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About



A '67 Cadillac convertible, and now that Brian is gone, the beach is quiet. The waves hum bars from "Don't Worry Baby", reflect on chrome dreams, all petrol and falsetto, drifting west on Pacific gravy.



Owner Alan Clark, of Newport, California
CLC Member, USA.

A tribute to Brian Wilson...





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Hello all. Thanks for all the emails following our colourfully packed July issue of *FINZ*! Many articles struck a cord with readers and I am pleased that members welcome the wide spectrum of stories that I try to glean and share with you, each month. Keep that feedback coming and ideas too. Check out Rob Jolly's suggestion about 'How you found your Caddy/ LaSalle or did it find you?'

Late last month came the sad news of iconic song writer and one of the founders of *The Beach Boys*, Brian Wilson passing. Not only was he famous for his musical talent, but he was indeed the 'rolling wave' of *The Beach Boys* which as a musical was very much in keeping with American cars, culture of the sixties and added to the 'sound track' in many of our lives for those of us that love old American cars, American music and the memorabilia and history that go with it. An acknowledgement to Brian is in this issue and he was a staunch car guy as well! So it seems befitting that this month's cover is of one awesome '67 DeVille convertible owned by fellow CLC Member, Alan Clark of Newport, California and the photo depicted where else, but on a Californian beach! Check out the yellow 'Bay-watch type', Surf Life Saving pickup down on the sand.

If there is one word that stands out this issue, it is indeed, 'Variety'. From a Brian Wilson Tribute, to two pages of 'Storytime' suggestions, for when you are 'locked-down' at home due to the wintry and wet conditions all us Kiwis have experienced of late, I am sure you will enjoy the numerous articles and stories about our old car passion and then a few more just because they came a 'knocking' as I was compiling this issue!

As I write this, infamous 50s and 60s singer *Connie Francis* has passed at the tender age of 87, which is kinda like '65' these days! Our own Murray Scott has just informed me of the recent passing of long-past Wellington member, John Harnett who attended our 50th a couple of years ago. Pres. Jason caught up with him at the anniversary. Our condolences to his family and friends.

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..! Talking about 'Club matters', I have recently dispatched a copy of our proposed new Club Constitution to you to read over together with the Clubs 'formal intention' that TWO 'Notices of Motion' will be proposed. One will be for the adoption of the Clubs New Constution (Rules) and the Second, a 'tweak' and 'modernisation' of the Clubs name to 'Cadillac & LaSalle Club of New Zealand (Inc)'. Any questions to Pres. Jason, please. In case you missed my first email, another copy of the Constitution is again attached to this issue for current Financial NZ Members via email and 'snail mail' *FINZ* recipients.

The 'Stacked Headlight Series' continues in Part 3 of our series. The 67s year models feature in this 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 Likewise, if you would like your '68 to appear come October onwards, send me photos and info now!

There's a good read about the 'Second Muscle Car Era' which, this time around features Cadillac! Who would have thought? I am counting down the weeks to spring and our 52nd NZ Cadillac Nationals in Palmerston North. Read the attachment about getting your accomodation sorted and Registering. We will be doing a few things over the weekend which will hopefully include a big FIN display and an opportunity to recruit a new member or two? The Second 'Wicked Weekend' in Auckland follows the Nationals in November. Are you going to come along? Our Club will be official hosts at the first summer Meguiars 'Coffee & Cars' Sunday event. Let them see FINs! We invite ALL Auckland members to come along and show our Caddies with pride and strength in numbers and of course plenty of FINS visible! A special information attachment for you to read and decide on! All NZ members welcome to attend. Accomodation is being organised for out of Auckland attendees like me, Steve and other Bay of Plenty members!

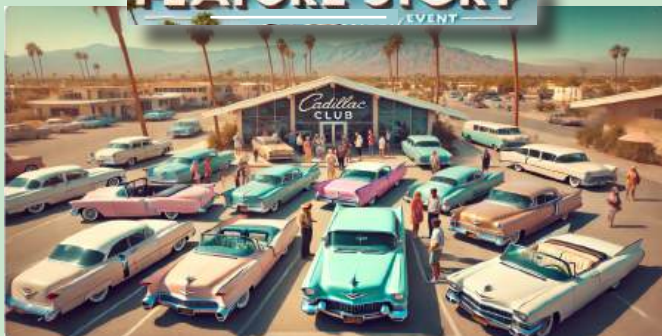
Steve Gill and I have formerly Registered for the April 2026 Australian Nationals. Let me know if you are going so we can keep track as to how many Kiwis are invading their lovely land! Steves 'Super Saturdays!' continues with a planned outing to Waihi for the first Saturday in August, the 2nd. The July event was regretablely postponed due to bad weather and high river levels where we planned to go! What with the '25 Nats coming up, Wicked Weekend 2, Steves Super Saturdays, AmeriCARna '26 and Aust '26 Nats - what's on your calendar?

