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La Laureate!





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AUCKLAND - THE WICKED WEEKEND II

Hi there and I thought I'd start the mag with some super-exciting news! The 'Wicked Weekend' (as in 'wow that was a wicked time' we had) we Bay of Plenty folk arranged and attended (plus Ozy and Brian from the 'Naki' is on again! Following our trek, I was inundated with emails and feedback on what an amazing weekend it was and 'only if I had known', was the common comment! Our amazing organiser, Steve Barker has already started planning the 2nd 'Wicked Weekend' (#2) and I am sure he will enlist the very capable Ali Hendry (Maurice's daughter) to assist and this

dynamic-duo will ensure we've plenty to do and see over three packed days! It doesn't matter where you live, if you'd like to come join us, email me at finzmagazine@GMail.com and Register your details. If you plan to fly in, no probs - we'll arrange to pick you up at the airport and you can cage a ride with another member over the weekend.

Phew, what an opening! Now let me tell you about this months 'Cover Caddy' - Tom Hutchinson of New Franklin, Ohio, won the Chief Judge Award (Greenbrier Concours) with his fully restored 1935 LaSalle 5067 Convertible Coupe with rumble seat. This outstanding LaSalle was purchased new by Mr. William Davis of Charleston, West Virginia, in 1935. Mr. Davis traded it for a Packard in 1940. In 1980, Mr. Davis' son found the car in a pole barn and purchased it from the family who bought it in 1940 from the dealer where his father had traded it! In 1980, a two-year restoration was commenced, and the car has been maintained in its award-winning condition. Deserving as 'La Laureate' (The Winner!)

Auckland member, Rob Jolly's Crossword Puzzle One 'Answers' are attached as it his Crossword Number Two! Enjoy. Answers to #2 attached to the August issue of *FINZ*! BoP Regional Delegate, Steve Gill's 'Steve's Super Saturdays' is really gaining momentum. There was lots of fun and sun held on the first Saturday of June, just gone as local members cruised to Port Ohope. Read the funny tributes that followed including one great poem! Check out the plans for July.

Our very social Taranaki Region area appeared to enjoy a great outing, sampling some delicious looking Bratwurst sausages.

A few people have asked me when the annual subs are due. It's the 1st September. Have you got your auto payment sorted? Our present and the new upcoming Club Constitution states that ONLY financially 'paid up members' can vote on any matter at the AGM. No doubt the Treasurer will have a list of outstanding sub payments with him at the AGM so if you want to vote, pay him on the day should you have forgotten to set up your auto payment..!

The 'Stacked Headlight Series' continues as we commence Part 3 of our series. This is the splendid 1967 year models which will be covered in this July and then August and September issues of *FINZ*. If you want your '67 to appear, send me some pics and a sentence or two, to: finzmagazine@GMail.com

I was lucky enough to receive some stunning pics (even a Pontiac Bonneville Safari looked ultra cool - see at right) direct from the recent US Grand Nationals held in Tennessee on the first week of June. Many thanks to our fellow US CLC Member, Tom Hutchinson from Ohio who was at the Nats. And more coverage next month from Ron Zahn!

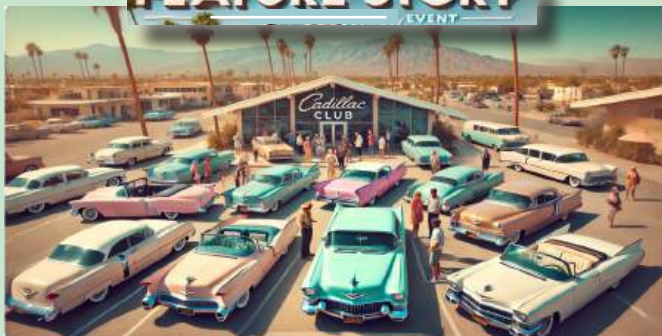
For something a little different is a picture spread on old Police cars. American Cop cars always looked fab! North Texas member, Mark Waterman went to a Anitque Boat and Car show recently and shared some great pics with us. Dig those vintage 'Chris Craft!'

