovation and excellence. It’s an honour for General Motors and Cadillac to join the world’s premier racing series, and we’re committed to competing with passion and integrity to elevate the sport for race fans worldwide,” said GM President Mark Reuss. “This is a global stage for us to demonstrate GM’s engineering expertise and technology leadership at an entirely new level,” Reuss says. “We’re excited to partner with General Motors in bringing a dynamic presence to Formula 1,” said Dan Towriss, CEO of TWG Global’s motorsports businesses. “Together, we’re assembling a team embodying American innovation and delivering unforgettable moments to race fans worldwide. We appreciate FIA and FOM’s support of our application and recognition of the value we can bring to the championship,” he says. Mario Andretti, the last American F1 Champion, will be the team’s board director. “My first love was Formula 1, and 70 years later, the F1 paddock is still my happy place. I’m thrilled with Cadillac, Formula 1, Mark Walter, and Dan Towriss,” Andretti says. “To still be involved at this stage of my life — I have to pinch myself to ensure I’m not dreaming.” Since GM’s bid to join F1 was announced in January 2023, Cadillac Formula 1 has assembled an experienced team to work on aerodynamics, chassis and component development, software, and vehicle dynamics simulation. The team operates in Fishers, Indiana; Charlotte, North Carolina; Warren, Michigan; and Silverstone, England. GM has decades of racing success and a rich history of developing high-performance powertrains. It has won over 3,000 races and over 100 motorsports championships, both driver and manufacturer categories. In addition to the Cadillac F1 partnership with GM, TWG Global owns and operates Andretti Global, Wayne Taylor Racing, and Spire Motorsports. **And just like that, another Media Release!** Cadillac’s first years of Formula 1 will be driven by Ferrari power, it has been announced. The GM brand has been pushing to enter F1 with Andretti Racing and, after initially being rebuffed, has been granted a slot on the grid for the 2026 season. Cadillac already has F1 facilities in the U.S. and the U.K. but the company is not expected to be able to supply its own power unit until 2028, so has had to find a suitable partner. Ferrari was always Mario Andretti’s preference, having raced with the Scuderia in 1971 and 1972 (and briefly in 1982) and now the Italian manufacturer has confirmed that a deal has been done. Ferrari already supplies U.S. team Haas and Swiss setup Sauber, which will switch to Audi power in 2026. New rules for 2026 will require the power units to run on 100 percent sustainable fuels with an equal split between internal combustion and electric power and Ferrari is already well-ahead on the engineering process. “It’s great to see the commitment of another American team, backed by one of the most highly respected marques in the motor industry, at a time when Formula 1 is increasing in popularity in the United States,” said Ferrari team principal Fred Vasseur. “We are delighted therefore that we will be supplying the team with our power unit and gearbox as the basis of this technical collaboration. It means we will continue to have two customer teams in the championship with all the benefits this brings in terms of technical development within Ferrari.” Cadillac team principal Graeme Lowdon added, “We are thrilled to partner with Ferrari as the power unit and gearbox supplier for our Cadillac team, bringing together two remarkable legacies. Choosing the right power unit partner is crucial, and we trust in Ferrari’s passion, excellence and the exceptional capabilities of their people.” Ferrari missed out on the 2024 Formula 1 Constructors’ title by just 14 points from McLaren and, while Haas and Sauber finished seventh and tenth in the standings, there were points in the season when Ferrari’s customer cars proved to be just as quick as the factory team. Cadillac’s F1 debut won’t be lacking (prancing) horsepower, that’s for sure. End.

Let me pull over, ‘park up’ and take my hands off the wheel! I hope you are enjoying our new retro format and as I sit here typing this, it is indeed a balmy 28c and maybe even cool for Palm Springs!

