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Hello and welcome to another edition packed full of 'end-of-summer' outing pictures! Of late we've had *AmeriCARna* and the following month, *Beach Hop* - the two premier events on our annual summer calendar! Thanks to the members that attended and sent me pics. The Waihi Warm-up is featured here and as usual I took more than a few pics of my favourable cars and chose my fav for the day! So many cool cars, so few pages. I'll print some more, next issue.

This month's Caddy Cover is Serge and Lilian d'Elia's lovely 'black on black' 1975 Fleetwood Brougham. It lives here in Papamoa and your Ed tries to exercise it on a regular basis. Bay of Plenty Regional Delegate, Steve Gill and myself recently toured the 'Deep South', the south Bay of Plenty, that is in this 'big black beast!' We drove in style, in fact it is the longest trip we have had the pleasure of taking it out and about on. And it performed as a Cadillac should, taking in the long rural roads in its stride. It was a great day out. In addition, Steve and I took it out again, up to the Waihi Warm-up (pre-Beach Hop start) and shared a beautiful warm autumn day with thousands of other enthusiasts happily soaking up the 'old car atmosphere' that *Beach Hop* delivers.

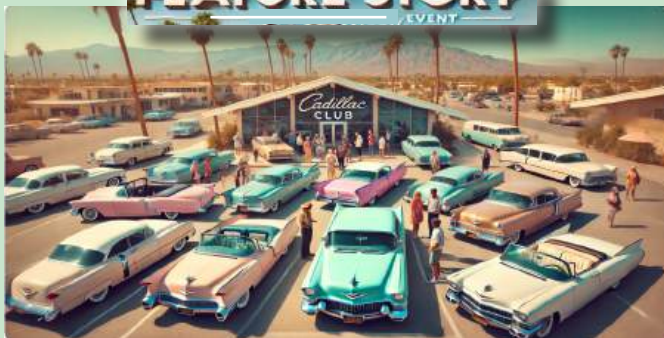
Many of you know I subscribe to magazines and lots of old-car email feeds. One you should sign up to is www.curbideclassic.com where you receive a 'daily feed' of all sorts of old cars and topics. One of the things I enjoy is photos of old cars, old places/ events/ occasions, like the recent series of vintage postcards - 'old Car Dealers', 'period Picnics' and even 'old Shopping Centres'. Of course, the 'star' of all these topics is the old cars, many of which were new or nearly new at the time! Then there's the great pics of people enjoying allsorts of things, like a picnic outing with the back down on their old Ford Country Squire or a great Cadillac parked in some shopping centre car park from the 1950s or 1960s. This month, courtesy of my 'Daily email feed' have a read of 'An Honest Car Review of a 2023 Lyric'. This is indeed a 'down to earth opinion' and given we have no Lyrics in plentiful numbers driving on our roads here in NZ just yet, it's a great read. A very candid review indeed! And before you ask 'who is Mary Bara?' Well, she is the Pres. of GM in America. She does not escape a tongue lashing from our tester! If anything, I came away feeling pretty positive about the future of the Cadillac Lyric EV here in NZ. There could even be one in your future? Let me know if you sign-up to one! We'd love to hear your 'owner opinion'!

The 'Stacked Headlight Series' continues with more great examples from 1966. Expanded coverage this month in the form of an attachment from the Australian Organisers of their Echuca Nationals in 2026. Do you want to come along? If so, drop me a line. We'd love to have a few Kiwis mingle with our fellow, great Aussie club members! There's stories galore from our Global Family plus another attachment, this one from Auckland member, Rob Jolly on his documented restoration of his Air Cond system. Rob is very much 'old school' and my dear wife compliments Rob on his beautifully neat hand writing (printing)! Everyone, please continue sending in articles we can share in our 'Under the Hood' segment. A couple of parts ads worth checking out. Can someone invest in the advertised 'whitewall cleaner' and let's know what it is like? Lots of funny snippets this month from funny pot hole photos, a cool cartoon and even a cartoonish Cadillac! What do you think of this red '59? Pressure is on BoP Regional Delegate Steve Gill to keep up his 'Super Saturday Series!' Is there any other Region doing a 'coffee & cruise' regular event involving local members? Kevin delivers another quality selection of 'Kaddies' this month including a cool FaceBook reel, short but very colourful. And our 'Tail Fin' this month is Serge and Lilian's massive 1975 Fleetwood Brougham. Fun to drive and park!