Until next issue, keep me in mind for future stories and photos. As we get closer to spring, Daylight Saving getting ever so nearer and with it, hopefully warmer weather, take care and cruise safe out there - Yours in chrome, Ron; your Ed and one of the 'Keepers of the FINS!!'



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FEATURE STORY/ EVENT



KEEPIN'THE VIBES ALIVE A TRIBUTE TO BRIAN WILSON (1942-2024)

By the Cadillac & LaSalle Club of NZ

The roar of a 409. The rustle of palm trees. The falsetto above a flathead's growl. When Brian Wilson pressed "record," he didn't just craft melodies — he shifted cultural gears.

Brian Wilson wasn't just the genius behind The Beach Boys. He was the sound engineer of California's chrome-plated adolescence. With lyrics tuned to the hum of muscle cars and hearts beating as fast as quarter-mile times, he turned the AM dial into a dreamscape. While critics hailed Pet Sounds as a masterpiece (and rightly so), it was Brian's hot rod hymns that revved up a generation — and kept on idling in our imaginations. Songs like "409", "Little Deuce Coupe", and "Shut Down" were more than chart hits; they were engine notes in harmony.

Brian's own garage was a gallery of horsepower. From his first '58 Impala, to a '66 Sting Ray, to a cherry-red ZR-1 Corvette, and eventually exotic beasts like the McLaren 720S and Lamborghini Aventador, Wilson wasn't collecting — he was curating joy on four wheels. He sang of girls, freedom, sunshine and loss — but always, always, cars. Because the cars weren't props in his story... they were characters. Symbols of youth, speed, and the need to keep moving, even when life broke down.

He may be gone, but the echo of his voice — and the throttle he never stopped loving — will keep cruising every time we flick on the stereo and head for the coast.

Thanks for the ride, Brian. The vibrations will never fade.

Wilson Was The Engine Behind The Sound



The Last Beach Boy



As a youngster of the sixties, I for one recall the 'barber-shop like' vocals of The Beach Boys. Their 'All-American' image was another 1960s connection to many things American that was common in my day. Red, white & Blue - American cars, Elvis, National Geographic magazines, Space Age, Futuristic design, fashion and colour. How many others like me remember the images of the Monkee mobile, USS Enterprise, Time-Tunnel, Bewitched, Mod Squad and many other TV shows and always a Beach Boys soundtrack not too far away!

Click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vn-vOV13NQw> to view an awesome Brian Wilson Tribute concert from 2001 with all of the below singers each doing a cover of a famous Brian song! If you are into music, you will love this You Tube beauty!



An All Star Tribute to Brian Wilson
Concert at Radio City Music Hall on March 29, 2001
Hosted by Chazz Palminteri

Featuring David Crosby, Evan and Jaron, Vince Gill, the Go-Go's, Heart, Billy Joel, Elton John, Aimee Mann and Michael Penn, Ricky Martin, Darius Rucker, Carly Simon, Paul Simon, Matthew Sweet, Jubilant Sykes, Jimmy Webb, Wilson Phillips, The Boys Choir of Harlem, and The Radio City Orchestra

With Special Guests Cameron Crowe, Dennis Hopper, Rachel Hunter, and Sir George Martin 2001



Surfie Elegy for Brian (in the style of NZ Poet, Sam Hunt)

*I heard the sand sigh soft for you
when the news rode in with the tide—
Brian's gone, the beach is quiet
no T-Bird tears, just seagulls cryin'.*

*He surfed the stars in a '66 Sting Ray
humming bars from "Don't Worry Baby"
chrome dreams, all petrol and falsetto
drifting west on Pacific gravy.*

*His songs weren't songs — they were road maps
stitched in fuzz and reverb light,
where a girl might steal her daddy's Ford
and outrun sorrow by Friday night.*

*We played 'em loud in summer's arms,
that golden haze of petrol youth —
now it's just the dash lit dim,
the old tape stuck on vinyl truth.*

*So here's to you, old surf-side poet,
who heard the engines in his head.
You tuned our tears to joy and spark —
and sang the beach alive, not dead.*



Another great
Tribute to Brian
- Click on Jam'n
Java Trib to
Brian Wilson
<https://www.youtube.com/>



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FEATURE STORY



Storytime!