As always please enjoy the following snippets, always an amazing variety of things to read and enjoy! Ed

Ron, Attached find photos of our Cadillac Christmas ornament collection. at last count there are 35 in the collection. Photos are of several different series: The Red boxes are the 24 K gold plated ornaments that were given out between 1985 and 2014 by the Cadillac General managers these are very special we have eleven of them. The second series are the GM Heritage center ornaments that were produced around 2017. The Cadillacs in the series include 1903 Cad, 1927 LaSalle, 1957 Eldo Brougham, and 1959 Conv. and then three, 3-D 1959 Cad conv in blue, 1959 Cad CDV in red and a 1955 Cad SDV in Pink, the third series are miscellaneous ornaments produced by Hallmark, and various others mostly “Pink Cadillacs” , the fourth series are known as the Department 56 series that were made for Snow village displays, the three Cadillac are the 1956 SDV, 1957 Eldo Brougham , and a yellow 1959 Eldorado Seville Coupe. Enjoy and Merry Christmas, temp here was 18 degrees F, (-8C) this morning. Tim Pawl CLC MRC [Thanks so much Tim. It was great to receive your email and below pics. What amazing Xmas ornaments. All the best for 2025 and thank you for all you guys do to preserve the Heritage of Cadillac. Ed]





Blending in with the colour of those ranges in the background, the surrounds of Palm Springs have plenty of colour palettes to draw from!

The Monthly *Chronicle* from the Potomac Region is always a great read. This last issue featured 'Low Rider cars' with a few Cadillacs featured. Check out this video LINK from CBS TV in the USA.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/lowriders-mexican-american-car-culture-60-minutes/>



How Jay Leno Resurrected His Chrysler Turbine Car. [This is a very cool video to watch. The purr of that Turbine Car sounds very familiar....Ed]

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Hainan Island, China Collector Car Tour- 2024!

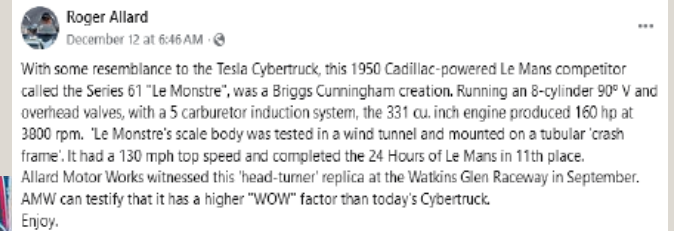
Caddy owner Harry's Thoughts - This was an experience of a lifetime. In China, it is illegal to have a car older than 15 years old on the roads, unless it is imported for a collector car tour!!!

THE ESSENTIALS - November 2024- Who would have guessed that we would be weaving our massive 1965 Cadillac Eldorado through scooters, brown cattle, herds of solid black goats and random chickens whilst attempting to follow somewhat vague driving directions through China. But let's not get ahead of the story. Spending ten days participating on a collector car tour through Hainan Island, China was a unique experience. The opportunity was presented through the online marketplace Prewarcars.com and the proposition was too good to pass up. The organization would pay for the transport of a qualified and accepted pre-1970 collector car from a major port to China, and back. In addition, the cost for the event was reasonable. We just needed to ship the car to the Los Angeles port and get ourselves to Hainan Island, China...! [This indeed is a great story/ video. The '65 Eldo Convertible was as a high 'in your face profile' American as you could get, yet, our Americans were warmly welcomed everywhere they went (bet the Chinese Govt. kept an eye on them? Definately worth a look plus lots of great footage and pics of a splendid '65! Ed]



Spectacular array of entries but only one modern Cadillac!

https://classicpromenade.com/for-sale/hainan-island-china-collector-car-tour2024/?utm_source=Auction+Main+List&utm_campaign=738abd5affEMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2022_03_18_07_05_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1e38c1f810-738abd5aff-368210009&mc_cid=738abd5aff&mc_cid=b665fac137



Above and below, contribution from Pete Ellmers proving Cadillac has had a long history in MotorSport...



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As you know, a few of us subscribe to www.curbsideclassics.com

A daily feed sees lots of cool cars and regular old photos of people, cars, Diners, Malls, Vacation Resorts and places of interest plus people and old cars. Recently there was a feature of 'People and their Caddies!' Enjoy and don't forget to subscribe as above. Ed

Our Auckland Weekend!



More pics from our fabulous and memorable Auckland weekend. One Caddy in particular caught many an eye. Appearing at the Sunday morning 'Coffee & Cars' event, owned by enthusiast Rob Jolly of West Auckland, this '61 Sedan sported many accessories and presented in amazing condition with said to be original paint. The original owner was apparently a Doctor who installed 'spotlights' (Cadillac accessory) that came in useful on his 'night calls' to patients. Your Editor was lucky enough to be given the keys for a spin around the carpark. It drove extremely well. Ed



Period Accessories like Spot Lights (note the word Cadillac on); Torch - the old chrome variety; (Below) is Cadillac insignia on. Many of these items can be found on e-Bay, but at a price!