Phew, that's it for this month, but before I go: Does your Caddy sport any period Accessories? It could be a Spot Light, mats, License plate holder, drink, tissue or rubbish holder! Something that might have come with your Caddy or was trendy at the time! I am planning a special article on *Cadillac Accessories* down the track and if could send me a picture, some background to it or if you know of the source, maybe other members can explore the 'World Wide Web' in search of the similar item? From personal experience, it's fun to track down period items when your Caddy was new! It could even be a GM cloth or polish or oil can?

Until next issue, keep me in mind for future stories and photos and what you may have been up to recently when you've had your Caddy out and about, be it on your own or part of the club. There are always great stories and pictures to be had. You just need to 'take and send!' As we head closer to winter, take care and cruise safe out there - Ron, Ed.





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2023 Cadillac Lyriq: An Honest Review

By T. Anthony on March 17, 2025

Now this an interesting story. It is a Review' of a Cadillac Lyric. What makes it more interesting than most, is that it has been done by the owner of the Lyric and someone that is familiar with cars in general, new and old. This not the usual 'Car Magazine/ Article/ Blog' where the Reviewer spends four hours with the car in 'controlled conditions' or the car is 'tuned' for the test. or it is written so the article reads how the writer wants it to be received! This is a down-to-earth opinion and sure its one persons view and theirs may differ from yours or mine (if we were lucky enough to own one of these machines) but its akin to having a 'mate tell you what something is ACTUALLY like vs. the on-line, dealer or manufacturers version!' Have a read. See what you think. After reading it, I came away feeling positive and maybe I'd buy one - especially given the massive EV depreciation going on in NZ right



now, it should be down to NZ\$30k in no time! (New price when realised this year will be approx. NZ\$120k) - Ed



I really wanted an EQS. But it failed my dog test...



Due to a request on one of my previous articles, I decided to provide you all with an honest review of my new-ish 2023 Cadillac Lyriq. Why did I choose a Cadillac Lyriq? My round-trip commute went from 10 miles to 230 & my current car, a 2005 VW Phaeton, wasn't going to cut it at 17 MPG plus expensive repairs. Whatever I got needed to be electric and large enough for our dog. A Tesla was out of the question. I'm not getting into the why. That's not what we're here for. Lexus' EV seemed to be phoning it in, and the dealers were very disinterested in selling me one. That was out. I decided to expand my search to 1 year old used EV's, knowing I'd get more for my money. I typically eschew brand new cars if I'm not leasing. Let someone else take the initial depreciation hit. There weren't many options out there, but what I kept seeing were the Mercedes-Benz EQS & Cadillac Lyriq.

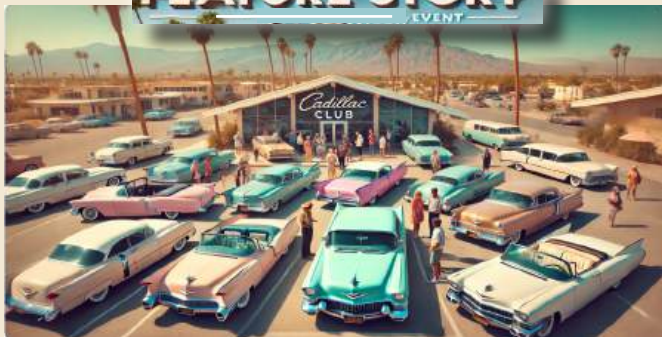
I really wanted an EQS. But it failed my dog test and every one I found got snapped up before I could finalize a deal. So one night, when my husband wasn't home, I went out and drove a Lyriq. I was hooked. This was the car. It wasn't as plush as an EQS - and I didn't expect it to be - but it also wasn't teeth clattering harsh like the former ATS & CTS. **So what do I think of the 2023 Cadillac Lyriq?** Outside The Lyriq is hard to miss, that is, on the rare occasion you see one. There have only been 28,402 Lyriqs sold through January 2025. In daylight you can clearly see the influence of the Celestiq in the rear 3/4 view. Is that good? I'm not sure, but I will say face on the car is a looker. I feel like the Lyriq was design at night, and no, that's not a joke. With the use of light in the design nighttime viewing of the Lyriq presents a rather unique presence. For 2023 the Lyriq didn't have door handles, instead what looks like a handle is a push button that actuates an overly complicated system of unlatching and pushing open the door. It's an interesting trick, at first, but you have to think there's a reason they switched to a more reasonable Tesla-like system shortly after introduction. You cross the line from delight to annoyance when a basic function becomes overly complex. The Lyriq looks tall, but

isn't as tall as you'd think, I'm just 5'9 and I'm constantly placing things on the roof as I get in and out of the car just as I did with any of my sedans. I was relieved with this as the dealership had me drive an Escalade to get a feel for Super Cruise. That thing is a monster. I told the dealership "absolutely not" after I got behind the wheel of it and didn't even bother moving it out of its spot. I could have run down a small village and never known it in an Escalade.