Winter is a great time to snuggle down with a good book, magazine or browse the websites for some interesting stories. I just happened to be looking and reading from the various email feeds I receive and my little list of great stories simply blossomed! Here's a list that I came across and I recommend. Enjoy, Ron (Ed).

American Classics are a Common Sight at New Zealand's Premier Car Shows

Great article by renown writer and car enthusiast Jim Richards (Hemmings and former monthly contributor of the now defunct *Hemmings Classic Car* magazine) with more than 20 pics of some of our best American examples living here in NZ. Definitely worth a read. *Courtesy of my www.hemmings.com email feed.* The article in part reads "There is a small country far away, that in the 1890s its prime minister Richard John Seddon referred to as Godzone. The rest of the world knows it as New Zealand. It is a little scenic wonderland of a country in the South Pacific that only has a population of 5.5 million people, and sheep outnumber them five to one...." <https://www.hemmings.com/stories/american-classics-are-a-common-sight-at-new-zealands-premier-car>

This year, Chrysler celebrates its 100th Anniversary: Here is Chrysler 100th Anniversary – A great story about one Walter Chrysler.

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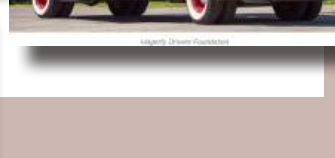
Now, here is something pretty crazy - General Lee flies again!

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Futurliner article - The idea originated at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, when legendary GM research guru Charles F. Kettering attended the event and wondered how the idea could be packaged and taken to the people. Kettering's vision became a reality in 1936, when GM launched a traveling "circus of science" that demonstrated how industrial research improved the American way of life "through better products and processes." Perhaps the best-known example, however, is number 10, which was used by Dreisbach & Sons Cadillac in Detroit following its time in the Parade of Progress.

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Of Miles and Men: Father, Son, and 1700 Miles in a '71 Ford Pickup



A heartfelt story of a man, his Dad and an old Ford Pick Up truck. A well written story. A couple of excerpts appear below

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showed up in New Mexico with \$500 in parts and an aim to drive this truck 1700 miles home to Tennessee in the heat of August. I'd fallen in love with the thing from across the continent, the photos showing a tired but honest 1971 Ford F-250 Custom Highboy, Chrome Yellow against an impossible Western sky. A good mule. The seller couldn't tell me much about it other than it'd spent all its days in Idaho before finding itself in an estate sale, then on a trailer to White Rock, a stone's throw from Los Alamos and the lab that brought the world The Bomb. He said the Ford drove. Sort of.

Good enough.

I called Dad.

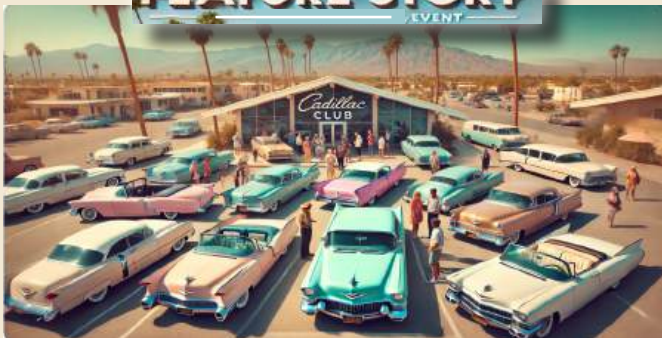
"Want to go to New Mexico?"

Growing up, dreaming was the familial pastime.

The route dropped us through parts of the country we'd never see, otherwise, into America's working gut. Past horizon-spanning fields of soybean and corn, past slowly bobbing oil derricks. The days and miles clicked by until we began to see familiar country, the earth swelling in gentle rises, all draped green at last. The air was humid, and the smell of it bittersweet. We'd be home soon.



FEATURE STORY



Storytime!

Part 2 of our 'Storytime!' More great stories and articles to read on a cold wintry day!

