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TRIM FINZ from the Editor. Welcome to an alternative version of FINZ. This edition is one with much fewer pages and articles this month, let me explain:

For the past twelve months my real estate business has become busier and busier. Since November 2014, I have been working longer hours and in the last six weeks, up to 12.30am some nights. Priority of course is my job, as busy as it is; it is the one that pays the bills!

Several of our CLC NZ 'Executive' know of my dilemma and I have chosen to trim things way-back so members still receive a monthly read and I can find time to give you one!

So in this 'trimmer edition' you will find newsy items from around the regions and from our friends from overseas who I know enjoy reading what we get up to here (or not) in NZ!

Not sure when normality will resume, but if anyone of you knows the cyclical nature real estate, one must 'make hay whilst the sun-shines' and there is plenty of sunny days right now (and) as is the forecast in our part of the Bay of Plenty for time to come!

So in this issue - Here and Abroad features what Kiwis and others in our CLC Family have been up to lately.

Our front cover features the delightfully '50s Caddy of new International Affiliates VP, Ron Zahn. He owns three sharp Caddies. The cover car is something that our members, Gary and Tracey Scott would love I am sure?

Tail lights features our 'Lassie' from Motueka - what a classic and thanks for Jen Calder and her hard-working colleagues at The Motueka District Museum Trust for keeping it looking and running as well as she does!

In closing, welcome to new Wanganui member Graeme Smith. Welcome aboard Graeme and I hope you have fun times with Bob & Lois Walker and fellow members in 'The River City'.

Cruise safely out there for next month is Beach Hop. Yes and I did book last year and will have my sleeping bag to 'bunk down' with fellow BOP members. After a very busy time in real estate I am looking forward to taking the Calais out cruising and enjoying the rock n'roll; cars, colours and cruising that our NZ Beach Hop brings. Hope to maybe seeing you there? Drive safe - Ron > (its a 'fin!')



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USA - Hi and G'day all - - - this clip of the vintage cars on the road in Cuba is great, and as the restrictions and sanctions against Cuba are lifted more and more, I'm sure we'll see more such videos. There aren't many true Classics to be seen on the road there, but they could be hidden away for Sunday use! I'm sure that as things loosen up a bit more, we'll be seeing a lot of these relic's back here in the states, being restored to original.

<http://georgemarks.com/Cars%20of%20Cuba/index.html>

Cheers for now, Fred

650hp GM ENGINE PLANT - What happened to the old piston ring compressor and wooden mallet to tap the pistons/ connecting rods into the block? Check out Building GM's Most Powerful Engine Ever, the 650hp Z06

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=bLtZNTvc1Aw

Jack Brackx

Another mag well done yet again Ron... you have no idea how much it means to me to receive all the news about our wonderful caddy club, stories and events. Will put little brain into action and send something thru for your next mag.

Lou Christ our Kiwi in Florida!



Hi Ron, A good read as ever! Great to read about someone enjoying warm temperatures! Freezing here - literally. Best regards, Nick Stratta



Good morning from Belgium , Hello Ron
Just looked over the latest Finz issue you made. I like the new lay out. Please make a link , promote the 2015 CLC Grand European in Switzerland

.....remember whole Europe once had to skip a GE a full year to not intervene with the Australian Nationals. Now we have a big CLC event every yearone year in Europe, the other in Australia. Thus, we like to see people coming from Australia, and specially Ron Melville of NZ

Do you still need help in pic's / Stories for this month? c attached: 1937 Cad v8 conv sedan (right) owned by T McDonald's, in front of the Keyaerts castle in France. In the garden of this castle the CLC France holds every year a summer party, and in the same garden are the buildings residing the biggest Cadillac

collection in Europe. Please tell Noeleen I like here shoes.....!! The devil wears Prada! Dirk



Hi Ron. Subject: The Baillon Car Collection Was Just Discovered In France. FYI Just beautiful! <http://www.sliptalk.com/baillon-car-collection/#.VMxR5rpNxixw.email>
Caddie Anne, Queensland

Hi Ron, We were invited to Chris Salisbury's place on Boxing day for a band and a BBQ, remember him in Moorabbin, in April last year. We took our own lunches there, before going to Ralphs garage, and you fell in love with his '50 and his '50's facade. I took this picture for you, of his wall. Enjoy.
Paul.

