



## THE WORM REVIEW

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THE years roll by. It is now the turn of the 403 to celebrate its 50th birthday. The 403 was launched on April 20th 1955 at the Trocadéro in Paris. An impressive side by side line up of 403s disappearing to a point in the distance and were made available to dealers and press to drive away after the launch. Le Club 403 is recreating this line up of 403s on the same site on the 17th April. No 403s will be issued after the event but there will be a big selection of tee shirts, key rings and other memorabilia available on the day <http://club403.org/>.

The Melbourne French Car Festival is also being held on the 17th April so there is a good reason to bring your 403 to the festival.

I have never owned a 403, and come to think of it, I can't remember even driving one. My daughter and son-in-law have owned a 403 since about 1990 and until last year it was their only car. It has served them well and must have saved them thousands of that depreciation that rushes away with money on a new or newish car.

Last year I put together a story about the first 50 years of the Peugeot Car Club of Victoria. I put it onto a CD together with a big selection of appropriate pictures and sent it off to several car magazines here and overseas. Australian Classic Car published 2 pages on the PCCV as did the magazine of L'Aventure Peugeot in France. Unique Cars rang asking for a 404 to photograph for a story they were doing on the 404. Mike Jolley volunteered and a very nice set of photographs were taken at Bells Beach. The writer had owned a 404 in his youth and he wrote a very positive story about the 404. Misty memories of his youth showed when he made several references to the 404's lay-back seats.

### Wedding

Another excuse for congratulations etc, although a bit late, is the wedding of Malcolm and Lidi Goodwin late last year. Malcolm and Stephen Goodwin have run an Auto repair workshop in Cessnock for many years. The brothers were confirmed bachelors we all thought.



Malcolm and Lidi Goodwin at their wedding... with a 403 of course.

They have restored several Peugeots to a very high standard for themselves as well as assisting with many other restoration projects for customers. They have two 403s that I am aware of, the one in the background of the wedding photo, and another with a Constantin supercharger. It was rumored that Malcolm kept a collection of Peugeot badges and bright bits in his sock drawer and that there were boxes of spare parts under his bed. This will now have all changed of course.

### Change for the better?

One of the things I appreciate about worm Drive Peugeots is their simplicity in many areas. I am appalled when I hear about light stalk switches in current Peugeots costing over \$1000.00 and headlights even more. Have you noticed the that the headlights on the 407 sweep back almost halfway to the windscreen? A fashion statement? Like ladies swim suits cut so high on the thighs that wearers need to wax their eyebrows. Phares Ronds, round headlights for 203s 403s and 404s are under \$100.00 and give a very good light.

### 203 castings

The batch of reproduction 203 cap over the gear lever cast in aluminium advertised recently have all been sold. I asked for expressions of interest in having a new batch made and I have had replies from 12 interested persons. I have been confined to the house mostly for the last six weeks but when my energy levels return to something like normal I will have the castings made and then I will send out emails asking for a deposit before starting machining.



### Robri cast aluminium decorations.

Robri made a big range of cast aluminium trim pieces for the 203 and 403. The stone guards on the rear mudguards of 203s are a Robri part. A Paris foundry is reproducing many of these parts. Plain castings only. They need to be polished etc. Email them on [fonderie.denous@wanado.fr](mailto:fonderie.denous@wanado.fr) and they will send you a price list plus an illustration of the parts.

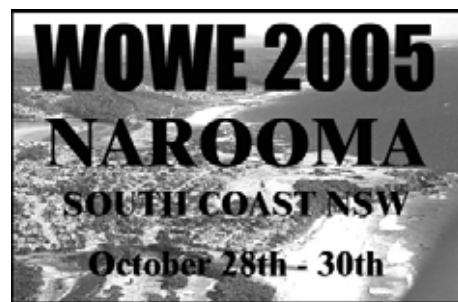


A 403 with Robri accessories

### Worm Weekend

The 2005 Worm Weekend will be held on October 28th to 30th at Narooma on the South Coast of NSW.

It will be preceded by the 2005 Worm Wander starting in Melbourne on October 22nd and finishing at the Worm Weekend at Narooma on October 28th. Contact for both events is Hank Verwoert [verwoert@netspace.net.au](mailto:verwoert@netspace.net.au)



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 <http://worm.rkweb.org> Gordon Miller 28 Olive Ave, Mount Waverley Vic 3149 Ph 03 9807 3586 (9am-9pm), [pwdr04@ultramode.net](mailto:pwdr04@ultramode.net) Paul Watson 5 Beatrice St, Glen Iris, Vic 3146 Ph 03 9889 2721, [paulandnola@bigpond.com](mailto:paulandnola@bigpond.com)

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## 50th Anniversary 1955 – 2005



The 403 was launched on April 20th 1955 at the Trocadéro in Paris.



Geoff Russell's 403 came second outright at the first Armstrong 500 in 1960, the forerunner of the Bathurst 1000.





A 403 on display in 1955.

The last 403 produced - July 1966.



Jim Hawker built a V8 for his 403 from two 203 engines.