Can you believe it, *Gone in 60 Seconds* is 25 Years young!

https://www.hagerty.com/media/news/exclusive-interview-eleanor-the-gone-in-60-seconds-mustang-is-back-want-one-thatll-be500k/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_DailyDriver_Wednesday_v2&hashed_email=566fc738c2fa4cd2bb5e5080d142955d3fef70e99960153a19d4911e360e08b8&dtm_em=566fc738c2fa4cd2bb5e5080d142955d3fef70e99960153a19d4911e360e08b8

Exclusive Interview: Eleanor, the "Gone in 60 Seconds" Mustang, Is Back. Want One? That'll be \$500K



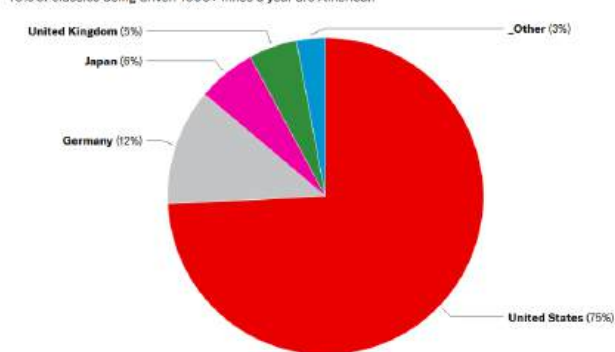
And here's one that is said to be *Petrolicious*!

Excerpts from the article...Most of the surviving Eldorados aren't preserved in museums. The good ones, like Enrico's, are still gliding down the interstate, kept alive by people who understand what they are. The rest are withering somewhere west of Amarillo, half-covered in tarps that never quite fit, dissolving into the horizon. Their vinyl tops have curled back like scorched leaves. Their dashboards are split. Chrome pitted. Tires sunken into caliche. Too big to tow, too thirsty to run, too sentimental to scrap. They sit still, heat shimmering above the hood, forgotten under the weight of their own excess. That Enrico's still glides through the canyons of Los Angeles, still drops jaws in traffic, is a quiet kind of miracle. Not over-restored, just well-loved and alive, exactly as it should be. "I don't like to judge people by their car," Enrico says, "but I love that my car tells you something about me. I want to go through everything in my life with calm and with a little smile," he says. "That's what this car does. It doesn't take corners so much as it leans through them. The steering is light, the ride is lighter. It's like driving a cow through the canyons," he laughs. "And I love that." In a world obsessed with being fast, being first, or being seen, it takes nerve to go slow. <https://petrolicious.com/blogs/films/the-golden-one-cadillac-eldorado-venice-los-angeles> Thanks to Rex Findlay for contributing this article. Ed



And finally, for those that love numbers... There are millions of collector vehicles on the road in the U.S.A. (approximately 46 million, by our count), with a collective value estimated at a trillion dollars. A lot of them weren't built there. Indeed, imports bring a lot of variety to the hobby and to the market, be they the proverbial Lamborghini poster car, aspirational German sport sedan, the British roadster that offers cheap fun, the Japanese sport compact that offers cheap reliable fun, or the occasional French or Swedish oddball. Foreign cars understandably also get a lot of attention. For example, all of the 30 most expensive cars ever sold at auction are foreign, and so are nine of the 10 most expensive cars in the Hagerty Price Guide. The fact remains, though, that good-old-fashioned domestic cars and trucks make up the bulk of the classic car world. We thought it was worth celebrating this time of year, and have some nice hard numbers to back it up. Most popular collector vehicles by insured count, details below. Article courtesy www.hagerty.com

American classics are the ones on the road being driven
75% of classics being driven 1000+ miles a year are American



Hagerty Vehicles Insured for 1000+ miles a year
Chart: James Hewitt

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Vehicle Generation

1	1968-1982 Chevrolet Corvette C3
2	1965-1966 Ford Mustang
3	1967-1969 Chevrolet Camaro
4	1928-1931 Ford Model A
5	1968-1972 Chevrolet Chevelle
6	1967-1972 Chevrolet C/K Series Pickup
7	1955-1957 Chevrolet Bel Air
8	1970-1981 Pontiac Firebird
9	1967-1968 Ford Mustang
10	1984-1996 Chevrolet Corvette C4
11	1968-1980 Volkswagen Beetle
12	1963-1967 Chevrolet Corvette C2
13	1970-1981 Chevrolet Camaro
14	1964-1967 Chevrolet Chevelle
15	1994-2004 Ford Mustang
16	1987-1993 Ford Mustang
17	1997-2004 Chevrolet Corvette C5
18	2005-2014 Ford Mustang
19	1973-1979 Ford F-Series
20	1947-1955 Chevrolet Trucks