Inside - It's a little amusing that manufacturers still can't figure out what to do with an EV interior, they're either stripped of all traditional switchgear with single screen for all functions or so full of screens you wonder if the windshield is a screen itself. (please manufacturers don't do this.) I find the inside of the Lyriq a good balance between the painful austerity of the Volvo EX30 and the Cadillac Escalade electronic boogaloo. Basic functions do not require you to interact with the screen - and that's a very good thing. You can adjust the HVAC, heated/cooled seats, sound system volume, & windshield wipers all without touching a screen. This is the way it should be. The seats are more comfortable than I expected, but not as comfortable as the Mercedes EQS I was cross shopping - not that I expected them to be. An EQS isn't exactly a peer to the Lyriq, they just happened to be in the same used car price range. There is plenty of space for us, our dog and a weekend's worth of luggage. The "kick" activated lift-gate actually works, which has not been my experience with such systems in the past; it even shines a helpful Cadillac crest on the ground where you should kick. The rear seats fold flat with the push of a button, but in my opinion should also raise with the push of one. Exposed anchors for the rear seats give an unfinished appearance and at this price point a cargo cover should be standard equipment. If Toyota can do it with the Prius GM can certainly do it with the Lyriq. *Continued next page!*



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Super Cruise - Super Cruise is very easy to use. On a controlled access highway that has been mapped out you simply press the Super Cruise symbol on the steering wheel when displayed on the dashboard. Depending on clarity of lane markings you either get a green bar across the top of the wheel indicating the car is in control, or a blue bar telling you to keep your hands on the wheel until the system is ready. Navigation is not used to direct the car through exits and interchanges, that's on you. I only put my hands on the wheel 4 times during my 115 mile, one way commute; to navigate interchanges & when I get off the highway. That is unless I hit an area with poor markings or extensive construction. You get a warning before it changes lanes, and it leans on the conservative side staying in the middle lane on a 3 lane highway, or the right on a 2 lane highway. It is slower to change lanes than you or I, but I expected that. GM's system watches your eyes as you're driving and it'll warn you if it sees you're taking your eyes off the road for too long - it happened to me a few times while futzing with Apple CarPlay. Luckily I haven't been so egregious as to cause the system to deactivate until I restart the car. It is also good about warning you when to take the wheel with seat vibrations and a flashing red light across the top of the wheel. Sounds are available too. I'm currently in a free period so Super Cruise costs me nothing.

After that the approximate cost is \$300 annually, less than Tesla's FSD. In my experience, Super Cruise has been a more stable system. I've yet to grab control of the car and yank it out of some idiotic maneuver as I had to do quite a bit with my Tesla with FSD.

Final Thoughts

The Cadillac Lyriq is by no means perfect, I've yet to drive the car that is - many come close though. For my purposes it is downright ideal. The driving experience is comfortable, and actually fun in sport mode. I feel safe and planted on the road during my daily commute and importantly I don't approach the car thinking "ok, how long before my body starts to hurt."

There is definitely room for improvement (see below) but considering my Lyriq is technically the first model year this is a damned fine first effort at an EV for Cadillac.

The Good

- Looks, a Cadillac should be obvious from 20 feet away and this is.
- Drive modes; Touring, Sport, Snow/Ice - I leave it in sport when I'm not on the highway and it's fun.
- Super Cruise, the system is nearly flawless
- Seat comfort; in my seemingly endless commuting this car has been perfect for me. Other cars I typically have to dial in the lumbar so high it's like someone punching you in the back. Not this one.
- Camera rearview mirror: given this cars shape it's nearly impossible to get the best view out of the back with a traditional mirror, that may sound like a fail, but the solution they've installed is very good. GM did a good job of placement preventing it from getting clouded up with dirt and the field of view is ideal.
- Glass roof shade; this is the first car I've driven with a glass roof that had a proper shade that can fully block out the sun and add to noise insulation. Well done.

The Not So Good

- Exposed rear seat anchors
- Cargo cover optional
- Stock tires; snow and ice can easily throw this RWD SUV out of sorts
- Adjustable gauge cluster; it should be further configurable considering it's just a giant screen

Downright Sins

- Google Navigation built in. I have nothing against Google maps. It's an ok way to navigate. If it is your vehicle's built in system that will also automatically direct you to a charging station while simultaneously conditioning your battery - it better damned well not cost extra! This makes me want to shake Mary Barra and say WTF were you thinking?! Without a data package you get none of those benefits. Instead you get screen warnings that "this system requires a data package". You can use your phone as a hotspot

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but it is an extra step you have to take when you get in the car, every time. Either make the hotspot connectivity seamless, or just include the damned connection. In a car that retails for \$60k+ this is idiotic.