NEWS FLASH! - Jason has just received an email from the US Grand Nationals to say that your *FINZ Magazine* has collected its 2nd International Newsletter Excellence Award. Read elsewhere. And here's another NEWS FLASH: Registration form for the 2026 Australian Nationals has arrived and is attached. Complete and send yours today. Let me know if you are going so we can keep track as to how many Kiwis are invading their lovely land! Until next issue, keep me in mind for future stories and photos. As we endure winter, take care and cruise safe out there - Ron, Ed.

Rob Jolly's Crossword



FEATURE STORY



This month's feature story is about 'Steves Super Saturday'. A recently new event held on the first Saturday of each new month unless of course something else gets in the way! For the latest, July, 'jaunt' - Steve took us down country to Port Ohope just south of Whakatane, approx 1 hour plus a little. The weather was 'touch and go' on days running up to Saturday but on the day, the local Bay of Plenty weather opened to blue skies and sunny conditions and we got there and back without a drop of the wet stuff. Like always, we had lots of fun and laughs and drove some quiet roads. Thanks to The Condors, Thrupps, Cummins (in their new Petuna - read elsewhere) and Ron took along Serge and Lilians Big Black Brougham which is incidentally 'For Sale' (read elsewhere). With the help of a friend of Steve's, here is his commentary for the day plus a few other comments from folk you may know - Elon, Donald, Shane and Sam - had they accompanied us on what was 'An All-American Cruise!'

A Cruise That Rox(ed) the Bay - Four Cadillacs. One perfect day. From Papamoa to Port Ohope, the Bay of Plenty Cadillac crew rolled out in full American splendour: a green '59 Sedan with fins that sliced the breeze, a red '60 convertible soaking up the sun, a mint-green '66 soft-top whispering elegance, and a stately black '75 Fleetwood Brougham commanding the road like a velvet yacht. We cruised the coast, hugging the Pacific on the wide-open stretches of Pikoai — no wind, no traffic, no worries. Just V8s humming in harmony with the waves. At Port Ohope, the café called, and the Caddies posed, parked like chrome royalty between harbour and sea. Tops were lowered, stories were shared, and the Wairere Falls greeted us with a post-rain shimmer. A second coffee at Columbus sealed the deal — smooth roads, good friends, and not a single mechanical hiccup. It was, in the words of one club member, "a Big Beautiful Day." And as we point our long hoods toward Galatea for July 5th, we know one thing: Steve's Super Saturday isn't just a drive — it's a ritual. And it just keeps getting better! 'We are always satisfied with the very best - Steve!'

Steve advises the next 'Super outing' is on Saturday, July 5th where we will cruise to the Southern Bay of Plenty and take in a museum, several collections and weather permitting, a very unique four-wheel farm tour! If you'd like to join us for plenty of fun and laughs, email: cornandpeas@xtra.co.nz

STEVE'S SUPER SATURDAYS!

Just for fun, think of how the below names in their voices, personalities and body language would portray the following summaries of Saturdays event as if they were there!

In the style of Donald:

Let me tell you — this was one of the most tremendous Cadillac cruises ever. Really, people are saying they've never seen anything like it. Four Cadillacs, absolutely beautiful — the '59 green Sedan? CLASSIC. The red '60 convertible? A total winner. The black '75 Fleetwood Brougham? Big, luxurious, just like my buildings. And the mint green '66? Iconic. We drove — perfect weather, no wind, nobody on the roads, because they knew the Cadillacs were coming. The Pacific Ocean was sparkling, just like the economy used to under me! We stopped for coffee — tremendous coffee — at Port Ohope. People were looking, admiring. I said, "Of course they're looking — these are Cadillacs!" No breakdowns. No fake news. Just a great, peaceful ride. Many people — the best people — are already talking about the next cruise. It's going to be huge. July 5th to Galatea — mark it down, folks. You don't want to miss it.

In the style of Elon:

So today... we experienced something close to what I'd call analog bliss. Picture this: four Cadillacs, each a low-slung symbol of American torque and pre-digital majesty, gliding down the Bay of Plenty highways — a kind of kinetic tribute to fossil-fuelled elegance. We navigated through time and space from Papamoa to Port Ohope, top-down on a zero-wind day — convertibles interacting with air like early Tesla prototypes did in the wind tunnel. No breakdowns. No interference. Just clean lines, Pacific breeze, and V8 harmony. Stopped for caffeine, discussed torque ratios and tailfins, and I thought — "if Starlink could broadcast this feeling, everyone on Earth would subscribe." Next mission: Galatea. Engage.