FEATURE STORY EVENT



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

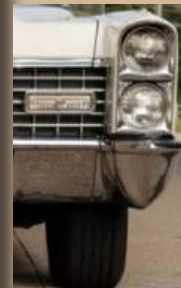
STACKED HEADLIGHTS for 1967. As mentioned in the last issue of *FINZ* the third in Cadillac's stacked headlight series saw major frontal changes and a 'forward look' and egg-grate grille. The (Pontiac) 'Coke bottle' effect was extended to other GM marques and for Cadillac, it meant a prominent 'kick-up behind the doors and trailing to the end of the tail lights which became tall. Colour ways were in keeping with fashions of the time and we started to see more browns and greens as we got closer to the 70s! 1967 was the first year of the front-wheel-drive Eldo!



Pic from the 2025
Grand Nationals



ANOTHER OF KLAUS DEISINGER'S fantastic Caddies is this 1967 Sedan de Ville.



Although the colors are a bit scrambled across the American flag, we always list them in order as red, white and blue. To achieve this arrangement in Tennessee, the white car had to move in between the red one and Potomac Region (PR) Assistant Director Chuck Piel's blue one. But at the end of the show, the white owner didn't get there in time, so the red and the blue gave up and went home. This picture is what we got.

National Geographic Ads from
Editors personal collection



Facts

Notable For 70 hits

- "Sonny's Blues" (Frank and Nancy Sinatra)
- "Hello Goodbye" (Beatles)
- "All You Need is Love" (Beatles)
- "Release Me and Let My Love Begin" (Engelbert Humperdinck)
- "Lover in Disguise" (John Ford & His Playboy Band)
- "The Letter" (Audrey Hepburn)
- "Surrender" (Rexha)
- "2001: A Space Odyssey" (Pink Floyd)
- "Cherry Lane" (Dionne Warwick)
- "Surrender" (Rexha)
- "I Was Made for Lovin' You" (Gloria Gaynor)
- "Green Tambourine" (The Lemon Pipers)
- "Love is Here and Now You're Gonna Stay" (The Mamas & The Papas)
- "Happy Together" (The Turtles)

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



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 shot was taken in Arizona on one Alan's many treks. Many thanks Alan for sharing your photos. Ed



Hi Caddy and LaSalle Folk, Here is the link to your on-line version of the Winter 2025 LaCad: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/yyevwph6jqohdllsin81o/>

Greg Short - Cadillac LaSalle Club – Membership Secretary and LaCad distribution



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!

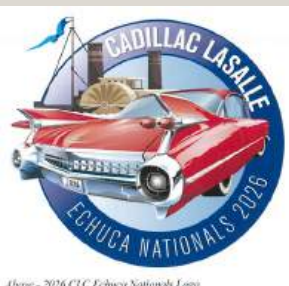
Read Frances special attachment with accommodation and pricing details plus meal arrangements for the weekend. Still final details to come, but the weekend is looking good folks so please contact the Copthorne as soon as you can to confirm your room! **IMPORTANTLY, at the AGM** we will be voting on the Clubs new Constitution so we are able to comply with the new Charities Act. The proposed new version has to be sent out to you to look over plus another copy is attached. Constitution feedback to Jason please and if you have something for the AGM agenda, email Frances now. frances.wayne@xtra.co.nz



Just one of the splendid sheds we plan to see on our 'Wicked Weekend 2!'



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 CLC 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.



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



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



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 accommodation (for us out-of-towners) and join us for **The Wicked Weekend 2!**

Provisional 'out of town' attendees list. Email me your name to: finzmagazine@GMail.com > Ron Melville > Steve Gill > Lois & Graham Thrupp > Dave & Trish Cummins > Kevin & Christine Condor > Andrew Deam & Violet Sowerby > **EMAIL ME YOUR DETAILS! Ed**



AUSTRALIA - Hi Ron, Once again, a great edition but more so with a LaSalle on the cover. Congratulations on your award it is justly awarded. It is no small feat to produce a magazine of this quality every month. The workload must be never ending putting out each edition every four weeks. As an editor I understand the workload involved and I once again say congratulations. Regards Editor Sallee Speaks, John Byrden [Thanks John. I enjoy every *SalleeSpeaks* in my in-box! I am looking forward to seeing a few LaSalles at Echuca next year. Ed]

