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EDITORS of club magazines and regular contributors often wonder how many readers they have. One overseas editor has told me that he sometimes slips an outrageous paragraph into his magazine to see if he can get a response. It is sort of nice to know that your words are being read rather than "I shot an arrow into the air, It fell to earth, I know not where", as Longfellow put it. It was pleasing then to receive an enthusiastic email from Damon Crowe in New Zealand saying how he looks forward to the email version of the Worm Review each month and that he has down loaded all the past copies from the Luxembourg web site www.pccl.org



Damon attached a picture of his recent wedding with the wedding party around his 203. In case you think that all the party fitted into the 203 there is another wedding car of larger size but inferior make just out of the picture.

Suicide doors

The 203 is now sharing something with the new BMW Rolls Royce. The Roller has suicide doors at the rear! Only approved by the European Commission after extensive electronic interlocking was fitted.

403 windscreens

The laminated 403 windscreens should have arrived from Brisbane by the time you read this. If you have ordered one, please contact Paul Watson (0427 203 206) to arrange delivery.

403 Wheel nuts

One of the problems I have experienced with my 403's old-style road wheels is that the stud holes become enlarged over time, allowing unwelcome movement of the wheel. This can be solved by replacing the standard 403 wheel nuts with dome nuts from a Renault 12 Virage, which have a pronounced flange to fill the gap. These cost just \$1 each from French Connection in Melbourne, and do the job perfectly.

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Tour de force

This picture on the internet intrigued me. The son of a friend remembered that it was from a 1993 French comedy film "Les Visiteurs" (*The Visitors*), starring Jean Reno. The plot is based around a knight of old who by a quirk of time appears in modern France. He has jousts with modern traffic and most other things modern. The 404 apparently falls out of the sky during a cycle race. One internet review mentioned an invective used in the film, "Holy Scrotums", but said it sounded better in French.

Loaded 203s

Readers of the PCCV magazine Torque last month may have been puzzled by a picture of a 203 with a large pipe like object projecting forward from the sun roof. Terry Sommerville had written about his early days in a 203. I asked Terry if it was a weapon of mass destruction or what. Here is the picture again with Terry's explanation.



Whilst doing a Metallurgy course we had an assignment to build a mini blast furnace. The picture was taken at the Bendigo tip where we were retrieving a big pipe to be used as a flue. No one else had a vehicle capable of carrying such a big object so with the rear backrest folded up, the pipe went through the roof and into the boot. No problems! We looked quite a sight as we went down the main street, and



with my friends activating the Klaxon horn, it's a wonder we didn't get arrested. But that was in the 60's.

Some years ago John McLeay wrote to me about his brother's adventures while carrying long lengths of timber in a 203 in a similar manner to Terry's pipe.

My late brother, Peter, had a really, nice 1949 203. One Saturday morning we acquired several very long lengths of timber for some project or other and we loaded them from the rear, through the boot, through the lift up rear seat, and out through the sun roof. The timber projected several metres into the air.

On the way home we stopped at a level crossing. When the train had passed and the boom had started to rise, young lead foot did a F1 start and.... you guessed it. CRUNCH.

It took some time to untangle the bits of broken timber and railway gate, amid great confusion and traffic hold up.

The roof was, at some expense, eventually repaired.

Peter's ego was not.



202, a different worm

Ray Vorhauer acquired a sad 202 ute some time ago and restoration is coming along steadily. He has sourced parts from all over the world and hopes to have it finished by the end of this year. Meanwhile he has bought a very good looking 202 sedan over the internet and it should be on its way to Australia soon. Pictures from the internet auction site.



2003 Worm Weekend

Young, NSW – October 25th & 26th

Compresseur 403

No, not a supercharged 403 but an air compressor using a 403 engine and, no, not a 403 engine driving an air compressor but the engine modified so that 2 cylinders of engine drive 2 cylinders converted to compress air. It is hard to imagine what it would sound like. Probably a cross between a 403 running on 2 cylinders and an air compressor!



Parts

Sam Mechkaroff is back in town – if you need a 203/403 water pump, ring him on 03 9848 2764.

The Worm Register has a small supply of the rubber nipples that fit under the hydraulic brake fluid bottle in the 203.



In a recent Worm Review we showed pictures of a 1953 203 DarlMat special. This interior photograph shows the definite 203 link.

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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