Interior was immaculate. Above 'train-like' horns!
Inside and out the light green complimented each other well and was pleasant on the eye!



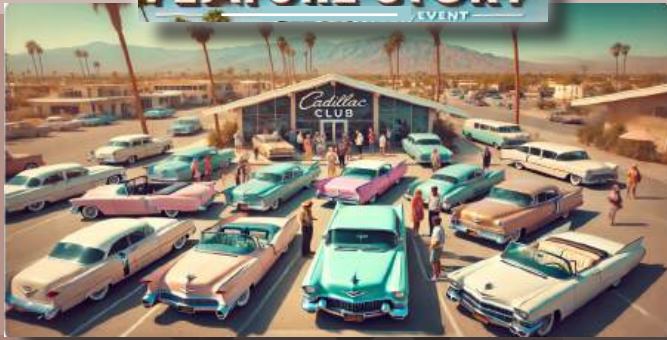
Go on 'Make my day - hand me the keys!' Editor at the wheel of this cool ride, thanks Rob! - Ed



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Our Auckland Weekend!



Random pics from our weekend away. We must do it again in 2025!



If you are a Mopar fan, then this must be what it's like in Mopar Heaven! One huge shed with a mezzanine floor crammed with Mopars, memorabilia and parts from wall to wall and floor to roof! They were everywhere, yet orderly and organised and clean! You could almost smell the 'south' in the air. Flags of the Lone-Star of Texas and the one and only 'Confederate Flag of the south' were present. Good 'ol boys (and girls) would put pedals to the metal in their Mopars and maybe to the tune of Dixie and banjos? Yee hah, ya all havin' fun yet?!

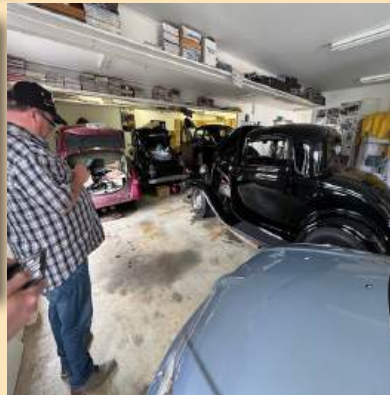
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Random leftover pics from our weekend away. We must do it again in 2025!



Spectacular photo ops as far as the eye could see! IF you missed out on our mid-October, 2024 Auckland Weekend, don't miss out on the next one. We are going to do it again sometime in 2025! Ed



Here I am, parked elsewhere! On this page is some cool Caddies for sale (but I am sure, not for long!). Plus, it is not too late to order your 2025 US-CLC Museum & Research Centre Calendar. I have mine already and it is a beauty, the images just keep getting better each year!

Now a message from our esteemed Treasurer, Grant.

November. What this means is the account numbers we ask our members to pay us through need to identify with the Bank account holder name. In our case the ANZ uses "CADILLAC LA

So if we could in any future correspondence with our members please state such. I believe wording on our Authority for Automatic Payment form is still adequate for bank comparison purposes. Cheers Grant, CLC NZ Treasurer.



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1969 Eldorado in the very rare, one year only colour of Wisteria. Full engine & Trans rebuild several years ago. Done 6000 miles since. Watch https://youtu.be/73eip_GT57s Could do with a paint, is a very solid car (from southern Oregon) exc. interior. Building new house need cash. Asking a very reasonable AUD\$29,500, All offers considered. Greg Short +0061-0425-868-136 Greg.Short@csiro.au Longtime CLC Vic. Mem



[Hi Pete. I checked your LINK and some amazing machinery there, thats for sure. No wonder you enjoyed yourself! LINK and photos here. Ed]

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New Plymouth - Great mag again Ron, we will catch up with you again next Americana. Regards, Ray & Colleen Inwood [Yes, I am counting down. Fingers crossed for fab weather! Ed]