Hi Ron, On a lovely sunny winter morning I am enjoying reading your world class magazine. The huge number of photos of classic Cadillacs makes wonderful viewing. Congratulations on receipt of the International Newsletter Excellence Award. It is well deserved. The words by Jason Curry perfectly describe your ethics and commitment. Best wishes, George Akele, Australia [Thank you George for your kind words, regards to Johnnie too. Ed]

IRELAND - Thanks Ron, Love the detail shot of the 67 Fleetwood. Reminded me of my 68 Fleetwood. A superb riding car. Hope all well there, all well here! Best regards, Nick Stratta [Thanks Nick. Glad you enjoyed the pics. Many more to come in the form of Stacked Headlights! Ed]

USA - Hi Ron, Loved this issue. Great Cadillac pictures. :o) Would certainly participate in your Super Saturday excursions if I lived Down Under! Best, Jack Brackx [Thanks Jack and we'd enjoy having you cruise with us! Ed]

NZ - Hi Ron. Your name was referred to us by a mutual friend Paul Higgs. By any chance, would you know where there is a 59 coupe de ville?...we have a customer looking for one... kind regards - Jesmond Micallef, Waimak Classic Cars
T: 033106485 sales@waimakclassiccars.co.nz

[If anyone knows of a '59 For Sale, please contact Jesmond directly. Ed]

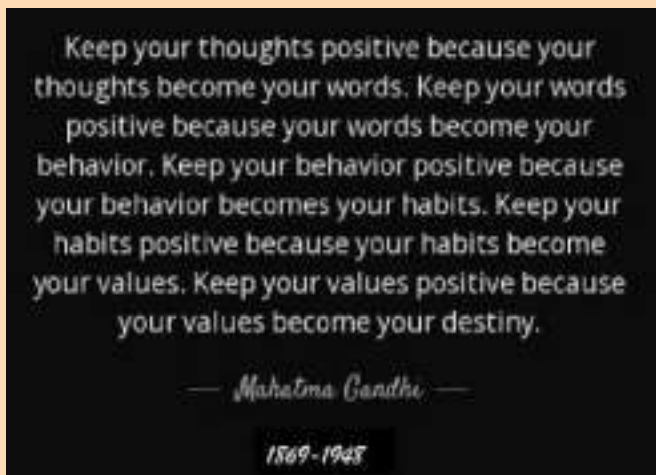
NZ - Hi Ron yet another fantastic news letter. Can you please put me down for 2 people for the wicked weekend. Thanks, Andrew Deam [Thanks Andrew, we'll add you to our list. It's going to be another fab three days this year. You will be blown away by what you'll see! Ed]



Have you seen this, Ron? <https://www.stuff.co.nz/culture/360740249/stop-beyonce-stops-show-flying-cadillac-tilt-over-crowd>

'Stop!': Beyoncé stops show as 'flying Cadillac' tilts over crowd
Beyoncé stopped her show in Houston, Texas, at the weekend when the car she was sitting in started to tilt mid-air. The red Cadillac is suspended on cables and carries her over her fans. On Saturday night (local time), the car began tilting, leaving the 43-year-old singer clinging to a flag pole. "Stop! Stop, stop, stop stop," Beyoncé said as the incident unfolded. It happened as she was performing her country ballad, 16 Carriages. "If ever I fall, I know y'all will catch me," she said after she was safely lowered to the ground. Beyoncé's company, Parkwood Entertainment, released a statement saying a "technical mishap" had caused the car to tilt, BBC reported. "She was quickly lowered and no one was injured. The show continued without incident," the statement said. Regards, Jason - Pres.
[Thanks Jason, one way of putting Cadillac into the spotlight! Ed]

Hi Ron. Here in the *Bay of Plenty* we've always had a ethos on being positive. Some even think the area is called the '*Bay of Positivity!*' My research found I am not alone. One amazing man from last century was a fellow ahead of his time:



With this in mind, I engaged some lateral thinking from a friend who came up with these amazing words, about our beloved marque:

"Let's drive. Let's meet. Let's share the road."

*Our words turn into actions —
keys turned, engines started, miles covered.*

*The actions become habit —
the Saturday morning polish,
the familiar yarns,
the long convoys.*

*Habits shape who we are —
keepers of the fins,
the chrome,
the leather,
the history.*

*And who we are,
steers where we're going —
a club destiny as grand as the Cadillacs we love.
Because the engines hum.
The cars gleam.
And the stories carry on"*

It is with these fine words I share with you a new motto for *The Bay of Plenty Region - Keepers of the FINS* and invite you to share it to.