In the style of Shane Jones: (NZ Politician)

Let me be perfectly clear, my fellow New Zealanders — when it comes to motoring magnificence, few experiences stir the loins of nationhood quite like a Cadillac convoy cutting through the heart of the Bay of Plenty. On this fair Saturday, four chrome-laden Yankee juggernauts — not Japanese appliances, mind you — motored with mana from Papamoa to Port Ohope. These were machines with pedigree, not piddling plastic. We sipped our coffees with the sea on one side, harbour on the other; and the conversation as rich as the oil in those big-block V8s. And let me say — the Wairere Falls may have been flowing, but not one Cadillac leaked. That's the kind of reliability we wish from government departments. Roll on July 5th, to Galatea — the provinces await, and we shall cruise with style and swagger.

And our favourite, Sam. Cousin of Mike and of Steve!

In the style of Sam Hunt: (NZ Poet)

We followed the curve of the coast, four long shadows on four long roads.

A red '60 sang to the sun as green fins danced down Pikoai straights — where sea kisses paddocks, and time goes lazy.

At Port Ohope — coffee, Caddies, and chrome reflections in the café window.

The falls gave us a memory of last week's rain, the convertibles gave us wind in our thoughts.

Quiet rides home — no troubles, just stories in the rear-view mirror.

Next time, Galatea. Bring poems. Bring Cadillacs



At left is Mica Cummins also known as Bentley!



From Top - Leaving Papamoa. Port Ohope park-up. Eating time x 2 when you order twice! Cafe. Park up at Wairere Falls

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FEATURE STORY EVENT



STEVES SUPER SATURDAYS!

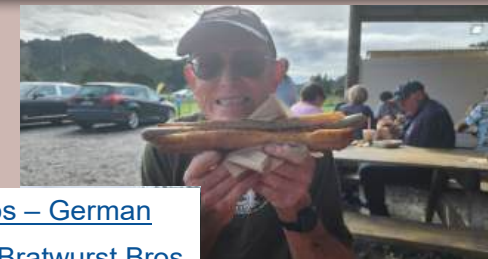
SSS saw the first club outing of 'Petuna', now a '66 Eldorado Convertible, ex-Melbourne. The original Petuna has headed south. Dave and Trish Cummins owned an amazing '66 Eldo Convertible when they worked and lived in Queensland many years ago, so to get another was not a hard decision. This example is pretty jolly straight and I personally like the light mettalic green (sorry Dave, forgot the exact colour name you told me!) and according to Dave it drives real nice. Originally out of Texas, its last Registration sticker is still in the window. Here are a few shots. Mica (the dog) sure loves it!

Other pics include Wairere Falls and White Island, puffing away on a clear sky day!



Taranaki April Run

Today was a great day in the Naki for a cruise and catch up with 18 Cadillac members. We met at 3A corner for a drive to the Bratwurst's Bros Butchery up the Uruti Valley. Just a nice 40 minute drive all in convoy. We had 9 cars attended so was a good turnout. We all enjoyed the German sausage and beef burgers that they make on site for our lunch, We then went to one of Taranaki's iconic beaches for an ice cream but no, the shop was closed. So we thought we would go and have a bit of a photo shoot to show our members some lovely cars and scenery the Naki has to offer. A great relaxing day had by all, thanks Noeleen for organising it. Looking forward to next months cruise Brian.



Bratwurst Bros – German Sausages from Bratwurst Bros



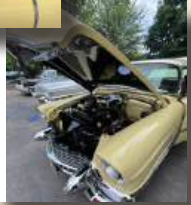
Apologies from the Editor for not inserting this report in a past issue of FINZ - Ed

FEATURE STORY



Our US CLC Member, Tom Hutchinson from Ohio whom we enjoyed coverage of his equistite '66 Fleetwood in last months *FINZ* has graciously forwarded a wonderful picture feast from the 2025 Grand Nationals in Murfreesboro, Tennessee (June 2-7). Thank you Tom, your chosen shots are as if I was there myself! Ed

This was an amazing example of a buttercup yellow '55 with a beautiful complimenting interior colour scheme. Tom seemingly took only the best photos!