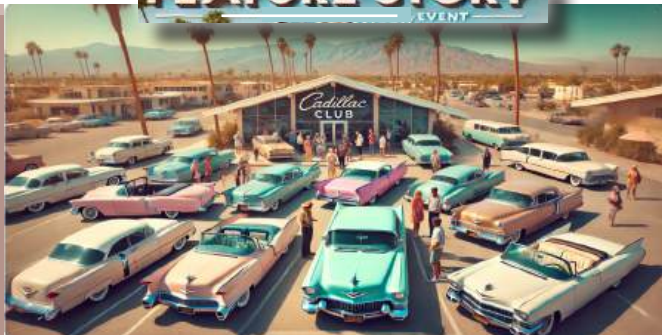
- Making owners purchase a NACS adapter. Having Tesla Supercharger access is a huge plus for us when we go visit my in-laws. If Ford can provide the adapter free of charge for the 136,566 Mach Es it sold before the 2025 model year surely GM can for the mere 28,402 Lyriqs that it sold.

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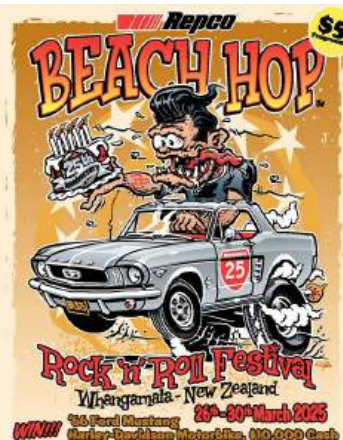
[Well, what do you think? It's always good to read the 'Not so Good List and the Downright Sins (ha, ha)'. Some of this stuff may or may not apply here in NZ once the Lyric is released here. I personally came away feeling pretty positive overall or is it because I am a little biased because it's a Cadillac? It will be interesting to see what Kiwis think once being sold locally. NZ Automotive writers and critics will tell us their impressions in due course. Ed]



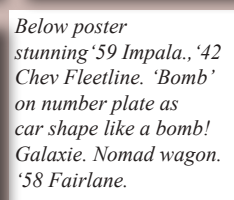
FEATURE STORY EVENT



Beach Hop Pics 2025



Towards the end of March, Steve and I cruised up to the 'Waihi Warm-up' which is the pre-cursor to the Annual Beach Hop in Whangamata, (as per poster at right) in Serge & Lilians black Fleetwood. It seemed to enjoy the day out and the exercise! Beach Hop is a great event but accomodation is scarce. Weather was fine and warmer this year. Enjoy the many pics. There were lots to see. If you attended and wish to share me a pic or two, please send. Ed



Below poster
stunning '59 Impala., '42
Chev Fleetline. 'Bomb'
on number plate as
car shape like a bomb!
Galaxie. Nomad wagon.
'58 Fairlane.



From top left CHIPs
officer & making
arrest! Lovely Edsel.
4-door long wheelbase
F100 Pick up was in
fine original (?) order
for its age. Mopar
collection in main street
Mint green Mopar.
Billy from ZZ Top was
taking in the American
Iron! At left, my pic
from Waihi, beautifully
restored 1948 Chrysler
New Yorker. Love the
upholstery/ dash. Ed



Above 60 Pontiac, nice
interior. It was immaculate
thru-out and colour combo
looked graet. Sweet '60
TBird. '67 Impala, '68
Impala at right. A few
Impalas about this year



FEATURE STORY



Slick '66!

6th Anniversary of the 'Stax' Models

STACKED HEADLIGHTS and the '66s. Success continued for Cadillac's 'Stacked series'. As was the Cadillac tradition, only very subtle changes would take place. In fact, can you spot the obvious differences between the '65s (at right) and '66s? The one thing I notice is the chrome around the headlights has morphed into a 'wrap-around' of paint work. The grill has changed. Indicators in the front bumper have disappeared and the large side lights are now more conservative. This Anniversary is a celebration that will last the entire 2025 year, and there's stacks more to come!!



Thank to The Self- Starter for the sharing of some '66 articles



Blast from the past! Bay of Plenty members, Dave & Trish Cummins '66 Eldo when living in Oz years ago (circa 1912?) Passenger is Ed!