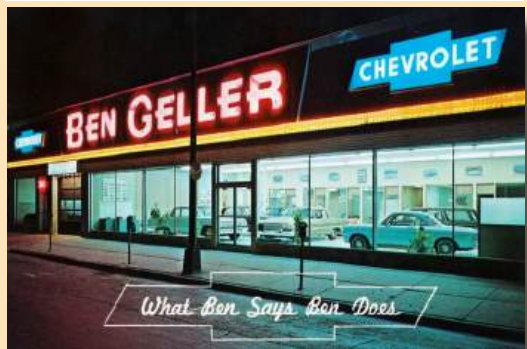
Always satisfied with the very best, Steve Gill, Regional Delegate, BoP Region.





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! Definitely worth checking out. Check out these beauties: Subscribe today at www.curbsideclassics.com

This month its a good variety of articles at Dealerships and Railway cars! Have a look at these beauties. The Ben Geller Chevy dealer has a creative ‘Bow-tie advertisement’. I like the roof signage here at Bob Peck Chevrolet (bottom right).



Bob Peck Chevrolet, Arlington, VA.

Have a read at a variety of Cadillac and other old car related articles from my email feeds and resources. Enjoy! Ed



A futuristic escape or refuge... Cadillac's Celestiq concept goes all in on autonomy. General Motors Design recently introduced the Cadillac OpenSpace, a futuristic luxury motorhome concept.



The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, commonly known as the New Haven, owned this 54 Cadillac Fleetwood Series 75, and it was used by the president, Patrick B. McGinnis. His initials were even on the vanity Connecticut license plates. It was equipped with factory air conditioning, plus some special railroad pieces (beyond the obvious rail wheels, a center mounted headlamp, and marker lights on the rear of the roof).



A gentleman talking to headquarters on the radio in a '59 Dodge Sierra S-Passenger. It had a special Virginia license plate with the letters 'CONY' in a square on the left. There may have been a train heading away in the far distance.



The Cadillac Sollei is the convertible version of the electric-powered Celestiq sedan. Although there are no current plans to produce the Sollei, it suggests that Cadillac owners who have had an enduring love affair with convertibles might once again be able to enjoy open air motoring.

The car was built from a running Celestiq with shortened overhangs particularly in the rear. Access to the front and rear seats is accomplished with single, power-actuated 68-inch-long doors. The genuine metal work trim is finished in a unique Aurora tint foregoing chrome throughout. No plastic is used. The Manila Cream exterior finish copies color code 140 from the 1957-1958 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham.

The interior is finished in yellow Nappa leather. Hand-cut wood veneers in a sunburst design are used on the doors, seatbacks and console surfaces. Harkening back to the accessories of the 1957-58 Eldorado Broughams, a special drink cooler and Sollei-specific glassware is provided.



The Expressive Coupe was done around the same time as the 2016 Cadillac Escala sedan concept that appeared at the 2019 Cadillac Fall Festival. It was an internal study to refine Cadillac design aesthetics that was conceived and executed by the GM Design Australia Studio.

The coupe has an expressive front with a wide grille bracketed by muscular intakes and slender headlights and topped with a sculptured hood. The long hood flows into an aggressively angled windshield that continues in a gentle curve to the rear end with signature taillights. The austere interior is in keeping with the coupe's study purpose.



You & your Caddy!

IDEA – Our Auckland member, Rob Jolly has come up with a great ‘story idea’ - ‘What led to the circumstances in owning your old car and how did you decide it should be a Cadillac/ LaSalle?’

Drop me a line and share your story on how you found your Caddy or did it find you? Ed
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www.hagerty.com/marketplace/auction



1929 Cadillac 341B V8 Transformable Town Cabriolet by Fleetwood
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1957 Chevrolet Chassis
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Bid \$500 8 days

Stolen Car - Thurs 10th July 2025
Hi all. An iconic 1962 Ford Galaxie Sunliner Convertible which has been at many AmeriCARna's has been stolen in the early hours of this morning, from its locked shed in Omata New Plymouth. The car was last seen at 7:30am driving through Stratford. A rare car so if anyone sees it please call me on 027 442 4838 or call the nearest police station. Let's hope we can find the car and those who stole it. Clearly the owner is extremely upset. Cheers JR (John Ray)





Courtesy of my email feed from www.hagerty.com comes an interesting piece about the recent 'Second Muscle Car Era'. Included is *Cadillac* and our beloved *Holden* that many of you know was exported to the States over the last couple of decades becoming a Pontiac G8 and a Chevy SS! Another great read to enjoy. I have actually seen 'Chev-badged' Commodores here and one occasion a red, left hand drive Pontiac (Holden) G8! Ed