As we have come to expect, Cadillac colour is everywhere. This year, greens and blues seemed to be the hues of choice and some were quite spectacular. Look at that very unusual green '41. If you have never attended a GN, try and do so. Ed



FEATURE STORY



Do you recall that song
"If you're going to San Francisco be sure to wear some flowers in your hair..."
 an iconic song by
 Scott McKenzie?



6th
 Anniversary
 of the 'Stax'
 Models

STACKED HEADLIGHTS and now 1967 - start of the 'Flower Power' period. The third in Cadillac's stacked headlight series saw major frontal changes and the image came with a 'forward look' and an egg-grate grille. The previous flat sides now yielded to what was then known as the 'Coke bottle' effect with a prominent 'kick-up behind the doors and trailing to the end of the tail lights which became tall. Colours also started to change and we started to see more browns and greens. The freshened design proved popular with more than 200k sold for the model year (incl. Eldos).



CURBSIDE Classics



1967 Cadillac Sedan de Ville / Brandon Brooks — DriveShare

Courtesy Potomac Region

BEYONCÉ PERFORMS WITH CADILLACS ON CHRISTMAS DAY BY VINCE TALIANO PHOTOS SOURCE: NETFLIX

On Christmas Day, Beyoncé performed at NRG Stadium in her hometown of Houston, TX at halftime of the Baltimore Ravens vs. Houston Texans football game. The performance was telecast live on Netflix to approximately 27 million viewers.

The promotion leading up to the performance showed Beyoncé standing in her Cowboy Carter outfit (her blockbuster 2024 album) on the hood of a 1967 Cadillac covered in red flowers (pictured right).

Although the '67 didn't appear in the nearly 13-minute live performance, many other classic Cadillacs and other vehicles were on display, including the ones pictured below in the opening (some featured the signature Texas longhorns on their hoods).



Facts

Thanks to The Self-Starters for sharing of some '67 articles/ pics

World events

- 1967 was a year of significant global events, including the Vietnam War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

U.S. events

- The 1967 Detroit Riot, the assassination of Robert Kennedy, and the moon landing were major events in the United States.

Science

- The first manned mission to Mars, the Apollo 11 mission, was launched in 1968.

Arts

- The Beatles released their final studio album, Abbey Road, in 1968.



Alan Clark is a longtime CLC Member who lives in Newport, California and he isn't afraid to drive his lovely '67 Convertible across the country. This cool autumn (fall) shot was taken in Utah on one Alan's many treks. Alan is the first member to send me a detailed 'Bio' of his '67 and it makes for good reading. This is an ideal 'Template' to show off the history and details of your Caddy. Many thanks Alan for sharing your photos with us and several more examples of his photographic talents will appear here over the next few issues.



National Geographic Ads from Editors personal collection



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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 has become a 'Conference Point' about where to go to and great overseas mags to read! Check out the latest *LaCad* from our Australian Brethren! Another great read. The following is regarding the 2026 Australian Nationals which 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 CLCI Nationals Organiser. Email: steveashman@bigpond.com Mobile: 0438 313 234 **MORE exciting updates to come! NEWS FLASH - Registration Form Attached.** Steve and I have sent ours. Complete yours today.

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!



Frances is releasing as many confirmed details as she can, hence, just a few at a time. We will be attending a few sheds plus enjoy a few cruises, so plenty to keep us amused. Pics at right are what Frances has confirmed so far and it looks very cool. At the AGM we will be voting on the Clubs new Constitution so we are able to comply with the new Charities Act. More soon as a proposed version has to be sent out to you soon to look over. If you have something for the AGM agenda, email Frances now. frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz



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



Frances is doing her best to get us thru some interesting sheds and go for a nice cruise. More details to come, so keep the dates free. It should be an awesome weekend! Ed



