

January 23rd 2003

2003 is here! If you like playing with numbers then February this year is 2.03 and then there is April for the 403s! And 2003 is the year of the Redex Rerun. Those of you who are preparing a car for the Redex will see the next few months disappear rapidly. If you are looking for parts then don't wait too long. Local and overseas suppliers are reporting an increased demand. I am a member of L'Aventure Peugeot the Peugeot wing that looks after older Peugeots. I get a card each Xmas from them and this year there was a hand written note "I wish I was there for the Redex". So the event is getting to be well known. The Australian magazine "Unique Cars" is running a feature soon of the Redex trials and the Rerun.

"Australian Classic Cars" ran a story and pictures of the Tumut weekend in their January issue. I sent them a CD with the pictures and they rang the next day asking for the story. Computers, digital pictures and CDs make it so easy. I have also sent a CD to some overseas magazines so we will see what happens!

Tumut Video

A 15 minute video is now available from the Worm Register of some events at the Tumut 2002 WOVE. Produced by Tony Nott and Annie Brown. Straight sequences of the climb to Batlow, leaving Springfield Orchard and crossing the bridge over the Goobarrangara River. With sound. The sound of the engines, in third gear, climbing up to Batlow is definitely "play it again" material. A few clips from the 2001 WOVE at Maldon are also included. Cost is Au\$10.00 or Au\$16.00 posted within Australia. Au\$20.00 posted to other countries. Video format is PAL. PAL format is not suitable for USA and some other countries.

Tumut Slide Show

A CD slide show of 40 pictures from Tumut is also available. Pop it into the CD drawer of your PC and you will have an



Wax Bougies

If you look up French car terms in a dictionary you can often be confused. Look up bougie and it will say it means candle. You need to dig deep to find that it also means spark plug. Now someone in France is making 203 bougies. No, wrong, they are actually candles!

autorun slide show on your PC screen. Brilliant high resolution pictures. Cost is Au\$5.00, Au\$8.00 posted within Australia and Au\$10.00 posted overseas. Cheques drawn on an Australian bank only or cash for these 2 items please.

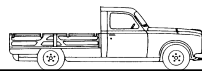
Worm Weekend 2003

The next Worm weekend will be held at Young, NSW. Young is 600 km north of Melbourne and 400 km west of Sydney. Young is the cherry growing capital of Australia. Put 25th and 26th October

2003 in your diary now. Motel accommodation and the Saturday night dinner have been booked. We are inviting international visitors to attend the 2003 WOVE. Seats in Peugeots will be available for the drive to the weekend and maybe there will be a worm for you to drive if you prove that you can manage the right hand drive version of the C1, C2 and C3 gearbox (all the planes are reversed from the left hand drive versions!).



Mike Jolley competing in a Variety Club Bash. Graham Wallis, Richard Davies and Dave Cochrane used the same car in the 1979 Repco Reliability Trial. Peter Cusworth is currently restoring what is left of the car to use in the Redex Rerun this year.



203 Darl'Mat for Le Mans

In 1991 Guy Nolleau sent me some pictures of a 203 special in a car museum in France. All 203 running gear but with a tubular steel chassis and an aluminium body. The museum closed some years ago and no one knew what had happened to the car. Then it reappeared

at the Monthéry race track last June. The car is a one off. It was built in the spring of 1953 by Emile Darl'Mat. It was hoped to build 3 and enter them in the 1954 Le Mans 24 hour race. The engine was developed to produce 80 CH. The aluminium single seater body was only 1200 mm high. The car weighed 600 kg.

Guy wrote about the car in his latest magazine which I received after Xmas.

Two weeks later a hand built 1/43 model of the car was put up for auction on Ebay. I watched the auction but a final price of US\$140.00 was more than I was prepared to pay.



Photos of a one-off 203 special built by Emile Darl'Mat which he intended to race at Le Mans in 1954.



The 203 Darl'Mat model sold on Ebay.

Car Wash

A professional car polisher tells me that he always uses hair shampoo when washing cars. Car wash detergents he says are too harsh and your car smells nicer too!

403 Windscreens

Paul Watson has been talking to a Queensland firm about getting 403 laminated windscreens made. They have the mould. The cost per screen would be about \$130.00. Freight for interstate delivery would be almost as much (for one screen or several screens) so it would make sense to have a batch made and several screens delivered to each state. Expressions of interest to Paul please.

Catchment Area

When you buy a property on the edge of a lake then you have an assured water supply. The only problem is that the water level rises and falls with the seasons and the pump needed to pump water up to the house needs to be mobile. There is a significant cost in the pump, pipes power lines etc. Now if you think about it, if you create a large catchment area in, say, corrugated steel roofing, then in normal years you will collect enough water. Thinking further if you get the price of a big shed you can compare it with the price of the pumping equipment and, "What do you know?", the shed is cheaper. Oh, and by the way, as a bonus you can also store a lot of worm drive Peugeots.

The Worm Drive Register is for all worm drive Peugeots in Australia. It reproduces some parts and knows who has parts, reprints manuals, and keeps in contact with owners of older Peugeots overseas.

Back copies of the Worm Review can be downloaded from www.pcll.org

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