The Second Muscle car era is over?

https://www.hagerty.com/media/market-trends/hagerty-insider/the-second-golden-age-of-muscle-is-over-and-it-was-better-than-the-first/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=MED_UN_NA_EML_UN_UN_DailyDriver_Thursday_v2&hashed_email=566fc738c2fa4cd2bb5e5080d142955d3fef70e99960153a19d4911e360e08b8&dtm_em=566fc738c2fa4cd2bb5e5080d142955d3fef70e99960153a19d4911e360e08b8

The original golden age of American muscle lasted just a decade or so, give or take, depending on what you believe was the first muscle car. It came to a crashing halt around 1974 with the multipronged assault of rising insurance rates, soaring gas prices, fuel shortages, and evertightening emission regulations. What followed the muscle car years has been dubbed "The Malaise Era" by journalists. It too lasted about a decade, and it took yet another generation before the next golden age of American performance cars arrived. But this one greater than the first, not just in acceleration and handling numbers but in the diversity and quality of the cars.

As is so often the case, the apex of an epoch comes just before the end. Just as the T-Rex was around for the explosive end of the dinosaurs, the Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing is here to see out the second golden age of American automotive performance as the industry moves towards electrification and away from driver-focused fun like manual transmissions and highdisplacement V-8s. The Cadillac is perhaps the greatest American sedan of the modern era, and given the endangered status of sedans in general, it's likely to go down as the greatest of all time. With a 668 hp supercharged V-8, polished handling, and an available 6-speed manual (the take-rate for which has been around 50 percent). Not even out of production, the CT5-V Blackwing is already being viewed as semi-collectible. If the history of its GM super sedan predecessors is any indicator, these cars aren't likely to get any cheaper in the future.

Its predecessors in super sedandom were of course the Chevrolet SS and the Pontiac G8 GXP. Yes, technically these were products of GM Australia's Holden division, but in execution, powertrain and conception, they were thoroughly American-inspired. For years, American brands had tried and failed to build a credible sport sedan to tackle the Europeans, but with this pair GM finally succeeded in building what was essentially an American take on BMW's beloved E39 M5, minus the crippling costs of ownership, and also with an available manual transmission. They never seemed to depreciate significantly once they became used cars, and today it takes around \$50,000 to secure a manual transmission version of either one. After cars like the CT5-V Blackwing inevitably go extinct, it's unlikely they'll get any cheaper!

The last manual V-8 performance sedans



Cameron Neveu



DW Burnett



GM



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The CLC Grand National took place from Monday-Saturday, June 2-7 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton located in Murfreesboro, TN. The hotel offered two-room suites along with daily complimentary made-to-order full breakfasts and cocktails and light snacks in the evening. CLC Meets and Tours Committee members arrived two days before the event to set up the registration, hospitality suite and show field, while attendees started arriving on Sunday, June 1.

Images courtesy of our friends from Potomac Region & several from Ron Zahn, VP International Affiliates

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?

The biggest CLC meeting of them all was held recently in Tennessee. From what I have seen online at www.cadillacclub.org like always there are hundreds of amazing images of the very best of members Cadillacs and LaSalle's. If you are ever planning a trip to the US, try and time it for Grand National time. In fact there is probably a great event to catch at most times of the year. Just Google! What would be on your wish list? Hershey, Woodward Cruise, Gilmore & CLC Museum? Ed



Johnny Cash's "One Piece at a Time" Cadillac in the collection of Reba & Roger McCalmon



Left, below and at right are courtesy of Ron Zahn - The Johnny Cash Cadillac!



For '47 Cadillac lovers, fantastic beauty

Fan belt #1440897
Generator belt #1435852

Background: In 2002 when my own '47 made its show debut at the Grand National in Dearborn, MI, it was a point of pride that the radiator hoses showed "GM GM GM..." Nobody else had that then, but now everybody does.

This year Jack Shepherd of Michigan brought his '47 Series 62 Coupe, in his family since 1965. It set a new standard of authenticity that I've never seen. Jack's engine belts show their numbers, which are correct according to '47 Cadillac expert Steve Cooley. Not only are they correct, but they are NOS! Who else in the world is running 78-year-old, GM-factory-original belts in new condition on their car? Grand Nationals are worth the trip.



KEVS Caddies and other great shapes!

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





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