CLC (Bay of Plenty) Members, Kevin & Christine Condor owned this immaculate '66 Coupe DeVille for many years and it was a regular participant on our local and National cruises. It now lives with another family member and is still well pampered I understand. Ed

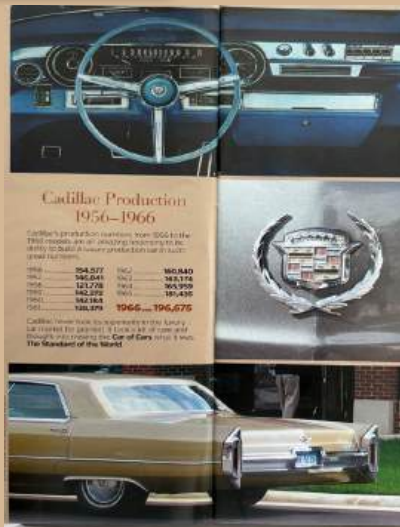


Ron Zahn (VP, Int'l Affiliates) pic, following '66 at '22 Grand Euro



At left is recent new member, Ivan and Cherie Felton's pride and joy. Following on from last months issue, here's a great image of the interior. Hope you enjoyed Beach Hop, guys?

National Geographic Ads from Editors personal collection





Link below to the on-line version of the 2025 Autumn LaCad. Another great read from our Ozzie members.

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It seems that this page is all about things to go to and great overseas mags to read! Check out the latest *LaCad* from our Australian Bretren! Another great read. The following is regarding the 2026 Australian Nationals

Hello Cadillac and LaSalle Club members / guests, The Victorian Chapter warmly invites you to join them for the 2026 Cadillac LaSalle Club Nationals, to be held at Echuca Victoria, Australia.

Echuca is in Northern Victoria on the banks of the Mighty Murray River, with historical features, such as the Port of Echuca, and was once the third largest inland port in Australia. This location in the town centre will feature our car show on the Saturday, with road closures in place this promises to be a carnival like atmosphere.

Registration, itinerary and entry fees will be published in the coming months in *LaCad*. We are pleased to announce the release of accommodation. We have secured all sixty rooms at the Mercure Port of Echuca and have a second motel on hold as a backup once the Mercure is full.

The Nationals will run from April 14-19; however, accommodation at the Mercure is available from April 13-19, 2026. The Mercure will be the host motel and will be the location for three evening meals including the presentation dinner. It has secure parking and plenty of room for our Cadillacs, so first in best dressed for this venue. Please be sure to mention the promotion code Cadillac 26. We advise early booking as the Victorian school holidays partially fall into these dates; full cancellation available up to 30 days prior.

Accommodation Details: Dates: April 13-19, 2026.

Mercure Port of Echuca, 465 High Street Echuca Victoria 3564 Australia. Telephone +61 (03)54825666

Email: info@mpoe.com.au Promo Code: Cadillac 26
Standard and Superior Queen Rooms - \$175 per night.
King and Twin Rooms - \$190 per night. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or require further information, preferred option is email. Steve Ashman, President CLC Victoria 2026 CLC Nationals Organiser. **NEWSFLASH - Read Special Attachment**



Above - 2026 CLC Echuca Nationals Logo.

Who would like to join Steve Gill and yours truly to Ozzie next year? It'll be a bonza time! Drop me a line. Registration details soon - Ed.



NZ 2025 Nationals
Palmerston North Oct, 10-12th
Staying at Copthorne Millennium Hotel
Fitzherbert Ave, Palmerston North

20 Rooms held. More details to follow from Frances. Mark your diaries now and start saving for gas!



If you're planning to be in Europe this year, check out the 'Grand European 2025'. Like past events, this too, will be a stunner. The Europeans do things so well! Ed



At left, our accomodation. Looks like we are roughing it again! Above, the Palmy Rose gardens. always picturesque . Long roads are called 'Lines' as in 'Roberts Line' and the like. Below, Wind Farm near Ashhurst on the outskirts of Palmy. See you there!