Ron, Just came across your newsletter recently and what a great read Could you put me on your distribution list for your newsletter please. Regards, John
Remember "Cadillac Engineering makes LaSalle Supreme"
John Byrden, Editor Sallee Speaks" Australia.
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Hi Ron. Another great magazine Ron. I don't know how you do it together with your work commitments. The photos of Johnny and Debbie look great. They will be happy and with your welcome note. I hope you are well. Johnny mentioned to me that he really liked the photos in your February magazine. The layout by you was great. Not long to go now for the Beach Hop.
Regards, George



Check out the CLC European meeting.
Aug. 26-30, 2015, Pfaffikon, SZ - Switzerland
Visit: www.cadillacclub.ch/GE2015/

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AUCKLAND - Ron take a look at this email of epic proportion and delight and see if you think the club members would enjoy all this wonderful world of cars!!!! Hi guys there are about 150 movies attached as described absolutely amazing OLD CAR MOVIES. NOTE: You will never see an e-mail like this; keep it in your document file and watch the many old car movies, this is a classic. Enjoy, click on the video camera next to each item to view.

<http://www.tvraaca.org/oldmovies.htm#movie>

Regards, Wayne Pinion

Galaxy of Cars and Swap Meet – 2nd February 2015

Sunday the 2nd Feb dawned overcast with rain threatening but nevertheless I got the 1971 Cadillac El Dorado convertible (without functioning roof) out of the shed and headed for the meet point in Point Chevalier. Without their being an actual CLSCC delegate the Cad Club is generally invited to join in with American Classic Car Club events and in this case I was the only attending Cad Club member. On arrival I was Nigel 'no friends' apart from a zealous 20+ group of some English car brand that I don't remember. My lack of memory has nothing to do with my lack of interest in the brand – it just reflects by complete lack of car knowledge apart from colour. This group was mainly brown, grey & green!! In total 7 cars turned up which at least ensured a line up of cars. The threatening weather did not come to much apart from one reasonable shower but whereas last year had over 800 classic and vintage vehicles on display representing over 55 enthusiast clubs this year was down by at least a third but still worth attending. The car show is open to all car makes with strong showings by the English & European brands but with a sprinkling of American car clubs as well as the Australian Holden and Ford clubs. Galaxy of Cars is approximately 16 years old and is run by New Lynn Lions Club with its main purpose being to raise money for worthy charities and at the same time for family and car enthusiasts to enjoy a great day out. Over the years they have raised over \$150,000.00 and the beneficiary this year was a Childrens Mobility Trust. The G of C had long been located at the back of Motat and this was their third year on their new site at the Western Springs Oval and surrounding fields. The biggest battle they have had is securing their habitual date with the council reluctant to commit until well in to the planning

stage. The swap meet covered both sides of the entry road and the stalwart 'swappers' arrived well before the official opening time in the hope of bagging a bargain. My take on the swap meet is a little uncharitable but basically it is where you go and view other peoples junk with the intent of taking it home to add to your junk. Although there was a relatively small attendance by both CLSCC &ACCC members it proved to be an enjoyable day. Enid Service – Run leader of the day

WELLINGTON/ WAIRARAPA - Hi there Ron .Just catching up on some reading especially our wonderful FiNZ magazine. Our big American show is this weekend so I'll print a couple off for prospective members. I see Ian B's shot of our cars outside the Runanga Miner's hall won him a prize in the January edition of NZ Rodder. Congratulations Ian. Hope all goes well for you Ron. Murray Scott [Well done Ian - Ed]