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



USA - Hi Ron, Just a note to commend you on another terrific newsletter. Your creativity is wonderful. Thank you for your hard work every month. Regards, Tom Pirog, New Jersey Region CLC #6866 [Thank you Tom for your kind words. Folks, Tom was previously the Editor of his Caddy Club's 'Caddy Chatter' magazine in which I enjoyed every issue. I even gleaned info from it because of his writings. Thanks Tom. Ed]

Hi Ron, Thanks for sending another excellent issue of your Finz newsletter. Amazed at seeing so many beautiful "Yank Tanks" in Australia. Best, Julie's Dad. (Jack Bracxx) [Jack, there are plenty of beautiful 'Yank Tanks' here in NZ and in Australia. You Americans would think you were home! Ed]

NZ - CONGRATULATIONS RON! FINZ has been awarded the CLC International Newsletter Excellence Award 2025! Jason's nomination said: For a very modest size club (89 financial members) in a small isolated country (total population 5 million), Editor Ron Melville single-handedly produces a world-class publication every month without fail - a truly 'coffee-table' worthy publication, beautifully presented and rich with locally relevant content. FinZ Magazine is a perfect example of the calibre of this publication. The content of is always interesting and varied, locally relevant, and visually rich. In particular, I draw your attention to: • a beautiful NZ member car cover feature, with a companion profile photo-essay inside (Ron tries to feature a local New Zealand member car on the cover every month) • correspondence from readers from all over the world, evidence of the level of reach and engagement the magazine has (usually 5-8 letters each month) • a well-considered editorial opinion piece commenting on the state of auto print media today • an extensive photo report from a local classic car show and invitations encouraging members to actively participate in local Club activities and events • a news update on the imminent launch of the new 2025 Cadillac Lyriq in New Zealand, providing a balance of new developments from Cadillac to compliment the historical Cadillac content • an on-going theme commemorating the 60th anniversary of Cadillac's stacked headlight model years (1965-1968) that threads through all of the 2025 issues, plus so much more. [End] Ron, a well deserved recognition of the high standard you produce our Club Mag and yet another trophy for your mantle! Regards Jason Curry, NZ CLC Pres.

Ice-cool article!



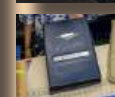
Here's a special read. In my www.hagerty.com email feed came a cool story about one of New Yorks biggest Cadillac restorers. Definately worth a read and check out these very cool photos. There are some 80+ of them in the article web LINK at right! Ed



This New York Restoration Shop Lives and Breathes Mid-Century Cadillacs

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The kids are grown, and the house is sold, but the Cadillac is still in your garage. It's one of the good ones: fins, chrome, leather, and high-pile carpet. Keeping it running over the years has taken effort but paid dividends in satisfaction: annual tune-ups, a bit of interior restoration a decade back, and even some modest DIY upgrades. Of course, exercising it is important, and that's been the fun part. At the moment, however, the hulking mass is parked because, of all things to go wrong, hidden corrosion has weakened the battery tray to the point of failure. There's nowhere safe to put the new battery, which means the car is stuck. What do you do? Who do you call? Salvation lies at the bottom of a wooded hill in Poughkeepsie, New York. A winding gravel driveway cuts through the greenery, and waiting at the end of it is a warehouse bearing the acronym "CPR." It may not be a medical facility, but Cadillac Parts and Restoration operates in the resuscitation business. What started in 1984 as a mail-order parts catalog run out of a family kitchen has morphed into a Cadillac outfit known both for its restoration work and extensive parts supply. That catalog includes steel, powder-coated battery trays customdesigned and manufactured in the U.S. to fit specific model years of finned Cadillacs. Much more, as well.





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 applies great research work! Definately worth checking out. Check out these beauties: Subscribe today at www.curbsideclassics.com

This month its a POLICE Special! Look at these cool cop cars, many like you’ve seen in American movies and TV shows over the years. The infamous ‘black and whites’ some with a big ‘red gumball’ on the roof. New York of course are resplendid in ‘Blue and white’. They all look good here and I dare say, the pictures taken when they were new! Enjoy, Ed.



Another close to new ‘59 model, this one a Ford Custom 300 Fordor Sedan with the Illinois State Police. It had a speed check meter on the roof, which does not seem large enough to see until you were right on top of it.