USA - Ron. What colorful and interesting newsletter. William "Lifer" Levy, Newsletter Editor, North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle Club [Thanks Lifer, glad you enjoyed the Issue. Well done on cranking-out many great Issues yourself! Ed]

Hi Ron!!! Thank you so much for sharing!!!! Your magazine is wonderful and I'm honored to have my Eldo featured. I forgot to tell you, there really is no interesting back story of provenance, etc. to the car - just what you mentioned, is great! BTW, I love your "68 Years of Stax" logo! Very cool! If it's not too much trouble, I'd love to get a copy of it - strictly for personal use. Best, John H. Olson OLSON PHOTOGRAPHIC, LLC Fine Interior, Architectural & Landscape Photography, Conneticut. [Hi John. It was a pleasure to feature your beautiful Eldo and I have received many remarks regarding its colour. Have a wonderful summer with your very special Caddy! Ed]

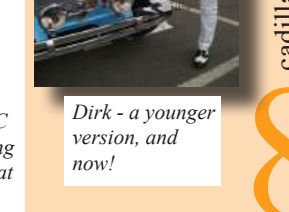
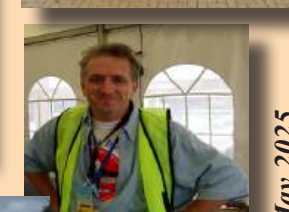
(From Bill Overend) Thanks Ron. I just passed this on to Doug Bailey who has been a driving force in the Atlanta Cadillac club. I'm sure he was with us when you visited and is probably on your list. I suggested you could use some war stories about the frequent trips they make together. I'm taking my car to Chattanooga for the summer. I don't drive it much because traffic and crazy drivers in Atlanta are a threat. But I'm 78 years old and it's time to do a little driving. It will ultimately go to an auction and depending on who shows up it will go for \$25,000 or \$45,000. I don't see much competition for the cosmetic condition it is in. However, it has 235,000 miles on the engine and transmission which are still strong. But, of course, there are leaks. The front wheel drive Caddies have always leaked from day one! [Hi Bill and always great to hear from you. Yes, my fellow member, Steve Gill and I remember our time in the States in 2016 very well and we cruised in Doug's Caddy convertible to Chattanooga and enjoyed a big Car Show there and saw the Coker Tire place. Enjoyed lunch at a nearby bar and Steve loved the 'Cigar Streamliner' caravan! Very unique to us Kiwi blokes from way down under. Hospitality was 11/10! Write again soon, Ed]

IRELAND - Hi Ron, Just caught up with this - love the pics in Finz of the '65 at Malahide, Ireland last summer. That emerald green '66 looks great. And it's and Eldorado! Many thanks and hope you're well. Best regards, Nick Stratta [Hi Nick and thanks for emailing. Yes, yours and John green Eldo have been some of the many stand-outs in FINZ of late, glad you are enjoying the coverage of the 'Stacked Series!' Take care and best regards, Ed]

FRANCE - Hello Ron. Again a wonderful issue, all green. I have tons of pict's, paper ones, black and white pre WWII of my grandfatheron floppy discs, on CD's ... sticks. Computer crashed, bought new one, no more CD loaderBut the biggest problem for me is timeSo, I do something short for you, and hope you forward the result to Vince Taliano and CLC UK [Thanks Dirk and yes, Vince, CLC UK and Pierre also see - Ed]. As you know I'm the founder of the Grand European concept. I will show in a short version how and why it came together, including 12 pict's (see right) - 2003 CLC England organized the first International meeting, with a busload CLC members from the States coming over - Paul and Beverly Ayres, Matt and Michaline Larson. I was there in my '70 conv with my son. The only thing I missed were the members from Europealmost nobody from Europe. What a shame after all the organizing work done by COCGB! Thus, I started working to bring 'heads' of CLC Affiliates in Europe together during an event in France, Castelsarrasin (2005 I believe). It worked well, as I put them together on a looong table, and served ton's of rozé wine .. so the birds start singing Cadillac.... With the great help of my (then) future right hand for the CLC in Europe Sigrig Hoffman (who I met during the 2002 Dearborn Centennial) and the Belgium CLC Affiliate, the first GE Grand European, took place on the Belgian coastal town "Zeebrugge" Beachfront, cars on the dike. 75 Cadillacs from all over Europe. The Spanish Affiliate under Pres. Carlos brought a truckload of V16 and V12's. Our friends from CLC USA came over, Paul and Beverley Ayres, George and Tony Huse, Matt and Michaline Larson Back then the new Cadillac BLS was presented, we received €3000 sponsorship from Cadillac Europe, and the awards from the USA whose members did the judging. The start was given, internet in full swing ...Today, age took a high toll on me ...mileage and the fast live, I'm not even a shade anymore of the young guy I was back then. The pict's attached are from the first GE, Belgium 2006, still in my PC. 2008 GE. Here you see the GE organizing team, and CLC France Pres. Pierre Gravel was there for the first time ...he measured, by foot, the amount of space needed to park 100 Cadillacs, in preparation of the 2010 GE in France, Richelieu (where I live). Yes, your past director for the CLC in Europe bought himself a new suit for this event, I still have it. 2008 final set Mike Josephic was back then our International Affiliates man for the CLC, presenting the awards. Pierre Gravel, still running the CLC in France, organizer of the 2010 GE. And yes, me today after 9 million miles @ 200 km/hr! 2013 Holland came, was again a wonderful event (Noordwijkerhout) on the coast again I hope this short story will be of help for the mag. Regards, Dirk