WANGANUI/ MANAWATU - Hi Guys, Happy New Year! Yes I'm back from Europe and yes my prayers were answered we got snow, not on Christmas Day but on the 28th of December and it lasted weeks! The Nationals will be held in October this year. And subject to the Pres. confirmation the Club Executive and Regional Delegates meeting in Taupo in early 2015, arrive either Friday night or Saturday am. Cheers - Bob [see response below - Ed] Hi Bob, the Grand National dates are set for Friday 16th, Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October 2015. Delegates can meet in Taupo Friday 10th and Saturday 11th April. Cheers Steve. [Any clarification to Steve Gill - Ed]



Enid's pics of the Galaxy of Cars Meet. Best one is the Caddy! Ed

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BAY of PLENTY - Hi everyone Sunday Feb 14th saw a group of 6 BOP members and friends attend the ninth Morrinsville Yankee Haulers

Motorama Show. It has now become one of the biggest motoring events in the Waikato. A great place with perfect weather to see all forms of vehicles on display. A total of 640 Cars as well as 20 Trucks and 40 Motorbikes.

Swappers heaven at the Motorama, junk to some treasure to others. Entertainment and food vendors abound at the show in anticipation of the large crowd. Best Car went to Nigel Weber a 1897 Steam car. Another highlight of the day was Miss Retro Motorama won by Ceylene Callaghan.

All in all another fantastic Caddie Cruise enjoyed by everyone especially the cold beer at the Okoroire Pub on the way home. Well until next time Caddie Cruisers keep the pedal to the metal. And as always Our Club Is Easily Satisfied With The Very Best. Please can you write a note in then next magazine to say that the date for the self drive rail ride to Whangamomona is going to be changed due to the Raglan car show in February. Thank you, Carol (Regional Delegate) [Pics are: The good old faithfuls!!!; New member Brian Moran's Chev truck; Gavin and potential new member??]

AND... Hi everyone, The Water Works Cruise saw 4 BOP members group up for the cruise to the 309 Road Coromandel. The Water Works originally named Wairau Water Works was developed by Chris Oglivie on land that once was his father farm. Work commenced in 1989 by the Oglivie family planting gardens from scratch, collecting cuttings from plants that locals had successfully grown over the years.

An old miners cottage had been brought from Thames for the entrance building. Chris got busy making water powered gadgets and in November 1993 Waiau Water Works opened to the public. As the gardens matured they provided protection for the naturally growing native foliage and these plants are again prevalent as you walk around the Water Works.

The Water Works is now one of the top visitor attractions in the Coromandel with visitor numbers reaching 30,000 per year. A pleasant cruise in and then through the Coromandel was enjoyed by our group of four.

Cheers Carol.

Directory amendments as follows:

Hi Ron. I have been through the new directory and have picked up the following things. I also checked my directory on my computer and everything is correct on here (except Gavin's email!!!) so obviously just a slip up somewhere along the line between us – communication error I guess, due to tiredness??????? Or maybe just a simple typing slip up or two.

1. David and Joan Bayes home phone number missing: 094267255
2. Richard & Irena Bayes – Irena cell phone number missing: 021918198
3. Brian & Gaylene Cullen home phone number incorrect – should be: 094434912
4. Gavin Antony: email should be caddyshack@slingshot.co.nz
5. Ted Williams has one car missing: 1950 Buick convertible
6. Graeme Baidon & Wendy Bennett – 2 phone numbers missing: home: 068683914 - work: 068681132
7. Chris Warren, mobile number incorrect – should be: 02102341295
8. Graeme Frame has one car missing - 1968 De ville convertible
9. Paul & Karen Higgs – just the R.D.3 not complete
10. Grant Davis email is missing the . should be: g.davis0@xtra.co.nz
11. Paul & patricia Ekdahl email should be: kauri.holdings@xtra.co.nz (the @xtra part is missing)
12. Andre Jarden & Laureen Tunnell have been members since 2014, not 214