Above is a Kentucky State Trooper with a V8 powered ‘57 Chevrolet One-Fifty utility sedan or ‘J’ door sedan. I can’t quite tell if there is a back seat in this one. Maybe some were the “business coupe” body style to have room for gear.



A ‘68 Ford Tudor with the Florida Highway Patrol. There were three other officers in the car, so this one was equipped for passengers.



A ‘63 Chevrolet Two-Ten 2-door sedan with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Another puzzle, who the red roof vent? Officer comfort? The six cylinder would not make a good pursuit car, maybe that is why it was apparently assigned to the night station. They only went after blacks.



Another V8 powered ‘60 Ford Mustang Fordor Sedan, this one with the Virginia City, Nevada Police Department. It was old looking even fresh and was at least three years older in this image. Parked at the curb were a ‘68 Buick Wildcat 229 4-door hardtop, established in a ‘69 or ‘70 Studebaker Lark 4-door sedan.



This is the body style I want, a V8 powered ‘66 Ford Mustang Fordor Sedan with the California Police Department. Behind it was a ‘64 Chevrolet, and above it had a spotlight in the rear window. Above the car was a ‘69 Ford Custom Fordor Sedan.



This image was shot in Clear Lake, Texas, by Photographer Dean Kemmerer with the town Highway Patrol. He was assigned to this ‘58 Ford Custom 300 Business Sedan or Tudor Sedan, and they were the second units on the scene of the plane crash on February 3rd, 1958 that claimed lives of Buddy Holly and his colleagues. Across the street was another police car, a ‘56 Ford Custom 300 Fordor Sedan. It belonged to the Clear Lake Police Department.



We are back in Missouri with a ‘60 Dodge Marlin 2-door hardtop. I have to wonder how a hardtop fits in the equation. Perhaps they were looking for the power, handling and comfort found in a larger car. This was the largest of the Dodge’s and no 2-door sedan was offered. There was a 4-door sedan version that was the car in the background.



This was Chief Howard Child of the Alameda, New York Police Department with his ‘62 Plymouth Savoy 4-door sedan (squad car). The photo is dated July 6th, 1962. These were available with a V8 up to 381 cubic inches.



A ‘63 Plymouth Savoy 4-door sedan with the Milwaukee Police Department. Mounting the roof beacon and siren on a rack seems different, I guess they did not want to drill holes in the roof.



There is not much to go on for location in this image. A few clues, the body style is in the background, but there were lots of them, what a car and on the car badge is “Jefferson County”, and there are many of them, and the patrol license plate on the right side looks like a Colorado issue. The “10” on the license plate was used in Jefferson County, Colorado, where the seal is located. That is as close as I can get. The ownership management in passing the keys to the small fleet of the Ford Custom 2-door probably to the county officials. The unit in the foreground was equipped with one of the big black sirens, similar to the Police Interceptor 350 V8.



The Missouri Highway Patrol was doing some airport duty in a ‘60 Dodge Police 4-door sedan. This Police was the last expensive full size Dodge and was available with the new 440 V8.



This is a representative of the Chicago Police Department, a ‘72 Dodge Police 4-door sedan. It was the least expensive and most popular full size Dodge that year, perhaps because of the fleet sales. It was also available with the 440 V8. A green ‘70 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Holiday Coupe was passing through the intersection in the background.



The Baltimore Police Department’s Safety Patrol car was a ‘60 Ford Ranch Wagon 2-door. Ford offered a “Police Interceptor” 352 V8 with 300 horsepower that was available only to police departments.



In 1971 and ‘72 the Alabama Highway Patrol purchased 132 AMC Javelins with a 401 V8 to use as pursuit cars, which was at least a decade before the Ford Mustangs began their time in police duty. This ‘71 model was hard at work, on its way somewhere in a hurry. Jason Shafer talked about this chapter of the Javelin story a while back at CC.



STEVE BARKERS

AUCKLAND - THE WICKED WEEKEND II

Hi all. I am going to tease you with a new shed we plan to see!



Above two pics of the 'Tebbs Collection' which includes a genuine 1960s McLaren Race car!

Provisional 'out of town' attendees list.