Above left - Dirk, Ayers & Moss. Above right - >> Belgium, France & Germany at '08 GE (Grand European) reception. At right - CLC Awards - Mike Josephic, Dirk, Sigrig Hofmann. On microphone is Tom Witzel. Below - Dramatic parking lot at Sinsheim Museum at '08 GE



This column from top, down: GE Champagne bottles with '48 Convert. on bottle. Next, Dirk, Matt Larson & Team Spain at '06 GE Belgium. Dirk in Merc! Pierre Gravel. Right column - CLC Deutschland Pres. Wilhelm Doering at Sinsheim Museum. V16 Carlos at wheel, GE 06.

Dirk - a younger version, and now!



Post Cards!

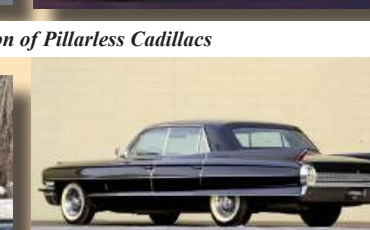
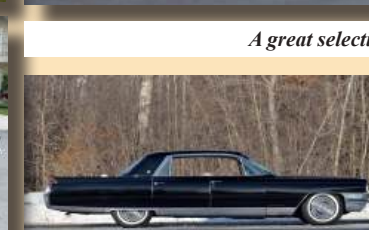


Recent Editorial changes mean better 'copy, stories and photos'. My daily feed is more polished now and whoever does the work is extremely knowledgeable and hardwork. Check out these beauties: Subscribe today at www.curbsideclassics.com

A splendid array of pillarless Cadillacs courtesy of my daily email feed from Curbside Classics together with a cool collection of 'Dealership Postcards'. Apparently, Dealers used to send past and potential clients regular postcards with maybe a 'Hello Note' from their favourite Car Salesperson! Today its emails and blogs, instant and no postage! Enjoy, Ed.



Without captions are, this col: Ford Dealer; Satellite Hotel Pompano Bch, Florida. Motel Inn, San Luis Obispo, CA. Ford Dealer at right



A great selection of Pillarless Cadillacs



More great snippets from my various information sources! Ed

Remember the photo below in the [September 2024 Caddie Chronicle](#) showing how my 1947 Cadillac Series 61 Sedan almost hit Barry Leese's 1937 LaSalle on the *Boomtown* movie set in Frederick, MD? Well, surprise! Barry was filming it on his phone, while my wife, Maia, was taking the photo! Watch the video on [YouTube](#).



L to R: Barry Leese, with a case of the nerves, filming Paul Good displaying Olympic agility!

Larry Good
Washington Grove, Maryland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejmZLzIGige>
Potomac Region article re 47 Caddy nearly bumping into 37 LaSalle!

Update from the
Federation of Motor
Clubs NZ:

The FoMC has
submitted a multi-
page document. If
you would like to
view, send me an
email and I will send
you a copy. Ed

NZ Federation of
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3 April 2025

Vehicle Standards Compliance Amendment (2025)
Rules Team
NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)
Email: rules@nzta.govt.nz

Please find below the NZ Federation of Motoring Clubs Inc. (FoMC) submission on the Vehicle Standards Compliance Amendment (2025). The FoMC is supportive of both the proposals in the draft Rule, something the FoMC has lobbied for, for some time. We believe these proposals will have transformative benefits for the owners of light vehicles aged over 40 years – the majority of which could be considered enthusiast vehicles – and privately-owned heavy motorhomes, primarily through reduced costs and meaningful time savings, without compromising road safety. We provide detailed evidence and arguments in support below.

CLC US News

It is with great sadness that the CLC's last living co-founder from 1958 (pictured right) and its first Secretary, Norman F. Uhler, passed away on Tuesday, March 11. Norm would have turned 98 on March 31. A full obituary is scheduled for the May issue of The SelfStarter.



Under the hood!