I see there is also a question mark with Paul Dixon's year that he joined. Off to bed now - Cheers - Lois [Pauls dated established. Thanks to Lois' and Janeen's hard work in putting the Directory together. Lois is another CLCNZ member who regularly 'burns the midnight oil'- quite literally! Plus this came in from our Jan Calder: Hi Ron, Just one thing with the Mot Museums listing. The official name is : Motueka District Museum Trust. - Ed]



Found in Te Puke by Grandfather Thrupp!



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BAY of PLENTY - The balmy days of summery January saw several BOP members, including two newbies take to the roads and head up Katikati way where we can look back towards Omokoroa. The weather was near perfect for our afternoon outing and as usual we had a few laughs along the way.

Following team leader Carol in 'Whyte Ice', we found a historic pedestrian jetty where everyone gingerly walked out to the end. Suddenly a strong gust of wind blew through and new member Serge saw his sun hat blow into the water! Fortunately for us a fisherman on the jetty slung his hook and within seconds the hat was snagged and was being reeled in - what a fisherman!

Soaking wet, Serge wrung his hat out, put it back on his head (where it quickly dried in the hot sun) and we were on our way.

After that drama it was time for a refreshment! Next stop, Omokoroa boat club. There were so many people and boats being launched, imagine the chaos when more than half a dozen Caddies turned up, all looking for a place to park! Believe it or not we were in luck and managed to get a beachfront spot before retiring for a cuppa or similar! Unfortunately upon departure, our new members, Kevin and Marie Wright in their 'on so nice' red '65 (former museum car for many years, hence the condition) was not reading oil pressure and it was decided to stay-put and get a flat-deck ride home.

Time for another cruise before heading to the Thrupps AmeriCARna Diner and Shed for a meal and more laughs.

You can always rely on the BOP members for a fun time wherever the cruise takes them!

By The Ed!

Always a variety at the BOP. Kevin and Marie's lovely red '65 at right. Serge's black lengthy 1975 Fleetwood, Brian and Val's Chev pick up



The jetty and Serge's hat taking a swim! At left and above we managed to mostly all park together

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Welcome to new member Graeme Smith from our Wanganui/ Manawatu Region. If you are a new or recent member email me a pic of your Caddy. Nice Allante Graeme - Ed



<< **FOR SALE** '67 Buick Electra 225 4-door. Totally original, asking Cdn\$18,000. Email Marc D'Hont, CLC Canada mdhont@shaw.ca



<< **FOR SALE** This ad is for a friend of mine. Husband passed away. Car has to be sold. It is immaculate. Regards - Gavin Antony, Whangamata. '59

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From: Blane Caulfield [<mailto:blane@hemifreight.com>] and [fay.caulfield@vodafone.co.nz] Subject: 1998 Cadillac Seville. Hi Ron . My mother in Auckland is looking to sell her very straight garaged Cadi Seville. Please see attached photos (I can send more photos and information if required) Mileage is 124,600 kms, 2 lady owners and been with my mother since 2002. Asking \$9,000 ono. Regards, Blane



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Hi Ron. How are things going in the sunny BOP? Just wanted to know if anyone in the club can assist me - I'm after a complete header panel for an 81-89 Cadillac Sedan Deville/Fleetwood Brougham. What I want to do is change my "Euro Front" for the more traditional quad headlamp treatment on the pre 90 models - prefer the look! Lots of people tend to do this the other way round in the states, and Euro Header panels are sought after - but the freight cost is the killer for me and makes it uneconomical to source from USA. Pre 90-92 Euro look. Interested in anyone who is wrecking a 81-89 model or who fancies a change to the look of their car!
Email: Andre Rabbitte, Auckland CLC:

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the fridge!

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24 - 29th March Beach Hop

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