

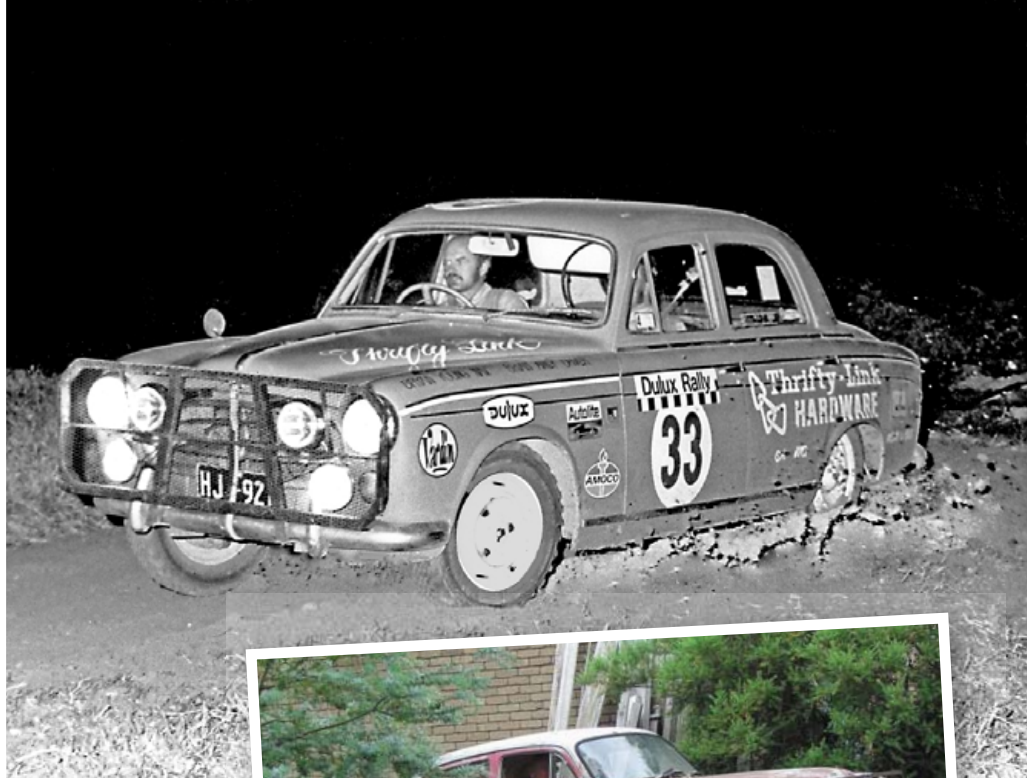


THE WORM REVIEW

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It is over two years now since I have been able to join with PCCV activities; runs, breakfasts, chats and shows. My health problems are stable but it all leaves me with little energy. Consequently I am missing those bits of gossip, how someone fixed something, who has found a car, restoration progress, tips etc and as I am not working in my garage, things that I have found out about restoration, often the hard way. I am sure that long time readers will have noticed a change in content of the Worm Review. If you have some news send me an email or give me a ring.

Thanks to Leigh Wootton for the email reminding me about drips under a 203 bonnet. GM



Above: Brian Amey driving his 403B "Elouise" in the 1971 Dulux Rally.

Right: Brian still owns Elouise. She is drivable... just.



How they brought the good wine from France to England

At one minute past midnight on the third Thursday of each November, from little villages and towns in the Beaujolais region just north of Lyon, over a million cases of Beaujolais Nouveau begin their journey through a sleeping France to Paris for immediate shipment to all parts of the world. Banners proclaim the good news: "Le Beaujolais Nouveau est arrive!" One of the most frivolous and animated rituals in the wine world has begun.

By the time it is over, over 65 million bottles, nearly half of the region's total annual production, will be distributed around the world. It has become a worldwide race to be the first to serve this new wine of the harvest. In doing so, it has been carried by motorcycle, balloon, truck, helicopter, Concorde jet, elephant, runners and rickshaws to get it to its final destination. It is amazing to realise that just weeks before this wine was a cluster of grapes in a grower's vineyard. But by an expeditious harvest, a rapid fermentation, and a speedy bottling, all is ready at the midnight hour.

By French law, Beaujolais Nouveau can be released no earlier than the third Thursday of November.

In 1985 a 203, belonging to CPUK member Chris Terry, took part in this ritual. Famous racing driver Stirling Moss, well known to Formula One fans, drove a 203

as part of the promotion of French wines. On the 21st November Stirling Moss was at Elstree aerodrome at 7am to welcome Chantal Cueur, the glamorous female presenter of a BBC news review program, who was coming from France in a light aircraft with 2 cases of specially labelled Beaujolais Nouveau. He was dressed as a chauffeur driving a white 203 saloon. Stirling Moss was there to help Chantal finish her run which had started in France with the new wine.

Stirling Moss had arrived at 6.30am and waited for the arrival of the plane with its cargo of Beaujolais Nouveau. Finally, with photographers present, the plane arrived and Chantal was welcomed with a bouquet of flowers. The destination of the special cargo was the offices of Elle magazine in Regent Street, London, where Stirling and Chantal handed over the wine and the latest edition of Elle. All this in the presence of the star of the show - the 203!

from the CPUK magazine



The Beaujolais Nouveau has arrived at Elle office.



Bill Wigzell in his recently restored supercharged Peugeot speed car. Bill won many races in this car in the 50s.

Graeme Nicol's 403



A French electrician used his 203 van daily.



Bonnet drips

The 203 bonnet has a central stainless steel trim strip. It is fixed by wire clips through holes in the bonnet. In heavy rain water can drip through these holes and depending on the angle off the horizontal that the 203 is parked at drips can drop into the spark plug tubes in the engine. Moisture in these tubes means no spark and a three cylinder engine. The solution is to seal the holes on the underside with a dab of mastic.



Crashes

Two pictures of serious crashes. The 203 crashed in the Dandenong Ranges east of Melbourne. A back seat passenger was killed. The photo appeared in Melbourne newspaper last year following an *In memoriam* notice in the paper by parents noting that it was 50 years since they lost their teenage son.

The 403 station wagon crash was in the United Kingdom. There are no details but the white sheets look ominous.



Raid USA 2004. Philippe Lefebvre drove his 203 van across USA.

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