Recent NEW Auckland member, Rob Jolly owns a fabulous green '61 Sedan. He has over time undertaken some wonderful maintenance on it and recently hand-wrote me the steps he took when updating his Air Cond unit. Rob is one 'handy and clever Cadillac man' and please introduce yourself to him next time you see him in Auckland. A copy of his Air Cond writings is attached here in a PDF doc. It is hoped that Rob will write a few more 'Tech articles' in the future but if you have a solution or even a query, email me and I will print here. [Thanks Rob for your dedication as a CLC NZ member and your Cadillac passion! Ed]



I subscribe to Metro Moulded Parts and they sent me the below which I thought was interesting - The variety of vehicles throughout the years is many and plenty. From idea to conception with Bertha Benz running off with her husbands built motor car in 1888 to take the very first documented road trip of 62 miles of mostly unpaved roads with a few fuel stops along the way. Now with the ingenuity of today, the biggest question now is petrol or plug in! Let's get to those facts!

- 16% of all car owners do NOT wash their cars while owning it.
- First speeding ticket was given in 1904 for "flying at lightening speed through town" at a rolling 12 MPH!!
- Windshield wipers were invented in 1905, years before the gas gauge which wasn't produced until 1922!
- The term "tune-up" was created by Mr Henry Ford. The Magneto ignition coil made a "buzzing" noise. When properly adjusted they would be "in tune" and when they weren't, guess a little tune-up was needed.
- The first electric vehicle was made in 1832 that was no rechargeable. The horseless carriage was more of a parlor trick than a transportation vehicle.
- Speedostat, is the first name of our know cruise control.
- Chevrolet was the first car manufacturer to put radios in passenger cars in 1922. The government tried to place a ban on this idea, I wonder how that went.
- 95% of your vehicles life span is spent in Park.
- Americas first muscle car, also known as a "supercar" was released in 1949, Olds 88 which went on to make NASCAR history.
- 18% of American drivers today know how to drive a manual.
- Vehicles are the MOST recyclable product made in the world.
- The first vehicle cost \$1k in 1886 which would be todays equivalent roughly US\$29,900 for the Benz Motorwagen. Henry Fords Model T in 1908 went for a whopping US\$850. today US \$20,676.49

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Two interesting Ads I came across recently! Ed



CLC NZ Treasurer, Grant has been contacted by a company wishing to know whether a windscreen is available out there? Here is the request: From: Just Rust info@justrust.co.nz

Hi Grant
I am trying to locate a front windscreen for a 2002 Cadillac Deville it has been made into a Hearse from the b pillar back . Do you have any suggestions where we should be looking for one. Thank you for your help, Kerry - Team Just Rust 042326623 [Anyone know? Ed]



Is this a modern-day '59 - alac? Part Caddy, part Mopar Sebring and doesn't that chrome toothy grille look familiar? Nissan Murano... ouch. Ed



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ROB IDA discovered DIY at age 7 and hasn't looked back! [Very cool article - Ed]

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Supplied courtesy of our friends at

Motor City Region of the Cadillac & LaSalle Club

The Standard

STEVE'S SUPER SATURDAYS!

On the FIRST Saturday of each month, BoP Regional Delegate is organising a get-together, be it a coffee catchup or cruise or both! Inaugural meeting held at *Surf Road Cafe* with Kay & Dave Corin, Kevin & Christine Conder, Steve Gill, Andre & Ron Melville (Ron taking pic) present. Steve will email BoP members for location of MAY gathering which will be a cruise + Coffee. Ed



Jay Leno's 57 Cadillac

<https://youtu.be/vrtrGkw4fWU>



Thanks to Bill Overend of the Peach State Region for supplying this cool '57 article featuring Jay Leno. Good on you Bill. Ed

Check out this amazing custom Caddy. Ed

https://www.hagerty.com/media/buying-and-selling/auctions/custom-cadillac-eldorado-hits-the-auctionblock/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_DailyDriver_Wednesday&hashed_email=566fc738c2fa4cd2bb5e5080d142955d3fef70e99960153a19d4911e360e08b8&dtm_em=566fc738c2fa4cd2bb5e5080d142955d3fef70e99960153a19d4911e360e08b8

Curbside Find: Chrysler Sebring – The Flamboyant 1950s Meet The 1990s!

BY RICH BARNON - POSTED ON APRIL 25, 2020





KEVS Caddies and other great shapes!

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



Kevin sent in this awesome Facebook 'Reel' from a guy named 'Chatillac'. Masses of Caddies. Worth a look - Ed.

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1172488604626683/>



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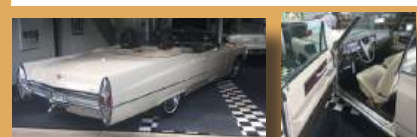
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Steve & Ron recently cruised down south to the deep Bay of Plenty in search of future cruising options in Serge and Lilian d'Elia's rare '75 Fleetwood Brougham. She was indeed a veru smooth cruiser and it was 'Dam nice day!