NZ - Wellington Wow what a packed mag, Ron - I know it's often said (and you have the awards to back it up!) but I truly appreciate that it is a real credit to you, and the Club is extremely lucky to have you as a very active member. There is clearly a LOT of hard work and time that goes into it every month. I for one appreciate it and look forward to each issue. Thanks Ron, Regards - Jason Curry, President CLC NZ [Thanks Jason and also for your regular contributions, messages and amazing photos. All the best to you, Nirosha, Ryan and Jessie for 2025 - Ed]



Auckland - Hi Ron. Thanks for your the work you put into the club and magazine. Wishing you already a wonderful Christmas time and best wishes for 2025. I hope to be out there a bit more with ELD071. Many thanks, René deBoed [Many thanks Rene. I look forward to receiving some great pics of your ex-Brian & Enid Service, Eldo! Looks great for that bright red top! Ed]



Good evening Ron. (At writing this) I'm still away at my yearly SEMA trip. This year for SEMA was invited by the Cadillac V Club to join them at Spring Mountain. Had a blast. We actually took the Shelby to get some track time. Joined in to see what the V driving training in about (awesome). Rather nice I've been made an honorary member of the American Cadillac V Club! (How cool is that?) Bunch of nice people for sure. Here's a link of walk through by the V club president. Spring mountain has 55 x V's and 200 Corvette C8's! Cheers Pete Ellmers (further email) SEMA - yes it's amazing. We do many shows but always amazed by those who still haven't heard of it. Couple of pics attached. Was invited to the Cadillac V club at Spring Mountain. Sat in on some classroom lessons - watched them taking these new skills to the track, very very good! We did take the Mothers Shelby with us so had a great time on then track ourselves. Booking in next year to do the full 3 day lessons in the Blackwing, very exciting. Few pics attached - and a video here hopefully you can play, thats the president of the V Club. (Gene Hawks) chatting about the different models etc.



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AUSTRALIA - Hi Ron, Just read your great magazine. The colourful Cadillacs made a terrific front cover. The great styling of cars has disappeared as well as the colour range. Your wording on the back cover is very "seasonal". Wishing you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year. PS - With the improved weather and end of year car shows I have to a few rather large events. It was great being amongst cars again. The photos are varied and reflect the variety on show. The replica Chitty Chitty Bang Bang was amazing. The 1939 60 Special Cadillac was exceptional. Cheers, George Akele. [Thanks George, always great to hear from you and many thanks for the pics as well. All the best to you (and Johnnie) for 2025. Ed]

AUST - Continued - Hi Ron, Back home safe and sound we have the Caddy Xmas breakup this Saturday if the weather is good we might take something different maybe the Thunderbird and the Chrysler New Yorker convertibles, hope all good over there we will be going up to Terang for a month or so and play some golf have a great Xmas. Best wishes Chris and Gudie [Hi guys. Glad you had a great time in the Northern Hemisphere, any old car pics? Keep sending me more great photos - Ed].

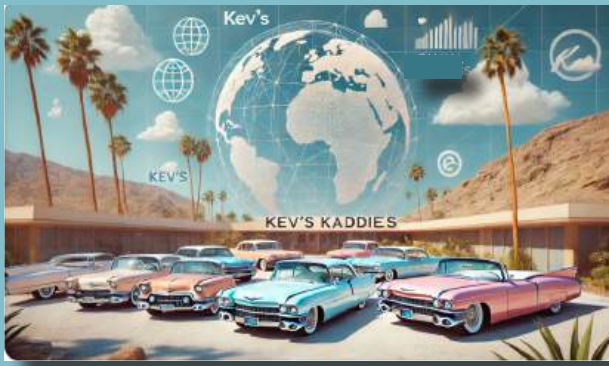


Gudie with Thunderbird & Chrysler New Yorker!

USA - Ron, The cover shot on the December newsletter was outstanding. Great picture, just wanted to wish all the members in New Zealand a very Merry Christmas and Happy Motoring through out the holidays. Lynn W Gardner, Deltona Florida Member of the Potomac Region [Thank you Lynn. I have received many positive comments about the December cover shot, so colourful. All the best to you and our Cadillac friends at the Potomac Region for 2025. I enjoy their e-Newsletter immensely. Ed]

KEVS Caddies and other great shapes!

(Kev's finds are sharper than this Cadillactis that is actually in Palm Springs!)



Happy New Year 2025 from Kev!



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