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HAVE you noticed that one of the good things about Peugeot is that if they have a good design for a part then they don't change it.

The generator on my 404 sedan seized on the way back from Sydney some years ago. I was able to borrow a 203 generator from Canberra to get home.

Recently I was asked about obtaining the flexible joint between the steering column and the steering rack of a 203. I was able to tell them that the same part is used in the 203, 403, 404 and 504.

Shampoo

LAST month I reported a recommendation to use hair shampoo when washing your car. I received an email asking what type of shampoo to use, i.e. dry hair, greasy hair, straight hair, dyed hair, permed hair etc etc, and if a conditioner should be used.

I was able to reply that if your car had just been serviced by "Grotty Garages" then a greasy shampoo could be used, if your car had just conked out then a died shampoo would be suitable, if you keep getting booked for speeding try shampoo for fine hair, and on a hot day an 'air conditioner is recommended.

That V8 403

IN 1992 I wrote....

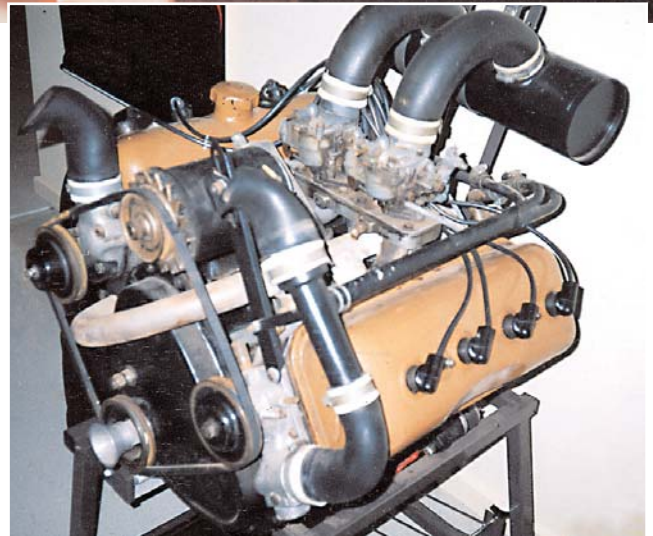
Amongst Peugeot talk you will have heard of that V8 403. If you have listened carefully to the Peugspeak you will have been perhaps surprised that it was not powered by an American V8 transplant but by a unique engine made from 2 x 203 engines combined onto one crankshaft! The car has gone but the engine still exists....

I have just heard that the car also still exists. Jim Hawker made the engine. The engine is now in a car museum. A letter I have received enclosed a picture of the interior of the 403 the V8 was fitted into, showing the floor gear change and the extra instruments. The car now has a normal 403 engine. Two pieces of Australian Peugeot history that should get together again.



Above: The interior of the 403 that was once powered by that unique Peugeot V8 engine.

Right: The V8 engine now resides in a motor museum.



Email me if you would like a pdf file of the full description of the building of this V8 engine.

Sheepish

POLICE in South Africa had to redefine their concept of overloading when they found three grown men and three woolly sheep, all looking equally startled and uncomfortable, on the back seat of a car. Three other sheep were less fortunate and were found bundled into the boot of the Peugeot 404 while the (human) driver and another passenger had the front seats for themselves. To top it all, when the driver was asked why he had six sheep in the car with him, he promptly replied that there wasn't any room for more.

Inspectors Henry Claassen and Kelvin Heyns of the police's dog unit could not believe their eyes when they pulled the car over and found the strange group of occupants early on Sunday morning.

The officers realised someone was trying to pull the wool over their eyes when they saw the slightly gaping boot of the car. They spotted the strange woolly silhouettes only when they drove up to the vehicle.

The animals were all alive, but not kicking since their feet had been tied. A closer

inspection revealed the three other uncomfortable sheep in the boot. The animals apparently had been stolen from a farm in the area earlier that night.

One of the human passengers decided to untangle himself from his fellow passengers and ran off into the night. He was still on the run on Monday night. The four other men were arrested on charges of stock theft. They will appear in court soon.

One of the officers said he once dealt with a similar case where the sheep had hats to disguise them.

Story from Francois Swanepoel in RSA

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.
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Supercharged 203

NICO KUIPER, from Holland, rallies a "warm" 203 in Europe. In 1994 he called at a Peugeot dealer as part of his job and noticed a 1958 203 in a shed out the back. "Worth a lot of money" said the dealer. "Not so much" said Nico and three months later the car was his at half the first price.

A couple of years later a friend who was living in Czechoslovakia found a 203 and Nico joked with him that maybe it was a compressor 203 (supercharged 203). A week later his friend said, "Yes it is!". Nico convinced his friend that the Constantin 203 compressor should be Nico's. When Nico went to Czechoslovakia to collect the compressor he discovered that the car had more special parts. It had a special large finned aluminium sump, an aluminium rocker cover and he was told that it had been fitted with alloy wheels. The wheels were missing but 2 days of searching found them on a farmers cart! The 203 had been left behind in Czechoslovakia by a French doctor. It hadn't been driven for 25 years. It was a 1952 d couvrable (roll top) and someone had welded sheet steel



Above: Dutchman, Nico Kuiper with his supercharged 203 historic rally car. Below: The engine with its "compressor".



Left: The original supercharged 203, more recently used as a "dog kennel". Below: The special 203 alloy wheels were eventually discovered on a nearby farm cart.



over the roof. It was being used as a dog kennel! Nico took all the special parts back to Holland and fitted them to his 203. His car has also been fitted with disc brakes. Last year he won the 2500 km, 7 day, Tupenralle against some very exotic opposition in his compressor 203.

The Goodwin brothers from Cessnock have a 403 fitted with a Constantin supercharger. It was at the Tumut week end.

Gazoline – www.gazoline.net

GAZOLINE is a French old car magazine and if I could read French I would certainly subscribe to it.

I sent them a CD with 40 pictures from the Tumut weekend. They published 2 pictures. The following is a www.systran.com computer translation of their text.

When our Australian friends decide to honor our French cars, they never do it by halves. And they do not hesitate to drive thousands of kilometres to go to gatherings that many French gatherings should be jealous of, and shame those who are afraid to drive their beautiful automobile more than 20 kilometres in the course of the day! Peugeot Worm Drive Register Australia's ebullient Gordon Miller organises each year a gathering thus where 203, 403 and 404 are side by side. This year, it was at the town of Tumut, at the foot of the mountains snow-covered, which accommodated those insanely in love with Peugeot. And as usual they were legion.