Email me your name to:

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- > Ron Melville
- > Steve Gill
- > Lois & Graham Thrupp
- > Dave & Trish Cummins
- > Kevin & Christine Condor
- > **EMAIL ME YOUR DETAILS! Ed**

Remember last October, 2024 when the Bay of Plenty Region organised a trek to Auckland (and for any member in our NZ Club that wished to join us) and we enjoyed an amazing weekend of 'back-to-back' sheds, collections and the first Meguiars Coffee & Cars Sunday of summer?

NEWS FLASH! *It's on again!* Expressions of interest are being taken now to do it again! Provisionally Friday 7th, Sat 8th & Sun 9th Nov. Our Super Event Organiser, **Steve Barker** spearheads the weekend with New sheds to see, a visit to NZ's first Cadillac Dealership (in K'Road, Auckland city) and more to be confirmed. PLUS - Steve's contacts has secured our CLC being the 'Host Club' for the first of Summer Meguiars Coffee & Cars gathering on the Sunday morning! We have to provide 8 'wardens' to help out/ direct traffic etc. which we think will be possible. **So if you missed out coming last time, email me now** so Steve can gather numbers for accomodation (for us out-of-towners) and join us for ***The Wicked Weekend 2!***



Steve Barker and I liasied with the Cadillac Australia & NZ GM for Steve and felkow Auckland Member, Ali Hendry (Maurice's daughter) to visit the new Cadillac Dealership in Auckland. Here is Ali (holding a copy of her Dad's Historic Cadillac book), Steve and one of the Cadillac salesmen. 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]

And here's another...WANTED by geraldfieten@gmail.com

Suspension ball joint. I'm after a RT hand suspension bottom ball joint for our '63 Cadillac just wondering if you know anybody selling Cadillac parts here in NZ? Regards Gerald

And TWO more...

Waikato member, Stacey Cooney is looking for a chrome headlight brow piece for his '56. Contact Stacey 0274-54444-18 or smiletrucks@gmail.com

Auckland member, Rene de Boed is desperately looking for an oil pump for his '71 Eldo. Ph Rene on 022-175-8576 nzboots@yahoo.co.nz

Can you HELP any of the above find that part?

North Texas Chapter CLC Member, Mark Waterman writes:

Have you ever been to an antique boat and car show? A few years ago, I attended one in Houston called "Keels and Wheels." Earlier this month, I attended another one in Fort Worth called "Wood, Waves & Wheels." Both shows were good, and both were very interesting! I took my smooth, quiet, and comfortable 1973 Coupe DeVille the short hour and a half drive to the Fort Worth Boat Club. There was a wide array of cars, trucks, and a few motorcycles. Vehicles ranged from a Model A Ford, a Whippet, Packards and Corvettes, and a lot of Mustangs and Camaros. I think there were two other Cadillacs there, a 1939 club coupe and a 1969 Sedan DeVille. There were also a few Alfa Romeos, Porsches, and Ferraris. All were parked on the boat club's green, green slopes leading down to the docks where the antique boats rocked in the gentle waves. The mahogany, teak, and oak wood on those boats was highly polished and just glistened in the sun. There were quite a few Centurys and a lot of Chris-Crafts, and I even saw one Cowell, which was a boat built in Erie, PA. The weather was fine and the people were friendly, so it was a very nice outing. Happy motoring, Mark Waterman Cadillac LaSalle Club, North Texas Chapter, USA [Thank you, Mark. Always great hearing from you and seeing your lovely '73. Best, Ed]



In my inbox recently came a photo from the last AmeriCARna held in New Plymouth. It is our BoP Member, Kevin Condor who won a huge workbench on wheels. Thankfully it was delivered to Tauranga as the Caddy's trunk was too small! Well done Kev! Ed

Check out the photo below of Kevin Condor with his new Pace Power & Air 72' Stainless Steel Workstation, valued at \$1,995, which he won at the 2025 event. Kevin has been attending Americarna since it began in 2007.



In Joe Gildea's email dispatch to me:



And two items courtesy of our Motor City Region, Detroit



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



CONGRATULATIONS RON - Well done Ron on the Newsletter Award. Magnificent, you deserve the results. Kindest regards, Kevin & Christine



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